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Twenty Second Session

Minutes of Asheville Presbytery. Spring Meeting
Mountain N.C. April 23rd, 1907

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty-second regular session, at Mountain, Tuesday, April 23, 1907, at 8 P.M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J.C. Hardin on John 9:12

After the sermon the Presbytery was called to order and constituted, with prayer by the Rev J.C. Hardin, retiring Moderator.

Roll — The roll was called and the following were found present:

Ministers: Revs. R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith (12) R.B. Grinnan, J.C. Hardin, J.C. Brown, W.H. Dawes, W.P. Chedester & F.M. Eversole.

Ruling Elders: J.D. Murphy, Asheville, First Church; L.T. Williams, Hendersonville; W.S. Jewell, Bethel; S.H. McNely, Canton; H.C. Lindsley, Waynesville; L.C. Neill, Danielson River; O.L. Allen, Pigeon Gap; D.M. Killian, Hazelwood; F.D. Rood, Mountain.

Moderator — Rev. R.F. Campbell D.D. was elected Moderator and the Rev. F.M. Eversole Temporary Clerk.

Rev J.R. Howerton D.D. & M. F.D. Rood were requested to act as Committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion it was decided to hear the report on Presbyterial Home Missions on Thursday evening, & the report

on Foreign Missions on Thursday evening.
The report of the Committee on Devotional exercises was read:
That Presbytery should meet each morning at 9-30 o'clock to 12 M. Recess from 12 M. to 2:30 P.M. Afternoon session from 2.30. to 5.00. Evening session from 8 o'clock to adjournment at will.
At 11 A.M. on Wednesday the Presbytery shall hear an address from the Rev. M. B. Porter D.D. on Sunday School Work.
At 11 A.M. on Wednesday the Lord's Supper shall be observed. Rev R. I. Campbell to preach the sermon. Rev. W. P. Chedester, assisted by Rev. M. B. Porter to administer the sacrament. Adopted.
Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wm. H. Davis

Second Day April 24, 1907

Presbytery was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. R. I. Campbell.
The minutes of the previous day were read & approved.
The Commission appointed to organize churches at Thornbrat, Cockburn, Pigeon Cove and Hazelwood made reports that their duties had been performed. On motion these churches were then enrolled.
The commission appointed to ordain and install the Rev. W. P. Chedester as

Thornbrat
Cockburn
Pigeon Cove
Hazelwood

W. P. Chedester

pastor at Brevard, and to install Rev. W. H. Davis at Davidson River, reported their duties performed. Approved.

Wm. H. Davis

The following elders were then enrolled: F. D. Rood, Thornbrat; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; O. S. Allen, Pigeon Cove.

J. R. Howerton

Rev. J. R. Howerton was received from Mecklenburg Presbytery and enrolled.
The following were excused from attendance at last meeting: Rev. J. C. Brown and elder W. S. Jewell.

Standing Committees

The following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator:
Bills & Overtures. — Rev. J. C. Hardin, Rev. J. R. Howerton & elder J. D. Thursby.
Auditing. — H. C. Lindsley, L. T. William & Dr. S. H. McNely.
Leaving Absent. — Rev. F. M. Inversale & F. D. Rood.
Nominations. — Rev R. P. Smith & D. M. Killian.
Minutes of Synod. — Rev R. B. Grimm & L. C. Neill.
Sessional Records. — Rev. J. C. Hardin, Rev. W. P. Chedester and D. M. Killian.
Narrative. — Rev W. H. Davis & O. S. Allen.
Systematic Beneficence & Ministerial Support. Rev. J. C. Brown & W. S. Jewell.
A list of the officers and permanent committees of Presbytery was read by the Stated Clerk.
In accordance with the order of the day

at 10 A.M. the Presbytery heard an address from the Rev. M. B. Porter D.D. on Sabbath School Work. The address was referred to the Committee on Publication & Sunday Schools for consideration & recommendation.

In accordance with the order of the day, at 11 A.M. a sermon was preached by the Rev. R. F. Campbell on Exodus 12:12. After the sermon the Lord's Supper was observed. The Rev. W. B. Chedester presided, assisted by the Rev. M. B. Porter.

Recess until 2:30 P.M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery met at 2:30 P.M., with Rev. J. C. Hardin in the chair, in the absence of the Rev. R. F. Campbell, moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read.

Correspondence

The following communications were read.

1. From Rev. E. D. Nellford, in regard to the Pan-Presbyterian exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.
   On motion it was referred to a special committee appointed by the Moderator, viz. Revs. R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis & Elder D. C. Neill.
2. From Rev. W. J. McKay in regard to the election of trustee of Davidson College.
   Referred to Committee on Nominations.
3. From Rev. G. H. Atkinson, concerning the Twentieth Century Builders Fund

   Referred to Home Mission Committee.
4. Report of the Faculty of Union Theo. Seminary as to candidate W. S. Cain.
   Referred to Committee on Ministerial Education.
5. From Rev. S. L. Morris on the Gen'l Assembly's Home Mission Work.
   Referred to a special committee viz. Revs. W. B. Chedester & J. R. Hamerlain.
6. From Rev. H. H. Lynch on Ministerial Education & Relief. Referred to Com. on Min. Education & Relief.

Mr. H. C. Lindsley was elected treasurer pro tem.

Hazelwood Church, through its representation, requested the services of Dr. Chas. H. Campbell as stated supply until next meeting of the Presbytery. Granted.

Bethel Church, through its representation made objection to the amount of its Presbyterial apportionment.

Trustee of Davidson Col.

Rev. R. P. Smith was elected trustee of Davidson College, his term to expire in 20.

Dr. S. H. McNeely was excused from further attendance.

Recess until 8 P.M.

Evening Session.

Presbytery met at 8 P.M.

The Devotional Committee reported that the Rev. F. M. Eversole would preach at 11 A.M. on Thursday.

In accordance with the order of the hour

Home Missions

a service was held in the interest of Presbyterial Home Missions. The Rev. R.P. Smith in the absence of Dr. R.F. Campbell, presided & read the report, after which short addresses were made by R.P. Smith, R.B. Grinnan, J.C. Brown, J.C. Hardin, J.R. Hamilton, W.S. Jewell & H.C. Lindsley. The report which was adopted, says in part that: We have made appropriations to six needy fields in addition to the two receiving help from the Synod's Home Mission Committee. The appropriations aggregate $2500. Six schools have been sustained with 13 teachers and nearly 700 pupils. The appropriations to the schools have amounted to $1.500.

Crabtree Orphanage

During the year 25 children have been cared for in the Crabtree Orphanage, 15 being the largest number present at any one time. The cost of support has not been over $4.50 per month for each child. All bills have been paid at the end of each month. The special need is more room to accommodate the children who are homeless. A friend has offered to donate nine acres of land on which to erect a new building provided the sum of $4500 be raised to pay for the building.

R.F. Campbell Chairman.

On motion it was decided that Presbytery go into executive session, as first order of the day on Thursday morning. Adjourned with prayer by Mr. H.C. Lindsley.

Third Day

April 25, 1907

Presbytery met at 9.30 A.M. and was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. Wm. H. Davis.

The minutes of the preceding day were read & approved.

Executive Session

In accordance with the order of the hour, Presbytery went into executive session and considered the position and actions of the Rev. R.S. Eskridge.

On motion it was decided to appoint a committee, consisting of Rev. R.F. Campbell, Rev. R.P. Smith and Mr. J.S. Morrison, to confer with Rev. R.S. Eskridge as to his intentions, & to report to the Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville on Tuesday, April 30, 1907, at 8 P.M.

On motion, Presbytery rose from executive session.

Rev. R.P. Gilmour

On motion, it was decided to hear the Rev. R.P. Gilmour in behalf of Union Theo. Seminary at 11 o'clock instead of the regular service.

A communication was received from the Rev. R.S. Eskridge tendering his resignation as Treasurer of Presbytery. Accepted.

Narrative. The report of the Committee on the Narrative was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Fifteen churches sent in reports.
1 All report attendance at service as good.
2 All report neglect of family worship.
3 Ten report faithful observance of the Sabbath. Five report neglect.
4 Three report faithfulness in training children in the Scriptures & Catechism; others report neglect.
5 Seven report an encouraging degree of liberality; eight report lack.
6 All but two report pastors faithful.
7 Only two report evidence of spiritual activity & growth.
8 Five report special evangelistic work outside of their churches.

The report of the special committee on the communication from Rev. S.L. Morris on Assembly's Home Missions was received as information.

Women's Societies. Report on Women's Societies was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Reports from 14 Societies were received showing a total membership of 295. They had contributed $1,016 to Local Causes; $298 to Home Missions; $257 to Foreign Missions; $117 to other causes making a total of $1,688 to all.

Report on sessional records was read and approved.

At 11 o'clock Presbytery heard from the Rev A.D.P. Gilmour in behalf of Union Theological Seminary Va.

A committee consisting of R.B. Grimes, W.P. Chedester & J.D. Murphy was appointed to consider & respond to the address.

Rev J.R. Haverlan was granted leave of absence.

Recess until 2.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session - 2.30 P.M.

Nominations. The report of Committee on Nominations was adopted.

E.E. Trinton was added to the Com. on Publication & Sabbath Schools.

J.R. Haverlin to Com. on Church & Christian Education

W.P. Chedester to Examining Com. on Philosophy & Languages.

W.H. Davis was nominated as moderator for next meeting. W.P. Chedester alternate. Chas. A. Campbell was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon with W.H. Davis as alternate.

Treasurer. R.P. Smith was elected Treasurer of Presbytery.

Report of the Committee of Minutes of Synod was adopted.

The sum of $480 was apportioned to Ashville Presbytery for Synodical Home Missions.

Synod appointed the following days for

collections: Ministerial Relief, the Second Sabbath in November; Schools & Colleges, the Third Sabbath in March; Home & School the Last Sabbath in December.

Representatives — The word "Representative" not "Delegate", to be used for those who constitute the Presbyteries & Synod.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was read and given to the Stated Clerk for completion. The same to be reported to Presbytery at adjourned meeting.

Sabbath Schools — The report on Sabbath Schools was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

The report showed 25 schools, 20 with 185 officers & teachers with 1,716 scholars; total average attendance 921; total contributions $937; current expenses $539; Foreign Missions $92; Home Missions $186.

Young Peoples' Societies — The report on Young Peoples' Societies was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

The report showed 10 societies with a total membership of 139. Total contributions $57.00

Auditing Comm — The report of the Auditing Committee was approved. The Treasurers accounts were reported as correct.

Min. Education & Relief. — The report on Ministerial Education & Relief was approved.

The report showed $132 given to Education and $93 to Relief.

Union Theo. Sem. — The report of the special committee on Union Theo. Seminary was approved. The report urged the ministers to bring the cause of the Seminary before the people who are asked to contribute as liberally as possible.

Presby. Alumni Association — R.B. Grinnan reported the organization of a Presbyterial Alumni Association of Union Theo. Seminary Va.

The Rev. R.H. Boyd of Concord Presbytery was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

After prayer for guidance the Rev. J.R. Howerton was elected commissioner to the General Assembly, with Rev. R.F. Campbell as alternate. Ruling Elder J.D. Murphey was elected commissioner with S.M. Killian as alternate.

Commiss to Genl. Assembly

The Rev Jas R. Graham Jr. of Winchester Presbytery was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Next meeting place — Brevard was chosen as place of next meeting, time Sept. 16, 1907 at 8 P.M.

W.P. Chedester & E.W. Blythe were appointed on the Devotional Committee for next meeting.

On motion it was decided to hear R. Rev. R.H. Boyd speak on Barium Springs Orphanage, at night before the address on Foreign Missions.

On motion it was decided to print the minutes of the Presbytery, the expense to be paid from the contingent fund.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was was

instructed to write to the Rev. C.C. Brown to learn his intentions as to membership in Asheville Presbytery.

Sabbath Sch. Institute.

It was decided to hold a Sabbath School Institute on the second day of the next meeting of Presbytery in Brevard.

Recess until 8 P.M.

Evening Session.

At 8 P.M. Presbytery met and heard an address from the Rev. W.R. Boyd on the Synod's Orphanage at Barium Springs.

For. Missions

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was then read, after which the Rev James R. Graham Jr., one of our missionaries, made an interesting address on conditions in China. The report of Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted. The report showed that $932 were contributed to the cause during the past year, ten new missionary societies had been organized. The report urged the organization of study classes for the members of the churches and a missionary department in the Sunday Schools; also the adoption of the Forward Movement system wherever practical.

The report of the Committee to readjust the Presbyterial apportionments was adopted. To be printed.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Montreat for their kind & hospitable entertainment were passed with a rising vote.

The minutes of the sessions of the day

were read & approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, on April 30th at 8 P.M.

Moderator

R.B. Grimm
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting

Asheville April 30, 1907

Pursuant to adjournment, Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville N.C. at 8 P.M. and was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev R.F. Campbell in the Chair.

The J.D. Murphy led in prayer.

Present Rev. R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith, R.S. Eskridge, J.M. Iversole and R.B. Grimm; Ruling Elders J.D. Murphy & J.J. Brown.

The Stated Clerk read the report on Systematic Beneficence and the Statistical Report which were approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly, after certain additions should be made to make the reports more complete. The reports showed that there were 12 ministers, with 29 churches in the Presbytery. There were 58 elders, 54 deacons, 31 added on examination, 89 added on certificate; making a total membership of 1815.

There were two adult baptisms, 29 infant baptisms, 253 baptized non-communicants, 157 officers and teachers, with 1,716 scholars in the Sunday-Schools.

The contributions were as follows:
$824 to Foreign Missions; $100 to Assembly's Home Missions; $2,450 to Local Home Missions; $39 to Colored Work; $99 to Ministerial Relief; $623 to Education; $71 to Publication & Sunday Schools; $42 to the Bible Cause; $222 Presbyterial Expenses; $5,177 to Pastors Salaries; $9,503 Congregational Expenses; $94 Miscellaneous.

Pan Presby Exhibit

The committee on the Pan-Presbyterian Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition reported that they had been unable to get the data asked for. The Com. was continued with power to act.

The committee appointed to confer with the Rev. R.S. Eskridge reported that after a full & free discussion, Mr. Eskridge stated that he was in doubt about his present duty, but he was prepared to do anything enjoined by the Presbytery that should not conflict with the dictates of his conscience.

The Presbytery then entered into a conference with with Mr. Eskridge, who submitted the following paper which was received:

To Asheville Presbytery

Dear Brethren: For some time

there have been grave doubts in my mind as to whether I should continue in the Gospel Ministry. These doubts still exist, but in answer to your question & to bring the matter to a more definite settlement if possible, I am willing to undertake active work again as soon as circumstances will permit.

Faithfully,
R. S. Eskridge.

On motion, it was resolved to request Bro. Eskridge to make the arrangements indicated in his paper as soon as possible and to report to the Home Mission Committee when he should be in a position to undertake work.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the E. Quinlan, to meet in Brevard Monday, Sept. 16, 1907, at 8 P.M.

Moderator

Attest R.B. Grinnan
Stated Clerk

Twenty Third Session

Fall Meeting

First Day — Brevard N.C., Sept. 10. 1907

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty ~~second~~ third regular session at 8 P.M. and in the ~~absence~~ unavoidable of the retiring Moderator, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. C. Hardin on Isa. 28:20. After the sermon Presbytery was called to order & constituted in the prayer by the Rev. J. C. Hardin, the last moderator present. The roll was called and the following were recorded as present:

Roll — Ministers - Revs. R. P. Smith, J. C. Hardin, Chas. A. Campbell, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, F. M. Eversole, R. F. Campbell (2), R. B. Gramian (2). Ruling Elders - J. T. Brown, First Church Asheville; W. C. Cannell, Hendersonville; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; E. W. Blythe, Brevard; A. M. Goodman, Etowah; J. J. Brown (2), Waynesville; J. E. Mackey (2), Davidson River; W. S. Jones (2) Bethel. -

Moderator. — The Rev. W. H. Davis was elected Moderator and Rev. F. M. Eversole Temporary Clerk.

Hours — The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported reported on the hours of exercises: Morning session 9 A.M. to 12 M.; afternoon 3:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.; evening session 8 o'clock to adjournment at will. The Rev. Chas. A. Campbell to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at 11 A.M. Tuesday; after which the Prodistapsen be observed, Rev. R. P. Smith presiding.

Special service in the interest of Home Mission be held on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Second Day

Sept 12th 1907

Presbytery was opened at 9 A.M. with devotional exercises by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous session were read & approved.

The moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Standing Com. — Bills & Overtures - J. C. Hardin, W. C. Cannell. Auditing: - D. M. Killian, J. T. Brown. Leave of Absence: - W. P. Chedester, A. M. Goodman. Minutes of General Assembly: - Chas. A. Campbell, D. M. Killian. Nominations: - R. P. Smith, E. W. Blythe.

The Rev. J. J. Heizer of Pueblo Presbytery was introduced as a corresponding member.

Rev. Chas. A. Campbell was excused for absence at last meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. J. J. Heizer — After due examination the Rev. J. J. Heizer was received from the Presbytery of Pueblo.

The report of Mr. W. S. Cain from Union Theological Seminary was read & referred to Committee on Ministerial Education.

W. S. Cain — On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Cain and express the appreciation of the Presbytery for the stand he had taken in the Seminary.

Trustee of Davidson Col.

On motion, the term of office of Rev. R. P. Smith as trustee of Davidson College was extended to Sept. 1910.

Rev. C.C. Brown

A letter from the Rev. C. C. Brown was read. On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Brown that Presbytery grants him leave for six months to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery.

S.S. Institute

The Rev. R. P. Smith reported that owing to the absence of several ministers and the inability of some Sabbath Schools to be represented it was thought best to postpone the proposed Sabbath School Institute. The report was received & committee discharged.

W. H. Davis & Etowah

Rev W. H. Davis reported that he had on request ordained & installed an elder and deacon at Etowah Church. He further asked for evangelistic powers.

On motion his action was approved & evangelistic powers granted.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was received & approved.

At 11 A.M. Rev. Chas. A. Campbell preached on the Inspiration of the Scriptures (Doctrinal Sermon) after which the Lord's Supper was observed, Rev R.P. Smith presiding, assisted by Elders D.M. Killian, J.T. Brown, A.M. Goodman & H.C. Connell.

After Noon.

Presbytery met at 3 P.M.

The Rev R.B. Grinnan & Elders W.S. Terrell and I.J. Brown were excused for Cardinis.

On motion, the reading of the last meeting of Presbytery was omitted, since they had been printed.

Reports for Synod.

Reports on the Narrative Sabbath Schools Systematic Beneficence, with the statistical Report were presented and ordered to be sent to the Synod.

No report was received from the Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly.

The reports of Committee on Colored Evangelism and the Bible Cause were received as information.

A free discussion on the state of religion was carried on at length.

Recess until 8 P.M.

Evening Session. 8 P.M.

Home Mission

Presbytery met and an interesting service was held in the interests of Home Missions. Rev R.P. Smith presided and addresses were made by R.F. Campbell, J.C. Hardin, W.H. Davis, W.S. Terrell, F.M. Eversole, R.P. Smith & R.B. Grinnan.

Third Day

Morning Session. Sept. 18th 1907

Presbytery was opened at 9 o'clock with devotional exercises by the Rev. Chas. A. Campbell.

Minutes of the preceding day were read & approved.

The report on the Minutes of the General Assembly was approved.

On motion, a committee consisting of Chas. A. Campbell, F.M. Eversole & D.M. Killian

was appointed to consider the whole matter of the consolidation of our Theological Seminaries and report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. J.C. Hardin offered his resignation as as Chairman of Committee on Colored Work and Bible Cause. Accepted.

The Rev. R.G. Tuttle of the M.E. Church, South, was introduced as a visiting brother.

Place of next meeting — Hazelwood was chosen as the place for the next regular meeting of Presbytery Time: April 14th 1908 at 7:30 P.M.

Chas. A. Campbell & D.H. Killian were appointed as Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions urging the adoption of the plans proposed at the last meeting of the General Assembly was read & approved.

Rev. R.F. Campbell preached at 11 o'clock

Recess until 3 P.M.

After-noon Session 3 P.M.

Presbytery met at 3 P.M.

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted:

Nominations — For Moderator of next meeting E.E. Swinla with F.M. Eversole as alternate.

The Rev. W.H. Davis to preach the ~~sermon~~ the Presbyterial Sermon with Rev. D.J. Heizer as alternate. Subject "Family Religion"

The Rev. D.J. Heizer for Chairman of the

Committee on Colored Evangelization & Bible Cause.

Rev. W.H. Davis as Trustee of Davidson College term to expire Sept. 1911.

Dr. H.H. Carson to be added to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Rev R.P. Smith was elected as General Evangelist of the Presbytery, his term to begin as soon as he could be released from work of Synod.

The amount of Mr. Smith's Salary & the means of raising the same to be left to the Home Missions Committee.

On motion, R.F. Campbell was appointed to prosecute the call for Mr. Smith before the Synod.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Brevard for their kind hospitality were adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes of the sessions of the day were read & approved.

After the singing of a hymn and a prayer by the Moderator Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hendersonville during session of Synod at call of Moderator.

Attest — Moderator

R.B. Grierson
Stated Clerk.

Approved at Synod, Hendersonville, N.C., Oct. 25th - 1907

C. M. Richards
Mod.

Adjourned Meeting

5 P.M. Hendersonville N.C. Oct 23, 1907

Pursuant to adjournment the Presbytery of Asheville met in the Hendersonville Presbyterian church at the call of the last Moderator present, the Rev. J.C. Hardin.

Was opened with prayer by the Rev. J.C. Hardin.

Present Revs. J.C. Hardin, R.B. Grinnan R.P. Smith, F.M. Eversole and ruling elders W.S. Lowell & Wm. Deaver.

Rev. J.C. Hardin + Bethel

Rev. J.C. Hardin asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and Bethel church. The church having reluctantly aged to the request, the dissolution was granted and a letter of dismission to Durant Presbytery was given Bro. Hardin.

Rev A.H. Temple

The Rev A.H. Temple presented his certificate of dismission from Mecklenburg Presbytery. After due examination he was received & enrolled

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet again at call of Moderator. Minutes read & approved.

F.M. Eversole
Temp. Clerk.

Attest R.B. Grinnan S.C.

10 P.M. Hendersonville N.C. Oct 24, 1907

Pursuant to adjournment Presbytery of Asheville met in the Hendersonville Presbyterian church at the call of the Rev R. F. Campbell, the last moderator present, & was opened with prayer by the Rev. W.P. Chedester.

Present Revs. R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith R.B. Grinnan, W.P. Chedester, F.M. Eversole, Rev D.J. Heiger and ruling elders H.H. Carson and S.M. Gradman.

D.J. Heiger + Montreat

A call for the services of the Rev D.J. Heiger was received from Montreat church and being found in order was placed in the Heiger's hand and accepted by him.

The following committee to install Mr. Heiger was appointed: Rev R.F. Campbell to preside, preach & propound the questions, the Rev. R.P. Smith to charge the people, the Rev R.S. Eckridge to charge the pastor, elder J.D. Murphy, each to be alternate for any other. Time to be agreed upon by committee

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. R.P. Smith.

Minutes read & approved.

R.B. Grinnan.
S.C.

Twenty Fourth Session.

Hazelwood N.C., April 14, 1905

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Twenty-fourth Session in Hazelwood Presbyterian Church on April 14, 1905 at 8 P.M. In the absence of the Rev. W.H. Davis, the last moderator, the sermon was preached by the Rev. J.J. Heiger, text "Family Religion". Rev. R.F. Campbell the last moderator present called the Presbytery to order and constituted it with prayer.

On roll calle the following responded, viz: Ministers: R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith, R.B. Freeman, Chas. A. Campbell, W.P. Chedester, F.M. Eversole, J.J. Heiger

Elders. J.H. McConnell, First church Asheville; H.H. Carson, Hendersonville; E.E. Finnlan, Waynesville; D.H. Killian, Hazelwood; A.M. Goodman, Etowah; J.M. Richardson, Andrews; W.E. Deaver (2) Davidson River; Ed Swayngein (2) Pisgah; S.H. McNeely (3) Canton.

Ag. Absent for Mtg

Absent J.R. Hamilton, R.S. Erskidge, C.C. Brown, J.C. Brown, W.H. Davis, A.H. Temple

Churches not represented. Robbinsville*, Brevard, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, Cowenanters, Jennie Spier Memorial*, Murphy, Mills River, Preston*, Franklin, Morrison, Cherry, Bryson City, Hayesville, Highlands*, Shoal Ck, Crabtree*, Dillsboro*, Mountain Creek.

* No session

Rev. F.M. Eversole was chosen Moderator.
Rev W.P. Chedester was elected clerk.
The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted.

(1) Sessions of Presbytery shall be from 9 A.M. to 12-30; from 2-30 P.M. to 5 P.M.; from 8 P.M. to adjournment at will

2 On Wednesday at 10-45 A.M. the Rev. R.F. Campbell to preach before the Lord's Supper conducted by Rev R.B. Freeman & Rev J.J. Heiger.

3 Service in the interest of Home Mission on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

4 Service in the interest of Foreign Missions on Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Jno. Wakefield was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Ten o'clock on Wednesday morning was appointed as the hour for hearing Rev. Jno. Wakefield on Barnum Springs Orphanage.

A petition for the dissolution of the pastoral relation of Waynesville Church & the Rev Chas. A. Campbell was received.

After hearing from Rev. Chas. A. Campbell & the officers of the Waynesville Church both concerning the relation was order to be dissolved. It was further ordered that a letter of dismission be given the Rev. Chas. A.

to Presbytery of Macon, Synod Ga.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. A. Campbell to meet at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Second Day (Wednesday)

Presbytery met at 9 A.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Jno. Wakefield.

The minutes of last night's session were read & approved.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read by the stated clerk for information.

A communication from the Rev. R. S. Eskridge asking for a letter of dismission of Greenbrier Presbytery was read. Granted.

A communication from Rev. C. C. Brown asking for a letter of dismission to Transylvania Presbytery U.S.A. was read. Granted.

A communication from Rev. J. C. Brown asking for a letter of dismission to Knoxville Presbytery was read. Granted.

A communication from Rev. D. P. Gilmour of Union Theological Seminary asking Presbytery to appoint a committee to assist in raising a Centennial Fund was read & referred to Committee on Nominations.

The report of W. S. Cain sent by Professors at Union Theo. Seminary was read & referred to Committee on Ministerial Education.

A communication from Capt. H. P. Rankin

of Franklin asking to be excused from attendance at Presbytery on account of age & weakness was read & granted.

A petition signed by a number of persons for the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Black Mountain was read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Moderator, viz:

Bills & Overtures;
R. F. Campbell & D. M. Killian.

Auditing;
J. H. McCannell, J. M. Richardson.

Leave of Absence;
W. P. Chedester, A. J. Osborne

Nominations;
R. P. Smith, E. E. Quinlan.

Minutes of Synod;
J. J. Kiger, E. E. Quinlan

Sessional Records;
W. P. Chedester, H. H. Carson.

Narrative;
R. B. Grimm, A. J. Osborne.

Systematic Beneficence
R. P. Smith, A. M. Goodman.

A communication from Mr. S. L. Morris, Sect. of Assembly's Home Mission was read & referred to Committee on Presbyterial Home Missions.

The following persons were appointed to temporarily fill the places of the Chairmen of Permanent Committees who were absent, viz.
W.P. Chedester on Ministerial Education & Relief
R.F. Campbell on Assembly's Home Missions
D.J. Heizer Synod's Orphans Home.

Geo. H. Wright — Mr. Geo. H. Wright, a deacon of the First Church Asheville, recommended by session of said Church, after due examination was received under the care of the Presbytery as a student for the Ministry.

Rev. Jno. Wakefield Superintendent of the Barium Springs Orphanage was heard in behalf of his institution. Referred to committee on Orphan's Home.
Recess for five minutes.
After recess a sermon was preached by Rev. R. F. Campbell on Jno. Following this the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev R.B. Grinnan & D.J. Heizer assisted by elders ~~[illegible]~~ H.H. Carson, D.M. Killian, E.E. Quinlan, J.H. McCanless, A.M. Goodman, J.M. Richardson.

Elders Ed Swaringin of Pigeon Gap & W.E. Deaver of Davidson River appeared & were enrolled.
Recess to 8 o'clock P.M. to allow committees to work.

8 P.M. Home Missions — Presbytery was called to order at 8 o'clock P.M. when a public service in the interest of Presbyterial Home Missions was held.
Rev. R. F. Campbell presided & read the report.
Elder W.S. Jewell led in prayer after which short addresses were made by F.M. Sample, D.J. Heizer, R.P. Smith, R.B. Grinnan, W.P. Chedester & W.S. Jewell.
A collection for the Mountain Orphanage amounting to $30.00 was taken up.
The report was adopted and is in part as follows:
The work has been one of encouraging progress. Many of the fields have been vacant during the winter but arrangements have been made for supplying most of the fields for the summer at least. The church at Thomson became self supporting from Oct 1902.
The Thomson Orphanage has been removed from Crabtree to Balfour in Henderson Co. where a commodious building has been erected on a beautiful site donated by Mr. W.H. Spence. There are 28 children in the home under the care of Rev. A.H. Temple & his wife. ages from 3 to 14 years. 1 child
The Home is supported by voluntary gifts. The average cost of each child is not over $5.00 per month.
The present needs are 1st a building to be used as school & chapel,

2nd Two milch cows and a small barn, also
same iron bed-steads
Presbytery at its last meeting elected Rev.
R.P. Smith General Evangelist but the
Synodical Committee was not willing
to give him ab. It was however finally
agreed to allow Mr. Smith to give 3
months time to the Presbytery at a
salary of $300 00/100.
The School at Robbinsville has been
conducted for seven months with three
teachers and an enrollment of 60 pupils
Rev F.M. Fossel principal.
The school at Canton has been conducted
five months with one teacher and 60
pupils. Miss M.L. Mingus principal.
The school at Rosman has been conducted
7 months with one teacher & 60 pupils
Miss Lucy Smith principal.
The school at Crabtree has been conducted
for 10 months with one teacher and
62 pupils - Rev H.H. Temple principal.
Financial Statement shows: that
from without our bounds $1362 00/100 were
received, while $1584 00/100 were contributed
by our own Churches.

R.F. Campbell Chairman.

~~Minutes to date were read & approved.~~
Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet
at 9 A.M. to morrow.

Third Day April 16th 1915.
Presbytery met & was opened with devotional
exercises led by Rev R. P. Smith.
The minutes of the preceding day were
read and approved.
The overture concerning commissions sent
down from the General Assembly was read
& by vote disapproved.
The commission appointed to install Rev
Rev T.J. Heiser reported that for reasons
the actions had been postponed. The
commission was continued.
The committee on Consolidation of Theological
Seminaries had no report & was dis-
charged.
The Committee of Home Missions to whom
was referred the Plan to Unify Home Missions
submitted by the Committee of the General
Assembly recommended the following action:
While the Presbytery of Asheville would be
glad to see a unification of the various
causes of Home Missions, so far as this
may be practicable, it is the judg-
ment of the Presbytery that the plan
submitted by the Assembly's Com-
mittee would not satisfactorily
accomplish this result.

The committee on Ministerial Relief read a report
for information.

The report on Sunday Schools was read &

approved & ordered to be sent to the Genl. Assembly.
The report showed there were 26 schools with 171 teachers and 1692 scholars total enrollment 1986. Number of scholars admitted to communion was 40. Contributions: Current expenses $425, Foreign Missions $57, Home Missions $113, Sunday School Missions $121, Other Causes $12.5, Total $877.

The report on Young Peoples Societies was read & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
The report showed 12 societies with a total membership of 245.
Contributions: Current expenses $33, Foreign Missions $56, Home Missions $56, Other Causes $51, Total $196.

The report of Committee on Schools & Colleges was read & approved.
The report requested: That (1) the name Church & Christian Education be changed to Committee of Schools & Colleges. (2) That attention be called to the collection for the Assembly's Executive Committee on the third Sabbath in September and for the Synodical Committee on the third Sabbath in March.

Dr. S.H. McNeely the elder from Carrollton was invited in.

After prayer the following persons were elected commissioners to the Genl. Assembly:
Ministers - R.F. Campbell principal with I.J. Heiger as alternate.
Elders - W.H. Carson as principal with S.H. McNeely as alternate.

Robbinsville was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting. Time Tuesday Oct. 6th, 8 P.M.
The Committee on Devotional Exercises F.M. Carson & J.M. Richardson.

The Committee on Bills & Overtures recommended that the petition from Black Mountain for the organization of a church be granted. The recommendations was approved and a commission consisting of R.P. Smith, I.J. Heiger & J.B. Murphy was appointed to organize the church.
The report of Committee on Nominations was read & adopted.
J.H. McCarnell & I.J. Heiger were nominated for the Home Mission Committee in place of R.S. Eskridge & F.M. Carson.
For Genl. Assembly's Home Missions: R.F. Campbell & R.B. Fakes.
For Committee on Schools & Colleges: W.P. Chedester.
For Committee on Orphan's Home: S.H. Temple.
For Examining Committee: (1) Latin Thesis &

Critical Exercises - F. Th. Toerssele - (2) Arts & Sciences - R.P. Smith.
The Endowing Fund Committee for Union Theo. Seminary - R.F. Campbell, J.D. Murphy & G.M. Maslin.

Sabb. Serm. — The Doctrinal Sermon at next meeting of Presbytery to be preached by R.F. Campbell. Subject - The Providence of God. Alternate. R.B. Grinnan.

Moderator — For moderator of next meeting J.D. Murphy, alternate W.P. Chadwick.

Leave of Abs. — The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read & approved. W.H. Davis & N.P. Rankin were excused for absence.
W.H. Carson, R.F. Campbell, J.J. Kizer were excused from noon on the third day. J.M. Richardson was excused from end of second day.

Minutes of Synod — The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was read & approved. The committee recommended that a committee be appointed to systematize the methods of contribution by churches & individuals to all the beneficent causes of the church.

Synod's Home — The report of the Committee on Orphans Home was read & approved. The report showed there were 151 children in the Synod's Orphanage with 10 from this branch of this Presbytery

The sum of $400 had been apportioned to the Presbytery, but only $96 had been received. It was recommended that we raise $200 for this cause.

Sess. Records — The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read & adopted.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read & approved. The books were found correct.

At 11 o'clock a service was held in the interest of Foreign Missions. Addresses were made by J.J. Kizer & R.B. Grinnan. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was read & adopted.
The report showed that $1112 had been given to this cause, an increase of $288 over last year.
Presbytery was asked to approve the Forward Movement & the Laymen's Missionary Movement.
Recess to 2-30 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order at 2-30 P.M. The report on the Nicaraguan was rec. & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
The report showed that (1) the attendance on the sanctuary was good (2) Family worship was sadly neglected.

(3) Observance of the Lord's Day was good.
(4) The training of children was well conducted
(5) Contributions to all causes was reported good.
(6) All pastors except two fully paid.
(7) Only 4 churches reported special interest & growth in spiritual life.
(8) Only two churches report worldly conformity.
(9) Four churches report evangelistic work.
(10) Nearly all of the churches have been supplied by pastors or stated supplies

The report on Women's Societies was read, & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
This report showed 14 societies with a membership of 352.
Contributions to local causes $546, to Home Missions $374, to Foreign Missions $309, to other causes $61. Total $1244.

The Statistical Report was read & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
Presbytery comprises 10 ministers & 28 churches ~~with~~ two candidates. Elders 56, Deacons 64, Added on examination 75, Added on certificate 104. Whole number 1730. Adult Baptisms 23. Infant Baptisms 24, Baptized non communicants 281, Sunday School officers & teachers 176. Scholars 1602.
Contributions to Foreign Missions $112, Assembly's Home Missions $130

Local Home Missions $2141
Colored Evangelization $114
Ministerial Relief $112
Education $797
Publication $62
Bible Society $53
Presbyterial $163
Pastor's Salaries $6505
Congregational $4224.
Miscellaneous $143. Total $15553.

The report of Splendid Benefice was read & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

A hearty & unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the kind people of Bazelwood for their hospitality

The minutes were read & approved

On Motion Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First Church Asheville on June 2nd 1908 at 4 o'clock P.M.
Prayer by R.B. Grinnan

W.P. Chedester
Temporary Clerk

Attest R.B. Grinnan
Stated Clerk.

Called Meeting. Asheville May 19, 1908

The Presbytery of Asheville met in called meeting in the First Church of Asheville on May 19, 1908 at 4 o'clock P.M. and was called to order by Rev. R. F. Campbell the last moderator present. Mr E. E. Quinlan led in prayer.

Present, Ministers R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. B. Grimman, J. J. Kizer, Elders - J. H. McConnell First Church Asheville, E. E. Quinlan Waynesville, A. M. Davidson Swannanoa.

The call was read & found in order & is as follows: The requirements having been complied with I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville on May 19, 1908 at 4 o'clock P.M. to reconsider the election of Commissioner to the General Assembly and to take such other action is necessary or expedient in connection therewith.

R. B. Grimman, Stated Clerk.

Dr Campbell for personal reasons asked the Rev R. P. Smith ~~for personal reasons~~ to take the chair.

Rev R. F. Campbell then offered his resignation as Commissioner to the General Assembly explaining his reasons on the grand that Rev. J. R. Howerton D.D. through oversight had not been elected as Commissioner though he had been Moderator of the last Assembly. Dr. Campbell's resignation was accepted.

Rev J. R. Howerton D.D. was then elected commissioner to the General Assembly. The Rev J. J. Kizer as alternate commissioner also offered his resignation as it would be impossible for him to attend the meeting if necessary. Accepted. Rev R. F. Campbell was elected alternate in place of J. J. Kizer.

The following overture was adopted: The Presbytery of Asheville would respectfully overture the General Assembly in session at Greensboro N.C. May 1908 to declare that the Moderator of each Assembly is, ex officio, a member at large of the next succeeding Assembly, that his expenses are to be paid out of the incidental fund of the Assembly, & that the Presbytery of which he is a member is entitled to its regular representation in the Assembly irrespective of the membership at large of the retiring moderator.

Closed with prayer. Minutes read & approved.

R. B. Grimman
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting Asheville June 3, 1908

Pursuant to adjournment the Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Church of Asheville on June 2nd 1908 at 4 P.M.
The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. F. M. Eversole moderator.
Present. Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. B. Grinnan, W. H. Dania, F. M. Eversole, W. P. Chedester, D. J. Heizer and ruling elder J. S. Thomson.

E. L. Gran — The E. Lysander Gran, a Licentiate of Knoxville Presbytery was received by certificate.
Mr. Gran made application for examination for ordination as evangelist.
By section the examination was begun.
The examination on Latin Thesis & Greek Exegesis was referred to the committee.
Examination on Philosophy Arts & Sciences was approved as diplomas, Mr. Gran being a graduate of Maryville College.
Examination on Ecclesiastical History was sustained, Examination on Church Government was sustained. Examination on Sacraments was sustained. Examination on Theology was sustained.
Four o'clock to-morrow was appointed as the hour for hearing the sermon on 2 Cor. 8:9.

D. J. Heizer & Waynesville — A call for the pastoral service of the Rev. D. J. Heizer was received from the Waynesville Church, was found in order & placed in Mr. Heizer's hands. The salary stated

as nine hundred dollars with the understanding that a house should be given free.
The call being accepted by Mr. Heizer the following Committee was appointed to install Mr. Heizer on June 11th at 8-30 P.M. Rev. R. F. Campbell to preside preach & propound the questions, Rev R. P. Smith to charge the people, Rev R. B. Grinnan to charge the pastor, Ruling Elder D. M. Killian, and Rev W. P. Chedester to act as alternate for any one.
The minutes were read & approved.
Presbytery adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock to-morrow.

Second Day June 3rd 1908

Presbytery was called to order & opened with prayer by the Rev R. F. Campbell the last moderator present.

J. J. Allison — After due examination the Rev. J. J. Allison was received by certificate from Mecklenburg Presbytery & enrolled.
The report of the Committee to examine Mr. Gran's Latin Thesis & Greek Exegesis was approved as part of trial.
Mr. Gran preached his trial sermon on 2 Cor. 8:9 which was sustained as part of his examination. The examination as a whole being sustained Presbytery proceeded to ordain Mr. Gran to the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.
Rev R. F. Campbell asked the questions

and offered the prayer. The Rev. J. J. Hyer delivered the charge to the evangelist. The minutes were read & approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

W. P. Chedester
Temp. Clerk.

R. B. Grimm
Stated Clerk.

Approved at Synod, Newton N. C. Oct. 30th with the following exception: - May 19th
To record that Presbytery adjourned to meet June 2nd although the record of June 2nd states that this was an adjourned meeting.

A. R. Shant,
Moderator.

The above criticism was ordered to be stricken out as not true to facts.
See Minutes of Synod of U. C. at Red Springs 1909
Also see page 32 of this book. RBG.

Called Meeting.

Asheville Sept. 23, 1905

The Presbytery of Asheville met in called session in the First church of Asheville at 3 P.M. and was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell the last moderator present.
Present Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, E. L. Grau, elder J. H. McConnell. R. P. Smith was elected temporary clerk.
The call for this special meeting was read and found in order and is as follows: The requirements having been complied with, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to convene in the First Presbyterian church of Asheville on Sept. 23rd, 1905 at three o'clock P.M., to consider and act upon the change of date of the regular fall meeting of Presbytery.
Hendersonville Sept. 11, 1905. R. B. Grimm S.C.
On motion the time appointed for the meeting of Presbytery was changed from Oct. 6th, 8 P.M. 1905 to Oct. 13th 7-30 P.M. 1905. Minutes read & approved.
Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. L. Grau.

R. P. Smith, Clerk pro tem.
R. F. Campbell. mod.

Attest. R. B. Grimm
Stated Clerk.

Twenty Fifth Regular Session.

Robbinsville N.C. Oct. 13, 1908

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty fifth regular session in the Robbinsville Presbyterian Church, Oct 13th, 1908 at 8 P.M. and at the request of the retiring moderator was opened with a sermon by Rev R. B. Grimm on Isa. 1:18.

Presbytery was called to order and (opened) constituted with prayer by Rev. F. M. Eversole, the retiring moderator.

The roll was called & the following responded=

Ministers — R.F. Campbell D.D., R.P. Smith, R.B. Grimm, F.M. Eversole, T.J. Allison. (W.P. Chesnutt W Day)

Elders — J.F. Ramsey, First church Asheville. W.S. Terrell, Bethel.

Ministers absent: W.H. Davis, A.H. Temple, E.L. Green, T.J. Higgs, J.R. Hamilton.

Churches represented: Andrews, Brevard, Bryson City, Canton, Cobbtree*, Cranmerton, Cherry, Dillsboro*, Davidson River, Etowah, Franklin, Hendersonville, Hazelwood, Highlands*, Hayesville, Junior Spec Mis., Thomson Mills River, Mountain Home, Murphy, Oak Forest, Preston*, Robbinsville, Pisgah Cap., Swannanoa, Shortoff, Waynesville, Black Mountain*.

Without elders *

Moderator & Clerk — Rev. T.J. Allison was elected moderator and Rev. F.M. Eversole temporary clerk.

The following report of the committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted: "The hours to be from 9 A.M. to 12 M. recess to 3 P.M.; Afternoon session from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. Evening session from 7:30 P.M. to adjournment. Rev. R. F. Campbell to preach the doctrinal sermon at 11 A.M. Wednesday, after which the Lord's Supper is to be observed

Hours.

with Rev. T.J. Allison presiding.

On Wednesday evening Presbytery attended at the Court House an entertainment given by the Robbinsville Academy, after which the Rev R.B. Grimm is to give a lecture on Japan.

Rev. T.J. Allison to preach at 11 A.M. on Thursday."

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, the same having been printed.

A letter of dismission to Norfolk Presbytery was granted Rev. J.R. Hamilton.

R.J. Hamilton

Adjourned with prayer until nine o'clock to-morrow.

Second Day.

Wednesday Oct. 14th 1908

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T.J. Allison.

Minutes of last night's session were read & approved.

Rev. R.J. Hunter after due examination was received by letter from Concord Presbytery.

R.J. Hunter

Black Mountain

The following report of the commission appointed to organize a church at Black Mountain was received and approved and the church enrolled:

Black Mountain N.C. May 17, 1908.

The commission appointed to organize a church at Black Mountain met after the sermon and was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Rev. R.P. Smith, chairman. T.J. Higgs elected clerk. The following persons presented letters of dismission from other churches: J.S. Brawley, Mrs J.S. Brawley, Lizzie Culp, Mrs S.F. Daugherty, Mrs S.L. Davidson, W.S. Dickson, Mrs W.S. Dickson, S.E. McCurdy, Miss Alice White, J.P. Wilson, Mrs J.P. Wilson, Miss E.C. Wilson, Mrs S.L. Davidson. (13)

The members present took the vows as prescribed in the Book of Church Order.
Rev. R.P. Smith delivered a charge to the church members.
The church was declared duly organized.
The name selected was Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.
The election of officers was postponed to a future day.
Meeting was closed with prayer.

Signed: R.P. Smith Chairman
J.J. Heizer Clerk
J.D. Murphy elder.

On motion the Rev. R.P. Smith, evangelist, was appointed to complete the organization of Black Mountain Church by ordaining and installing officers.

Per. Com. on Evangl. Work. — A letter was read from the Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.) requesting that Presbytery elect a corresponding member.
On motion the Rev. R.P. Smith was elected to this office.

W.S. Cain — The report of candidate W.S. Cain from Union Theological Seminary was read & referred to Committee on Ministerial Education.

E.A. Sample — Rev. E.A. Sample was received by letter from Concord Presbytery without examination, owing to his well known soundness of doctrine, his having for years been a member of this Presbytery.

A letter was ~~read~~ from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read and referred to Foreign Mission Committee.

Standing Com. — The moderator announced the following Standing Committees:
1 Bills and overtures - R.P. Smith & W.S. Lowell.
2 Auditing - R.B. Grimm & J.R. Ramsay.
3 Leave of Absence - R.J. Hunter.
4 Nominations - R.F. Campbell.
5 Minutes of General Assembly - R.F. Campbell & W.S. Lowell.

Excuses — Rev. A.H. Temple was excused for absence from the last meeting.
The following Churches were excused for not being represented at last meeting: Lenoir, Franklin & Swannanoa.

Special Order — The meeting in the interest of Home Missions was made a special order for Thursday evening.

J.J. Heizer — The report of the committee to install the Rev. J.J. Heizer at Hayesville was accepted the work having been accomplished.
On motion the discussion on the state of Religion was made the first order for Thursday morning.

Comm. to Genl Assembly. — The report of Rev. R.F. Campbell as Commissioner to the General Assembly was received and approved and his diligence commended.

Davidson College trustee — The report of R.P. Smith as trustee of Davidson College was received & his diligence approved.

Reports for Synod. — The Statistical Report with reports on Systematic Beneficence, Sabbath School, Women Societies & the Narrative were approved and ordered

sent to the Synod of N.C.

Doctrinal Sermon. At 11 a.m. the doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. R. J. Campbell on God's Providence from Lev. 26 Ps. 103:19 & Heb. 1:3. After the sermon the Lord's Supper was observed Rev. R.P. Smith presiding.

Presbytery recessed from business until 3 P.M.

Recess.

Presbytery met at 3 P.M.

R.P. Smith. On motion the Rev. R.P. Smith was elected Presbyterial Evangelist for all of his time, the salary to be fixed by the Home Mission Committee after conference with the Rev. Smith.

Rev. Smith expressed his pleasure in accepting the office.

Rev. J.W. Lingle. Rev. J.W. Lingle of Concord Presbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion Mr. Lingle was invited to address the Presbytery on the needs of Davidson College.

Revs. R.P. Smith & R.J. Hunter were appointed a committee to reply to the address of Mr. Lingle.

Presbytery recessed from business until 7:30 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery met at 7:30 p.m. in the Court House where the entertainment was given by Robbins-ville Academy, after which the Rev. R.B. Grimm delivered a popular lecture on Japan in relation to Foreign Missions.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday.

Third Day. Thursday Oct. 15, 1908.

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. and was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. R.J. Hunter.

Minutes of the preceding day were read & approved.

H.H. Carson com. to Gen'l As. The written report of elder H.H. Carson, commissioner to the General Assembly, was read & his diligence approved.

Presbyterian Standard. The following paper concerning the Presbyterian Standard was read & adopted:

This very gratifying to the members of Asheville Presbytery to see the various improvements that have been made recently on the Presbyterian Standard. We appreciate the high tone of the paper in its every department and do most heartily commend it to all of our congregations as a very helpful journal in stimulating Christian activity.

W.P. Chedester. Rev. W.P. Chedester was excused for absence from the previous sessions of Presbytery and enrolled.

The free conversation on the state of religion was taken up and continued until 11 o'clock.

At 11 a.m. Rev. T.J. Allison preached a sermon on Lost Work 3:35.

Presbytery recessed from business until 3 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery met at 3 p.m.

The free conversation on the state of religion was continued & completed.

Nominations. The following report of the Committee on Nominations was received & adopted:

Moderator of next regular meeting - W. P. Chedester principal with J. J. Kizer as alternate.
Doctrinal sermon for next meeting to be preached by Rev. J. J. Allison with Rev. W. P. Chedester as alternate - Subject: Sanctification.
Rev. R. P. Smith was appointed on the Committee of Family Religion & Sabbath Observance.
Rev. F. M. Swaney was put on the Committee for examination in Academic Studies.
The Committee for examination on Ecclesiastical History to consist of R. P. Gorman & J. J. Allison.

Minutes of Genl Assembly

The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was received & adopted:

1. That Presbytery answer in the affirmative the overture sent down by the Assembly in regard to amending Book of Church Order Chap. xiii, sec. 4, in the matter of voting upon a complaint.
2. That Presbytery in answer to the question "shall any change be made to Confession of Faith Chap. X, Sec. 3?" declares itself in favor of so changing the phraseology of this section, as to remove, if possible, the misapprehension that exists in other ~~churches~~ Christian bodies & to some extent among our own people, as to the teaching of the Confession in regard to the salvation of those dying in infancy.

This Presbytery would respectfully overture the General Assembly in session at Savannah

Ga. to appoint an ad interim committee to consider this subject and report to the next Assembly.

Calvin Celeb.

3. That Presbytery appoint a Committee consisting of R. P. Smith & J. D. Murphy to arrange for a celebration of the Calvin Sudri centennial at the next Spring meeting of Presbytery & to plan for a celebration in each church of the Presbytery at some convenient time during the year 1909 giving preference to dates as near as possible to that of Calvin's birth, July 10;
That the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be instructed to call on each church to add one cent per member to the Presbyterial fund next spring to help defray the expense of the Assembly's celebration;
That Presbytery heartily approve the proposed erection of a Calvin Memorial Building at Montreat, and that the special committee herein before provided for, endeavor to have a collection taken up for this purpose in each church in connection with the Calvin Celebration.

Overture to Genl Assembly

The following overture to the Genl Assembly was adopted: The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly in session at Savannah Ga. to amend the Book of Church Order Chap. V, Sec. 6, Par. 2, by adding the following words: "The Moderator of each Assembly shall be

a member, ex Officio, of the next succeeding General Assembly, representing the Church at large and his necessary expenses shall be paid by the Assembly."

Foreign Missions. The following resolutions of the Foreign Missions Committee were received and adopted: (1) That Presbytery adopts the Missionary Platform of the General Assembly:

2. That Presbytery urges the adoption of the Forward Movement by the Churches wherever practical.
3. That Presbytery approves the Laymen's Missionary Movement.
4. That Presbytery urges the organization of Missionary Societies among the men and young people as well as among the ladies.
5. That Presbytery would urge the giving of instruction on Foreign Missions in all the Sunday Schools.
6. That Presbytery would urge the study of Missionary Literature.

Davidson College. The following report of the special committee on the address of Dr. J. W. Lingle was received & adopted: Presbytery has heard with intense interest through Rev. Dr. J. W. Lingle, Davidson College Representative, of the prodigious growth & great needs of the College. Therefore be it resolved: 1. That in view of

the great needs, Presbytery urges her ministers to take all reasonable steps to increase the endowment funds.

2. That a committee consisting of R. P. Smith, R. B. Grimm & N. S. Lowell be appointed to co-operate with the Representative to secure the Endowment.

Next Meeting. Mills River church was chosen as the place for the next regular spring meeting of Presbytery, time, Tuesday April 27, 8 p.m. 1909.

R. P. Smith & J. H. Burgin were appointed on the Devotional Committee.

Presbytery recessed from business until 7-30 P.M.

Presbytery — Recess.

Home Missions. Presbytery met at 7-30 P.M. when a service in the interests of Home Missions was held, Rev. R. F. Campbell presiding. Talks were made by R. J. Hunter, R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, R. B. Grimm & N. S. Lowell. A collection amounting to fifteen dollars was taken up for the Mountain Orphanage.

Thanks. A hearty resolution of thanks to the Church & people of Robbinsville for their kind hospitality was adopted.

Minutes were read & approved.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at Mills River April 27, 1909 at 8 P.M.

J. M. Russell
Temp. Clerk.

Attest R. B. Grimm
Stated Clerk.

Called Session. Hendersonville N.C.
March 15, 1909

Presbytery of Asheville met in called session in Hendersonville Presbyterian church on March 15, 1909.
Presbytery was called to order & opened with prayer by Rev Wm. H. Davis the last moderator present.
Present: Revs. R.P. Smith W.H. Davis A.H. Sample, R.B. Grimman & W.P. Chedester. Elder L.T. Williams from Hendersonville.
The call was read & found in order & is as follows: At the request of the required number of petitioners I call Asheville Presbytery to meet in Hendersonville N.C. on Thursday, March 15, 1909. at 11 a.m. to act upon the resignation of Rev. W.P. Chedester as pastor of Brevard Church. J.J. Allison Moderator.
W.P. Chedester Brevard Ch.
The church having agreed to such dissolution of the pastoral relationship on motion the request of Mr Chedester was granted & the pastoral relationship was dissolved. On motion Mr. Chedester was allowed to act as stated supply in Franklin Mission & Center Church Macon Co.
Minutes were read & approved.
Adjourned with prayer.
R.B. Grimman
Stated Clerk.

Stated Spring Meeting.
Twenty Sixth Session.
Mills River, April 27, 1909.

Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty sixth stated session in Mills River Church at 8 p.m. on April 27, 1909 and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J.J. Allison, the retiring moderator, on Eph. 3:17.
Tuesday
The meeting was opened with prayer.
Roll
Roll.
Ministers - R.F. Campbell, R.B. Smith, R.B. Grimman, W.H. Davis, W.P. Chedester, F.M. Eversole (2), J.J. Heizer, R.J. Hunter, J.J. Allison, A.H. Sample, E.L. Gray.
Elders - B.M. Lee Asheville First, J.S. Brown (2) Hendersonville, J.H. Burgin, Mills River, H.C. Lindsey Waynesville, M.J. Orr (2) Brevard, R.L. Gash - Davidson River, A.M. Goodman Etowah, D.M. Killian (2) - Hazelwood, O.L. Allen - Pisgah, W.S. Terrell - Bethel.
Absent
Ministers - E.A. Sample.
Churches not represented - Andrews, Black Mountain*, Bryson City, Canton, Crabtree, Covenanters, Center, Dillsboro*, Franklin, Highlands, Hayesville, Jennie Spier Memorial*, Morrison, Mountain Treat, Murphy, Oak Forest, Preston*, Swannanoa, Sharpe Hill, Waynesville.
* no elders.
Rev. W.P. Chedester was elected moderator & Rev. R.J. Hunter temporary clerk.

Hours of session agreed on.
Morning session 9 a.m. to 12 m.
After-noon. 1 p.m. to 4-30
Night 8 p.m. to adjournment at will.

Special order was taken for the Calvin celebration on Wednesday at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Special order was taken for Home Missions on Wednesday night at 8 p.m. and for Foreign Missions on Thursday morning at 10-30 o'clock.

P.P. Winn — Rev. P.P. Winn was received from Atlanta Presbytery and after due examination was enrolled.

D.H. Scanlon — Rev. D.H. Scanlon of Winchester Presbytery was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Adjourned with prayer until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Second Day.

Wednesday April 28, 1909.

Presbytery convened at 9-00 a.m.
Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator.
Minutes of the first day were read & approved.
Portions of the minutes of the last stated meeting were read for information.

Excused — The following were excused for non-attendance at the last meeting: Ministers, W.H. Davis, E.L. Gray, J.J. Heizer, S.H. Temple.
Elder S.M. Goodman
The following churches were excused for

non representation. Broard, Carlton, Davidson River, Hendersonville, Franklin, Hartbeat, Murphy, Pigeon Gap, Swannanoa.
The following were not excused. Bryson City, Hazelwood, Mills River, Waynesville, Oak Forest.
The stated clerk was instructed to write to each church not represented and remind them of their duty to be represented & to defray the expense of their representation.

Rev. J.M. Williams of the M.E. church was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Standing Com. — Bills & Overtures — R.P. Smith, B.M. Lee.
Auditing — H.C. Lindsley, R.L. Gash.
Leaves of Absence — W.H. Davis — J.H. Bussin.
Examinations — R.F. Campbell.
Minutes of Synod — T.J. Allison, W.S. Lowell.
Narrative — P.P. Winn.
Sessional Records — E.L. Gray, D.M. Killian.
Systematic Beneficence — J.J. Heizer, O.L. Allen.
Church Societies — F.M. Eversole.

Expenses of Synod — Presbytery agreed to the recommendation of the Ad Interim Committee of the Synod for raising funds for the contingent expenses of the Synod — namely, that 2½ cents per communicant member be added to the contingent expense of the Synod to help pay the expenses of

the presentations to the Synod, the sum amount to be forwarded by the church treasurers to the Rev. D. J. Craig Reidsville N.C. before the meeting of Synod.

Lanes Chapel — A petition for the organization of a church at Lane's Chapel was read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.
An overture on ruling eldership was referred to committee on Bills & Overtures.
The report of candidate W. S. Cain was read & referred to the Committee on Education.
A request from Dr. S. L. Morris was referred to the Home Mission Committee.
On Motion a Committee of Church Societies was added to the list of ~~Standing~~ Permanent Committees.
Candidate W. S. Cain was at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Palasi Mo.

Davidson College — Rev. R. P. Smith for the Committee on Davidson College reported that men of large means were being interested in the College & that there were encouraging prospects for raising one quarter of a million of dollars.

Union Theo. Sem. — The following resolutions from the Committee on Union Theological Seminary were adopted:
That Presbytery urge pastors & sessions to

co-operate heartily with the field secretary of the Seminary in his plans to raise the Centennial Endowment fund.
2 That Presbytery call the attention of pastors & sessions to the importance of the collection in Sept. ordered by the Synod for this cause, which if taken throughout the Synod would do much to relieve the Seminary of its embarrassment until the endowment can be raised.

Commissioners — After prayer the Rev. F. M. Eversole was elected commissioner to the General Assembly with Rev. W. P. Chedester as alternate.
Ruling Elder — R. W. J. Archer was elected commissioner with Dr. H. S. McNeely as alternate.

Dr. R. C. Reed — Rev. R. C. Reed D.D. of Columbia Seminary was invited to sit as corresponding member.
The time having arrived Presbytery heard with pleasure an address by D.R.C. Reed on John Calvin & Religious Liberty.
Presbytery recessed from business until 1:30 p.m.
Recess.
Presbytery met at half past one o'clock and heard an address from Dr. Reed on John Calvin, the Man & His Times.

Presbytery accepted an invitation to visit the Mountain Orphanage at the close of its sessions.

Memorial Church.

"Center" Church was allowed to change its name to "Memorial".

Presbytery receded from business until 8 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 8 p.m.

Home Missions

Service was held in the interest of Home Mission when several addresses were made. The following report was received: Extracts from letters of the workers in various places were read showing the progress of the work. All the Home Mission fields have had preaching during the whole of the year except Hayesville which is to be supplied this summer.

Financial Statement

		Disbursed
Recd. for Salaries of Mission workers	2089.59	1983.10
Maintain Orphanage	1505.49	1455.08
Church & Christian Education	684.00	654.00
	4279.08	4132.18
	4132.18	
Balance	$146.90	

Resolutions adopted: 1. That all our churches be urged to contribute to the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions in the months of Feb. & Aug.

2 That churches receiving aid be encouraged to move forward towards self support as rapidly as possible:

3 That churches, Sunday Schools and individuals that have helped to support the Mountain Orphanage be thanked and commended for their liberality, and that the plan of monthly contributions be commended to them.

4 That in view of the needs of our fields & the enlargement of the scope of the General Assembly's work, that the Assembly's Committee be requested to give us all possible aid in education and evangelization.

Special "order of exercises" for the Lord's Supper immediately after Col. Bingham's address on Thursday, (2) for Dr. Lingle to be heard after recess, (3) for the doctrinal sermon to be preached at 8 p.m.

Presbytery adjourned until 9 a.m. to morrow.

Third Day.

Thursday April 29, 1909

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. when devotional exercises were led by Mr. A.H. Goodman.

Minutes of the previous day were read & approved.

Dr. J.M. Lingle was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Evangelistic Work

The following report on Evangelistic Work was adopted: Asheville Presbytery would respectfully report to the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work that this Presbytery is in hearty sympathy with the plan of making efforts to conduct special evangelistic services within our bounds this year. To this end we recommend: 1. That our Home Mission Committee be requested to arrange for protracted services to be held in all of our smaller

churches and Mission points as far as possible during the coming summer months. 2. That all of our ministers be urged to co-operate and take an active personal part in the services. 3. That at the next stated meeting of Presbytery there be an hour appointed to hear reports from these fields & the services rendered.

Sunday Schools. The following report on Sunday Schools was adopted & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
Number of Schools 22, Officers & Teachers 171, Pupils 1841, Home Department 99, Cradle Roll 139, Total 2250.
Average attendance for Officers & Teachers 129, Pupils 962, Total 1092.
Contributions: Current Expenses $902, Home Missions $762, Foreign Missions $77, S.S. Extension $62, Min. Relief $1, Minis. Education $1, Colpor & Evangel. $15, Schools & Colleges $88, Assembly's Home & School $14, Bible Cause $15, Total $1938.

Young People's Soc. The following report on Young People's Societies was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
Number of Societies 12.
Membership, Males 130, Females 136, Total 319.
Contributions: Current Expenses $1016, Foreign Missions $25, Home Missions $193, Other Causes

$148, Total $483.

Schools & Colleges. The following report of Committee on Schools & Colleges was adopted:
1. We urge that collections be taken on the Third Sabbath in September for the Gen. Assembly's Committee and on the Third Sabbath in March for the Synod's Committee.
2. We urge especial assistance for Robbinsville Academy & Davidson College. Total contributions last year were $639.

The report on Family Religion & Sabbath Observance after careful consideration was approved.

Women's Societies. The report on Women's Societies was approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
Number of Societies reported 19.
Total Membership 427.
Contributions: Local Causes $662, Home Missions $469, Foreign Missions $495, Other Causes $364, Total $1990.

Nominations. The following report of Committee on Nominations was adopted: Moderator of next Stated Meeting, Rev. J. J. Heizer, alt. Rev. R. J. Hunter.
Permanent Committee on Church Societies Rev. F. M. Eversole.
Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. W. H. Davis, alt. Rev. J. J. Heizer. Subject: Predestination.

Rev. P.P. Nunn was added to the Committee on Academic Studies.

The Committee on Synod's Minutes reported that there was nothing that needed attention.

Auditing — The Auditing Committee reported that the books of the Treasurer had been audited & verified.
The report showed total receipts $5861.50
Disbursements $5647.29
Balance on hand $213.21

Narrative — The following report on the Narrative was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly:
Thirty Churches, 20 reports.
1. 18 say favorable in attendance on service.
2. On Family Worship 5 give good reports, rest unfavorable.
3. On observance of Lord's Day 18 report good.
4. On training of youth in Shorter Cat. & Catechisms seven say good, twelve much neglected.
5. Giving 16 say good
6. Paying minister 15 report faithful, 3 not good
7. On training youth in Sab. Schools 17 say well done
8. In 8 places special work of grace.
9. 12 say worldly conformity is slight.
10. 6 report work
11. 7 report special sermons on call to ministry
12. General services were held for whole or part of year.

The hour having arrived Col. Robt. Bingham

Col. Rob. Bingham — was heard on the Layman's Missionary Movement in connection with the Forward Movement of God's Church.

The communion service was to be conducted by Rev. P.P. Nunn & Rev. A.H. Scanlan.
Presbytery receded from business until 1:30 p.m.
Recess.
Presbytery met at 1:30 p.m.

Davidson College — Rev. F.W. Lingle was heard on Davidson College.
In response to Dr. Lingle's address the following resolution was passed: 1. That the Presbytery of Asheville jointly with other Presbyteries of the Synod formally designate the week beginning Oct. 17 next as "Davidson College Week" to be observed as far as possible throughout the bounds of Synod:
2. That Presbyteries urge as many pastors as possible to place their services for the week at the disposal of the Davidson College Committee of this Presbytery to be used in the interests of the College:
3. That Presbyteries urge all churches whose circumstances admit to appoint an officer who shall also place his service at the disposal of the Committee for the week.

Rev. H.H. Davis & D.M. Killian were added to the Committee on Davidson College.

For. Missions — The following resolutions offered by the Foreign Mission Committee were approved:

1. We recommend the Forward Movement plan to all the churches.
2. We urge that the Laymen's Missionary Movement be organized in all the churches.
3. We request the appointment in each church of a committee for personal canvass for subscriptions to Foreign Missions.
4. We recommend the organization of Mission Study Classes.
5. We urge the introduction of Mission study into the Sunday Schools.

Ministerial Education & Relief. — The following report of the Committee on Ministerial Education & Relief was received & adopted:

1. That candidate Geo. N. Wight be at his own request dropped from the care of the Presbytery at his own request.
2. Presbytery urge all churches & Sunday Schools to take one collection for the Assembly's Home & School.

Leave of Absence. — Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence.
Dr. Campbell was excused from afternoon Thursday
R.L. Gast " " " "
D.L. Allen " " " Wednesday.
R.J. Breed.

Statistical Report. — The Statistical Report was approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly:
There are 15 ministers and 20 churches. No licentiates or candidates; no licensures or ordinations. One installation. One pastoral relation dissolved. One church organized, none dissolved.

Number of — elders 60, deacons 57, added on examination 61, added on certificate 159, total communicants 1746, infant baptisms 34, adult baptisms 34, baptized non communicants 249, officers & teachers in Sunday School 171, pupils in same 2079.

Contributions:

Foreign Missions	$1464.
Assembly's Home Missions	$159.
Local Home "	$4628.
Colored Evangelization	$93.
Ministerial Relief	$157.
Education	$1482.
SS. Extension & Publication	$82
Bible Cause	$46.
Assembly's Home & School	$57.
Pastor's Salary	$6183.
Congregational	$4923
Miscellaneous	$663

Lewis Chapel — Committee on Bills & Overtures recommended that a Commission of seven be appointed to visit Lewis Chapel & organize a church if the way be clear. Adopted. The following were appointed.
R.P. Smith, W.H. Davis, R.B. Grinnan.

A. H. Temple, J. H. Burgin, A. M. Goodman & H. H. Carson.

Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Foreign Missions,	14 Churches contribs.			$1464
Assembly Home Mi.,	15	"	"	159
Local " "	19	"	"	4625
Col. Evangel,	9	"	"	93
Ministr. Relief,	13	"	"	157
" Education,	9	"	"	70
Sabbath Sch. Missions,	12	"	"	82
Assembly Home & Sch.	4	"	"	57
Bible Cause	5	"	"	46
Schools & Coll.	9	"	"	1400
		Total		$8156.

orphanages $191

Report of the Committee on Church Records was read & approved.

Franklin was selected as place for next Stated Meeting in ~~Spring~~ Fall Time Tuesday September 21st 1909 at 8 p.m.

W. P. Chesley & M. P. Rankin were appointed on the Devotional Committee.

Presby. recessed from business until 8 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery met at 8 p.m.

The doctrinal sermon on Sanctification was preached by Rev. T. J. Kelion

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the people of Mills River for their kind hospitality.

The minutes of the day were read & approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Franklin at 8 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 21, 1909.

R. J. Hunter
Temp. Clerk.

Attest R. B. Gorman
Stated Clerk.

Twenty Seventh Session
Stated Fall Session
First Day

Franklin N.C. Sept 21, 1909

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty seventh stated session in Franklin church at 8 p.m. Sept 21st 1909 and at the request of the retiring Moderator was opened with a sermon by Rev. R.F. Campbell D.D. on Ephesians 5:14.

Presbytery was called to order & opened with prayer by Rev. W.P. Chedester the retiring Moderator.

Roll — The roll was called and the following were found present: Ministers, R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith, R.B. Grimm, D.J. Heiger, R.J. Hunter, W.P. Chedester, F.M. Foussek, P.P. Winn.

Ruling elders, L.V. Brown from Asheville, N.P. Rankin from Franklin, W.C. Connell from Hendersonville, D.M. Killian from Hazelwood, J.J. Archer from Mountain Brook, Wright from Shortoff, E.E. Quinlan from Waynesville, G. McPerson Unionian(?)

Absent — Ministers, J.J. Allison, E.A. Sample, A.H. Temple, E.L. Gray & W.H. Davis.

Churches not represented, Andrews, Bethel, ~~Black~~ Mountain, Brevard, Bryson City, Canton, Commanders Memorial, Crabtree, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Etowah, Hayesville, Highlands, Jennie Steele Memorial, Mills River, Murphy, Oak Forest, Preston, Pigeon Gap, Robbinsville, Swannanoa.

Moderator — Rev D.J. Heiger was elected moderator.

Rev. F.M. Foussek was elected temporary clerk.

Devotional Com. — The following report of the Devotional Committee was adopted: Hours of sessions to be from 9 a.m. to 12 m.; afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; evening from 8 p.m. to adjournment at will.

Doctrinal sermon to be preached on Wednesday at 11 a.m., to be followed by the Lord's Supper at which the Rev. R.B. Grimm is to preside.

Service in interest of Home Missions on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, the same having been printed & distributed.

Lewis Collins — Rev. Lewis Collins of Knoxville Presbytery was asked to sit as corresponding member. Revs. R.M. Taylor of the M.E. Church & T. Andrews of the Episcopal Church were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Franklin & Mountain Brook churches were excused for non representation at last session.

Standing Com. — The following Standing Committees were appointed.

1 Bills & overtures, W.P. Chedester, J.J. Archer & L.V. Brown.

2 Nominations, R.F. Campbell, D.M. Killian.

3 Auditing, R.J. Hunter, W.C. Connell.

4 Leave of Absence. P.P. Winn, U.P. Rankin.
5 Minutes of Assembly, P.P. Smith, E.E. Swinlan.

Adjourned with the benediction until 9 a.m. Friday.

Second Day

Wednesday Sept 22, 1909

Presbytery convened at 9 a.m.
Devotional exercises conducted by E.E. Swinlan
Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Lewis Collins After the examination Rev. Lewis Collins was received from Knoxville Presbytery & enrolled.

A letter from Rev. A.W. Fraser Chairman of Gen. Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on revision of Book of Church Order Chap X. sec. 3 was read & referred to Committee on Minutes of General Assembly.

Oak Dale The minutes of the Commission to organize a church at Lewis Chapel were approved and are as follows: Lewis Chapel Sept 17, 1909.
The Commission appointed to organize a church at Lewis Chapel met at call of Chairman on Friday Sept. 17th at 3 p.m. at Lewis Chapel. Was opened with prayer by R.B. Grimm. Present, R.P. Smith, R.B. Grimm, H.H. Temple, H.H. Carson & J.H. Bergin. The petitioners for the new church were present but had not received their letters of dismission.

After discussion, by unanimous vote it was decided to organize the church on Sunday Sept 19, at 2-30 p.m. At which time all letters of dismission should be presented. Adjourned with prayer to meet on Sept 19th at 2-30 p.m.

Sept 19, 1909.

The Commission met at 2-30 p.m. & was opened with prayer. Present R.P. Smith R.B. Grimm, H.H. Temple; H.H. Carson, J.H. Bergin. The following letters were presented, from Hendersonville, T.D. Brittain, Miss Alice Summey; from Mills River, Misses L. Cora Summey, Dasie E. Brittain, Angie M. Cox, Messers G.C. Summey, W.D. Miller, W.L. Miller, A.T. Kinsey, Mrs W.L. Miller, Mrs T.D. Brittain Mrs Sallie F. Radford.
Received on Confession of faith, Messers Wilson Watson, W.O. Johnson, Sidney Brittain.
The vows having been taken the church was declared organized.
Two elders were elected and ordained viz W.D. Miller & T.D. Brittain, the latter was simply installed being then already ordained elsewhere.
Four deacons were elected & ordained, W.O. Johnson, G.C. Summey, A.T. Kinsey W.L. Miller.
Oak Dale was name chosen
Adjourned with prayer. R.B. Grimm Sec't.

Oak Dale Church was enrolled & the Com. mission discharged.

Three o'clock this afternoon was made a special order for hearing reports on Evangelism in Presbytery.

Davidson College. Reports of the Committee on Davidson College & of Rev. R. P. Smith as Evangelist were heard & received as in progress.

Union Theo. Sem. The following report on Union Theo. Seminary was adopted: The Presbytery of Asheville would call the attention of its Churches to the action of the Synod of N.C. recommending that an annual collection be taken in the churches during the month of September in behalf of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond Va. which is owned & controlled by the Synods of Va. & N.C.

J.J. Heizer's resignation The resignation of Rev. J. Heizer as pastor of Waynesville church was accepted, the Church concurring reluctantly. Letter of dismission to Presbytery of Central Texas was granted Rev. J. J. Heizer. Rev. R. J. Hunter with Rev. Lewis Collins as alternate was appointed to preach at Waynesville, declare the pulpit vacant & act as moderator of session.

Overture to Genl. Ass. The following overture to the General Assembly was adopted: The Presbytery of Asheville would respectfully overture the General Assembly to recommend to the Presbyteries the following change in the Book of Church Order: That Chapter V, Section 6, Paragraph 2, be amended by adding the following words, The Moderator of each Assembly shall be ex officio a member of the next succeeding Assembly, representing the church at large, & his necessary expenses shall be paid by the Assembly. This shall not interfere with the regular representation of the Presbytery of which the retiring Moderator is a member.

Ora Street Church. Rev. R. P. Smith, evangelist of Presbytery, reported that on May 19 1909, the Ora Street Presbyterian Church of Asheville had been organized. The report was approved & the said church was enrolled.

Reports of Commissioners to the General Assembly, Rev. F. M. Enersch & Dr. J. J. Porter, were received & their delegacy commended.

At 11 a.m. the Lord's Supper was observed with R. B. Grinnan & J. J. Heizer presiding.

Presbytery proceeded from business until 3 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 3 p.m.
Elder S. P. McPherson of Thomson church was enrolled.

Evangelistic Com. Report — The report of the Evangelistic Committee, together with accounts of work done by the ministers of the Presbytery was received.
The fidelity of the committee was heartily commended and the committee continued.

Free Conv. on State of Religion. — Free conversation on the state of religion was entered upon. The general conditions were reported as favorable.

Col. Evangl. — The report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization was received and adopted:

Resolved 1. That we seek to aid the colored people in our communities in every way we can, to bring their own people to a study of the Bible in Sunday Schools & Bible Classes.
2. That the ministers of our Presbytery, as far as possible, co-operate with the Assembly's committee in getting a more liberal offering from our people for Stillman Institute.
3. That we seek to interest our people in the individual support of students at Stillman Institute.

Bible Cause — The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was adopted.

Resolved 1. That a more earnest & determined effort be made, to get our people back to the study of the Word of God in Bible Classes.
2. That we present the needs of the American Bible Society to our people & emphasize the importance of this work.
3. That our ministers encourage the teachers in our public schools in their efforts to bring the Bible back to the children.

Genl. Assembly Home Miss. — The report of the Committee on General Assembly Home Missions was adopted:
The Presbytery commends to the churches the Home Mission work of the General Assembly and urges the taking of at least one annual collection for this cause.
The Home Mission Herald should be taken in every congregation that the people may be informed of the progress of the work & thus stimulated to intelligent liberality.

Nominations — The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted:
1. Moderator of next regular meeting, Rev. R. J. Hunter, alternate, Rev. P. P. Winn.
2. Doctrinal sermon W. H. Davis, alternate P. P. Winn. Subject: Predestination.
3. Rev. F. M. Eversole to be added to Committee on Foreign Missions
4. Rev. Lewis Collins to be added to Com. on Bible Cause and Colored Evangelization.

5. Rev. W. P. Chestler to be added to Committees on Ministerial Education & Relief and on Assembly's Home & School.
6. Rev. P. P. Winn as Chairman of Committee on Gen'l. Assembly's Home Missions
7. Rev. R. J. Hinkle added to Com. of Examination on Ecclesiastical History.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was received as information.

The reports of the Presbyteries were approved & ordered to be sent to the Synod.

Mrs A. H. Banks. Application for aid by Mrs A. H. Banks, widow of the late Rev. A. H. Banks, in the sum of $25.00 from the General Assembly's Fund of Ministerial Relief, was approved.

Genl Assembly Minutes. The report of the Committee on General Assembly's Minutes was approved.
1. That an Advisory Committee on "proof texts" be appointed to consider the proof texts reported to next meeting of Presbytery. The committee to consist of R. B. Grinnan, R. F. Campbell & D. J. Archer.
2. We recommend that the assessment for the General Assembly's expenses be one & one half cent per member for the present year.
3. Presbytery declares itself in favor of so changing the phraseology of Confes. of Faith Chap. X Sec. 3 as to remove, if possible, the misapprehensions

that exist in other Christian bodies and to some extent among our own people, as to the teaching of the Confession in regard to the salvation of those dying in infancy.

Marshall was chosen as place of next stated session of Presbytery, 2nd Sabbath April 19, 1910 at 7-30 p.m.
Dr. D. J. Archer was appointed as committee on Devotional Exercises.

E. L. Gran & Ora Street Church. Call for the pastoral services of Rev E. L. Gran from Ora Street Church, Asheville, was received & found in order & placed in the hands of Mr. Gran who is to report to an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in First Church Asheville, Oct 5th at 7-30 p.m.

Presbytery recessed from business until 8 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 8 p.m. when a service in the interest of Home Missions was held. Some addresses were made. Collection $19.05

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the people of Franklin for their kind entertainment.

Rev E. A. Sample was given permission to labor within the bounds of Presbytery until the next stated session.

The Minutes of 6 days sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to convene in Asheville First church, Tuesday, Oct 5th, at 7.30 p.m. 1909.

F.M. Eversole
Temp. Clerk.

R.B.G. Grimes
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Session

Asheville Oct 5, 1909

Pursuant to adjournment Presby. of Asheville convened in The First Church Asheville Oct 5, 1909 at 7.30 p.m. and was called to order by Rev. R.F. Campbell, the last moderator present. Opened with prayer.

Present R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith, Lewis Collins, E.L. Green and L.V. Brown elder from First Church Asheville.

Rev E.L. Green accepted the call from Asa Sheets church for his services.

It was ordered that the installation service take place Oct. 31st at 7.30 p.m. Rev. R.P. Smith to preside, preach & propound the questions, R.F. Campbell to charge the pastor and elder J.S. Vanderson to charge the people. Alternate J.D. Murphy.

Minutes read & approved.

Presby by adjourned with prayer to meet at 7.30 p.m. April 19, 1910 — I. Thanksgiving.

Lewis Collins
Temp Clerk

R.B.G. Grimes
Stated Clerk.

Approved at Synod at Red Springs Oct. 28, 1909.

John M. Wells.
Moderator

Twenty Eighth Session.

Stated Spring Meeting

Montreat N.C.
April 19, 1910.

Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty-eighth stated session in Montreat Church at 7:30 p.m. and was opened with a sermon on Predestination by the Rev. W. H. Davis (Rev. 19:6).

After the sermon, Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. W. P. Chedester, the last moderator present.

The following persons answered to their names or were enrolled during the session of Presbytery:

Ministers. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. B. Freeman, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, E. L. Gran, R. J. Hunter, E. A. Sample, P. P. Winn, Lewis Collins.

Elders. S. H. McNely of Canton, J. M. Slagle of Newport, A. H. Money of Hendersonville (2), D. M. Killian of Hazelwood, J. J. Archer of Mountain Street, A. M. Goodman of Oak Forest, O. L. Allen of Pisgah Gap, J. J. Brown of Waynesville, J. C. Blackwood of Sec. Street Asheville.

R. J. Hunter was elected Moderator and Lewis Collins temporary clerk.

The following report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was read and adopted.

Morning Session from 9 to 12 M.
Afternoon session from 2 to 5 o'clock
Night session from 8 to adjournment.
Rev. R. J. Hunter to preach on Wednesday at 11 a.m., after which the Lord's Supper is to be observed, Rev. P. F. Brown presiding.

Revs. Paul F. Brown of Charleston Presbytery and E. D. Kerr of East Alabama Presbytery with Rev B. J. McElwaine of East Alabama Presbytery were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Times for hearing the reports on Home Missions were fixed for Wednesday at 8 p.m. and for Foreign Missions at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Standing Com. The following Standing Committees were appointed:
Bills & Overtures - R. F. Campbell, D. M. Killian & J. J. Archer.
Auditing - E. A. Sample & J. J. Brown.
Leave of Absence - E. L. Gran & S. H. McNely.
Nominations - R. P. Smith & O. L. Allen.
Ministers of Synod - W. H. Davis, J. C. Blackwood.
Narrative - Lewis Collins & J. M. Slagle.
Sessional Records - P. P. Winn, W. P. Chedester & A. M. Goodman.
Diplomatic Benificence - E. A. Sample, P. F. Brown & E. D. Kerr.
Diplomatic Benificence - E. L. Gran & A. H. Money.

Adjourned with prayer until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Second Day
Wednesday April 20, 1910.

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. and was led in devotional exercises by the Moderator. Minutes of last night's session were read & approved.

The following communications were read:
1. From Secretary of the Assembly's Home & School, referred to Committee on Home & School.
2. From Peace Institute, referred to Committee on Schools & Colleges.

F.M. Eversole — Rev. F.M. Eversole was at his request granted leave to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery until the fall meeting.

P.F. Brown, E.D. Kerr — Rev. Paul F. Brown of Charleston Presbytery & Rev. E.D. Kerr of East Alabama having presented their letters of dismission were enrolled after their examinations had been sustained.

The calls of Brevard church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Paul F. Brown & of Waynesville church for Rev. E.D. Kerr were read & referred to the Committee on Bills & Overtures.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery

were read for information.

Excuses for Non Attendance — The following Ministers were excused for not attending last meeting of Presbytery: E.A. Sample, E.L. Egan & W.H. Davis.
The following churches were excused for not sending representatives to last meeting of Presbytery: Davidson River, Canton, Mills River, Pigeon Ref., Etowah. Not excused: Bethel, Brevard, Bryson City, Cowenaliers, Hayesville, Murphy, Oak Forest and Swannanoa.

The stated clerk was ~~notified~~ directed to notify the unexcused churches of their delinquency.

The report of the Committee on the Proof Texts of the Standards was approved. Presbytery voting "yes" on the Proof Texts.

Overture to Genl Assembly — The following overture was approved and sent up to the General Assembly:
The Presbytery of Asheville would respectfully overture the General Assembly meeting in Lewisburg W. Va., to take the necessary steps to have the Form of Government Chap VI Section I Para. 6 amended, by inserting the words, "Minister or elder" after the words, "after which the minister presiding or some other", so that the sentence shall read,

After which the minister presiding or some other minister or elder appointed for the purpose, shall give a solemn charge" &c.

At 11 A.M. Rev P.J. Kumler preached a sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was observed, Mr. Paul F. Brown presiding.

Presbytery receded from business until 2 p.m.
Recess.

Presbytery met at 2 p.m.
Committee on Bills & Overtures passed the following calls in order & recommended their

Rev. P.F. Brown & Brewood Ch.

1. Call from Brewood Church for Rev. P.F. Brown, &
2. call from Waynesville Church for Rev. E.D. Kerr.

Presbytery ordered the calls placed in the hands of these brethren.

E.D. Kerr & Waynesville
P.P. Winn & Oak Forest.

The request by Oak Forest Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. P.P. Winn, for one Sunday per month for 1910, was granted.

Rev. R.P. Smith was continued by appointment on the Evangelistic Committee.

The following Committee was appointed to readjust the apportionments of the Presbytery for the various charges: Rev. R.P. Smith chairman, with all of the chairmen

of the Committees on Systematic Beneficence.

Commissioners to Gen. Assembly

After prayer the following commissioners to the General Assembly were elected:
Ministers,- W.H. Davis principal, with the Rev. W.P. Chedester as alternate.
Elders,- Dr. S.H. McNeely principal with O.L. Allen as alternate.

Next Meeting

Oak Street Church in Sikeville was chosen as the place for next stated meeting of Presbytery, time Tuesday Oct 4, at 4:30 P.M. Rev E.L. Green & Mr. J.C. Blackwood were appointed on devotional committee.
W.H. Davis made report of evangelistic work done during past year.

Presbytery receded from business until 5 p.m.
Recess.

Presbytery met at 5 p.m.

Home Miss.

A popular meeting in the interests of Home Missions was held, R.F. Campbell presiding. Revs. R.P. Smith & W.H. Davis spoke of the work within the bounds of the Presbytery and the Revs. W.M. McG. Shields spoke of the Synod's work. The following report on Home Missions was read & adopted:

Your committee of Home Missions begs leave to report that all the churches of the Presbytery have been supplied with preaching for at least a part of

the year except Hayesville.
The reports so far received show that in the churches of the Presbytery there have been 168 additions on examination and 163 by letter making a total of 331. Of these added on examination 101 or nearly two-thirds were received in the Home Mission Fields, and of the 163 added by letter 65 were received in the Home Mission fields, making a total of 165 added in these fields.
The Committee employed three seminary students during the summer months, Mr. Robt. King to assist Rev. W.H. Lewis, Mr. R.F. Zimmons to labor at Shortoff & Mr. J.M. McLean in Graham Co.
These young men rendered valuable service and the Committee expects to employ several students for the coming summer.
Two new churches have been organized during the year viz. Ora St. in Asheville and Oak Dale in Henderson county.
The Mountain Orphanage at Balsam under the charge of the Rev. & Mrs A.H. Temple is in a flourishing condition. The committee contemplates the purchase of 15 additional acres of land adjoining the Orphanage probably, if the funds can be raised

The School at Robbinsville has had a successful year. Five teachers were employed & 125 pupils enrolled, an increase of 25% over last year. Ninety-seven of the public school teachers have received the whole or part of their training in the Robbinsville Academy. Last year there was a normal class of 10 girls preparing to become teachers.
A member of our church in Macon Co. has offered the Committee a farm of 200 acres, 100 acres under cultivation & the balance in virgin forest, to be used as an industrial school for boys on condition that a suitable building be erected on the land. This farm is worth at a conservative estimate not less than $6000.00.
Your Committee offers the following recommendations:
1. That Collections be taken in every church for Presbyterial Home Missions.
2. That churches receiving aid pass the Presbytery press forward toward self support as rapidly as possible.
3. That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered the citizen of Macon Co. & his wife for the generous offer of a valuable farm for the establishment of a Home & School for boys and that the Home Mission Committee

be authorized to raise the funds to erect a building suitable for the purpose, and that a special collection be taken in every Church of the Presbytery during the year by June for the erection of this building

4 That the Mountain Orphanage be commended to the liberality of our churches and that Sabbath Schools & Church Societies be urged to contribute as largely as possible to its support.

5 That Rev. R. P. Smith be elected as General Evangelist of the Presbytery for another year.

Financial report

Received for Evangelists & pastors	2506.00
Disbursed	2296.
Bal.	$ 210
Mt. Orphanage	
Received	1276.21
Disbursed	1217.74
Bal.	$ 58.47
Schools	$ 900
Building Fund	380
Paid out	1280

Presbytery adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Third Day

Thursday April 21, 1910

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. and was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. E.L. Gray

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved

A communication from Davidson College was received & read & referred to Committee on Schools & Colleges.

Rev. T.J. Allison — A communication from Rev. T.J. Allison asking to be excused for non attendance at fall & present meeting of Presbytery was read & sustained.

J.L. Wallace — Candidate J.L. Wallace presented a transfer by telegram from Knoxville Presbytery and asked to be received & examined for license as an extraordinary case. The request was granted & the examination entered upon.—

Mr. Wallace's examinations on Experimental Religion, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government & Sermons were all sustained.

The Moderator was excused from further sessions of Presbytery & R.P. Brown was chosen to fill his place for the balance of the session.

Rev. M. McG. Shields was invited to sit as a corresponding member & introduced.

For. Miss. At 11 a.m. service was held in the interests of Foreign Missions with R. W. Grimm presiding. Addresses were made by W. P. Chedester R. J. Hunter & Lewis Collins.
The report on Foreign Missions was read & adopted as follows:
The total gifts to For. Missions amounted to $15550.00 showing an increase of $88.00 over last fiscal year.
1. We recommend:
1 The Forward Movement plan of the Gen'l Assembly.
2. The Laymen's Missionary Movement.
3 The appointment of a committee in each church for personal canvass for subscriptions for Foreign Missions.
4 The organization of Mission Study classes in the Sunday Schools & various church societies.

Presbytery resolved from business until 2 p.m.
Recess.
Presbytery met at 2 p.m.
Rev. R. B. Grimm was permitted to act as stated supply ~~[illegible]~~ at Oak Dale church.

W. P. Chedester — Presbytery clothed the Rev. W. P. Chedester with Evangelistic powers, to receive church members at such points in his field in Macon Co. as may be found necessary on account of the lack of the presence of a session.

Sabbath & Family Religion — The report on Sabbath & Family Religion was approved as follows:
The reports from the churches and general observation show a sad neglect among our people regarding this matter. This is a subject of vital importance to us as a Church and should claim our careful & serious attention. Therefore we recommend that Presbytery now consider the subject and if possible find the cause of the decline & recommend the remedy. Remarks were made by a number of the brethren.

J. L. Wallace — Candidate J. L. Wallace preached a sermon on Rom. 1:16 which was sustained as a part of his examination for license. Examinations of J. L. Wallace on Theology, Academic Studies, Natural & Exact Sciences, Mental & Moral Philosophy and Critical Exercise were sustained as parts of trial. Mr. Wallace was excused from examination on Greek, Hebrew & Latin. Sustained as a whole.

Presbytery then proceeded to license Thos J.L. Wallace to preach the Gospel.
The constitutional questions were propounded by the moderator, after which prayer was offered.

The committee on apportionments made a report which was adopted. See page 96.

The Presbyterian Standard was commended to the patronage of the members of our churches.

The committee of the Assembly's Home Missions made an oral report for information.

L.L. Gran — The commission to install E.L. Gran was continued to make up their minutes for report to Presbytery.

The report of the Treasurer was approved having been found correct by auditing committee.

Ministerial Education & Relief. — The report of the committee on Ministerial Education & Relief was adopted as follows:
The committee on Ministerial Education & Relief would report that we have drawn nothing

from the fund for Education.
For Relief we have drawn $25.00 which has been paid to Mrs A.H. Banks, a deserving widow in Asheville & the receipts have with the presented. We recommend that this appropriation of $25.00 be renewed for the coming year for the benefit of Mrs Banks & that the Central Committee be requested to make this appropriation.

Home & School — The report on the Assembly's Home & School was adopted as follows:
Presbytery notes with regret that there were only four churches that contributed to the Assembly's Home & School. This institution ought to appeal to the sympathy and liberality of God's people. We believe that if its work & purposes were clearly brought to the attention of the people, they would respond. We therefore earnestly urge our ministers & sessions to set forth clearly & forcibly the needs & claims of the widows & orphans of those who have fallen in the work, whose thy labores on salaries too small to admit of laying by any thing for them after their departure.

The report of the committee on Synod's Ministers was approved as information.

Appropriations see page 94

	Monthly Home Mission	Regular Home Mission	Monthly Home Mission	Sabbath Sch.	Mon. & Tract Education	Colored Evangelization	Schoolhouse Colleges	Publication & Sunday Sch. Work	Mon. & Tract Relief	Monthly Foreign Missions
Asheville First	1400	200	125	200	100	75	50	50	50	100
Andrews	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Bethel	8	4	4	5	3	2	2	2	2	5
Black Mountain	7	4	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	4
Brevard	20	8	7	10	5	4	4	4	4	10
Buncombe City	15	6	5	4	5	3	3	3	3	8
Candler	8	5	4	5	3	2	2	2	2	5
Cocoanuts	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Crabtree	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Davidson River	15	6	5	10	4	3	3	3	3	8
Dillsboro	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Etowah	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Franklin	12	4	4	5	3	2	2	2	2	5
Hagersville	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Hazelwood	4	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	2
Hendersonville	25	10	8	15	6	5	5	10	5	15
Jennie Sprinkle Mem.	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mills River	14	5	5	5	3	3	3	2	2	8
Memorial	6	3	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	3
Marshall	22	9	8	15	5	5	5	5	4	12
Morrison	5	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	3
Murphy	10	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	6
Oak Dale	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Oak Forest	6	4	3	5	3	2	2	2	2	3
Pa Street	10	4	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	5
Pigeon Gap	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Proctor	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rattlesville	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Shortoff	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Swannanoa	10	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	6
Waynesville	25	10	10	10	8	6	6	6	5	15

Sabbath Sch. The report on Sabbath Schools was approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
The report shows:
Number of schools 25. Officers & Teachers 18
Pupils 1865. Home Department 44
Cradle Roll 26, Total 2338.
Average attendance Officers & Teachers 125.
" " Pupils 964. Total 1092
Scholars added to communion 118
Gifts Current expenses 610. Home Missions 39
Foreign Missions 87, S.S. Extension 46
Ministerial Education 1, Colored Evangel. 15,
Schools & Colleges 53, Assembly Home & School 22,
Bible Cause 12 Miscellaneous 137
Total $1013.00

Reports on Women's Societies & Young Peoples Societies were adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
Women's Soc. The report on Women Societies showed 15 Societies with a membership of 377
Gifts to Local Causes $500, Home Missions $325
Foreign Missions $615. Other Causes $613
Total $2056.00
Young People's The report on Young Peoples Societies showed 10 Societies with a membership of 249
Gifts to Current expenses $157.00. Foreign Missions $5.00
Home Missions $38.00 Other Causes $418.00
Total 614.00

Orphanages — The report on Orphanages was approved. Each Sabbath School was requested to take one collection each month for the Mountain Orphanage. It was further ordered that collections be taken in all the Churches on the first Sunday in April for the Mountain Orphanage.

Statistical Report. — The Statistical Report was read & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly. Report shows.
Ministers 15, Churches 5,
Licentiates 1, Candidates 0
Licensures 1, Ordinations 1,
Churches organ. 2, Pastoral Rel. dissol. 0
Churches dissol. 0,
Elders 64 Deacons 65
Added on Examination 168, Added on Certif. 163
Whole Number 1946,
Adult Baptisms 56, Infant Bapt. 30
Officers & Teachers in Sunday Schools 158
Scholars " " " 1865

Gifts to — Foreign Missions $1561, Assembly's Home Miss $150,
Local Home Missions $2633, Colored Evangel $108
Ministerial Relief $84, Ministerial Education $90.
Schools & Colleges $344, Sunday School Ext. $73.
Bible House $45.00, Assembly's Home & School $41.
Orphans Homes $7.36, Congregational & $1455.42
Total $2095.00

Union Theo Seminary — The following resolution on the Centennial of Union Theological Seminary was adopted:
Whereas the Synods of N.C. & Va. have determined to celebrate in 1912 the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Union Theological Seminary by raising the sum of $300,000.00 before May 1, 1911 the Presbytery of Asheville earnestly requests the pastors & sessions to arrange to give this campaign the right of way in their congregations, at such times as may be agreed upon by the canvassers & the church sessions & pastors.

E.D. Kerr & Waynesville — Rev E.D. Kerr announced that he would accept the call to Waynesville.
A committee was appointed to install him at same convenient time to be chosen. R.J. Hunter to preside & propound the questions, Lewis Collins charge the pastor, & E.L. Gray to charge the people. Ruling elder D.M. Killian

P.F. Brown & Brevard — Rev Paul F. Brown announced that he would accept the call to Brevard.
A committee was appointed to install him at same time to be selected. R.H. Grimpr to preside, preach & propound the questions. W.H. Davis to charge the pastor, & P.P. Winn to charge the congregation.

System. Benef. — Report on Systematic Beneficence

was approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Gifts

Foreign Missions	(14 Churches)	$1561.
Assembly's Home	" (14 ")	180.
Local "	" (15 ")	2633.
Colored Evangel.	(10 ")	108.
Ministerial Relief	(14 ")	84.
" Education	(8 ")	80.
Schools & Colleges	(4 ")	344.
Sabbath School Lit.	(12 ")	73.
Bible Cause	(4 ")	45.
Home & School	(5 ")	41.
Orphans' Homes	(14 ")	706.

Narrative

The Committee on the Narrative made a report which was approved & ordered to be sent to the Gen'l Assembly, as follows:

1 Attendance on services - Good
2 Proportion of families observing Family Worship - 20%
3 Observance of Lord's Day - Good
4 Training of children in script. & catechisms - sixty percent - Good
5 Training of pupils Sabbath Schools - Good.
6 Fidelity in giving - Good.
7 Paying salaries of Ministers - 70% paid in full
8 Special Manifestation of Holy Spirit. Interest or meetings in 70% of churches
9 As to worldly conformity - Little.
10 As to Evangelistic work - 80% of churches active
11 Efforts for requisite for ministry. Non-sectarian measures.

12 As to supplies with ministry of word. All save one.

Nominations

The report of the committee on nominations was adopted as follows:
On Permanent Committees.
Home Missions E.L. Gran.
Bible Cause - P.F. Brown. Colored Evangel. Lewis Collins
Publication & Sabbath Schools Lewis Collins in place of E.E. Quinlan deceased.
Assembly's Home & School E.D. Kerr.
Orphans' Homes R.B. Freeman
Church Societies E.L. Gran.
On Examinations:
Academic Studies, E.D. Kerr.
Languages &c. Paul F. Brown
Church History - R.J. Hunter
Church Government. E.A. Sample
Theology P.P. Wirt.
For next Moderator P.P. Wirt with Lewis Collins as alternate.
Presbyterial Sermon, subject - "Spiritual Worship", Lewis Collins with P.F. Brown as alternate.

Schools & Colleges

The following report of the Committee on Schools & Colleges was adopted as follows: 1, We are gratified to learn that the Committee which has charge of Peace Institute has saved this excellent school to our church. We recommend that Presbyteries comply with the request of the

above named committee and appoint two members on the Board of Trustees or Visitors & that our ministers recommend this excellent institution to the patronage of the members of our churches.

2. That Presbytery request the pastors & sessions of the various churches to present the urgent need of the Endowment Fund of Davidson College, at the time appointed & receive subscriptions for this cause.

Sessional Records.

The following report on Sessional Records was adopted. Your Committee respectfully reports that it has examined the Sessional Records of Thanbrat, Pisgah, Mills River, Thomson, Memorial, Haynesville, Hazelwood, Hendersonville, Davidson River, Oak Forest, Oakdale, Asheville, Canton, Osi Street, Franklin and recommend their approval with the following exceptions. Thanbrat, Pisgah & Oakdale have not recorded their statistical Reports. Memorial & Franklin have failed to hold quarterly meetings of session. Oak Forest does not state place of meeting. Canton has not held quarterly meetings of session nor has session ordinarily been opened & closed with prayer.

R.B. Grimm and J.A. Murphy were appointed trustees & visitors of Peace Institute.

Hearty vote of thanks was tendered the kind people of Thanbrat for their generous hospitality & to Messrs Brown Bros. & Bradham for kindness in furnishing transportation from Black Mountain to Thanbrat.

Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Ora Street church in Asheville at 7.30 P.M. Oct. 4. 1910.

Lewis Collins
Temporary Clerk.

Attest
R.B. Grimm, Stated Clerk.

Pro-Re-Nata Session

~~Bryson~~ Bryson City, July 5, 1910

Presbytery of Asheville met in pro-re-nata session in Bryson City at 8:30 p.m. July 5, 1910 and was called to order & opened with prayer by the moderator the Rev. R. J. Hunter.

Present: Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. B. Grimm, R. J. Hunter, E. D. Kerr and Lewis Collins - elders D. M. Killian of Hazelwood church & H. M. Bennett of Bryson City.

The call was read and found in order & is as follows: The requirements having been complied with. We hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in Bryson City Church at 8 p.m. July 5, 1910, to attend to the following business:

1. To organize & install Mr. J. L. Wallace as pastor of Bryson City Church & attend to all business connected therewith.
2. To receive calls for pastor services of Rev. W. P. Chedester from Franklin, Nantahala & Morrison Churches & attend to all business connected with his installation in said churches.

R. B. Grimm S.C.

Send for the pastoral service of Mr. J. L. Wallace from Bryson City Church was read and found in order & placed in the hands of Bro. Wallace.

J. L. Wallace Ordained & installed as pastor of Bryson City

Mr. Wallace accepted the call, whereupon Presbytery proceeded to examine and ordain him.

Rev. R. F. Campbell preached a sermon on text Rev. 2:23.

Presbytery having satisfied itself of the qualifications of Mr. Wallace, propounded the questions and ordained him by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery with prayer and installed him as pastor of Bryson City church. Rev. R. B. Grimm delivered a charge to the pastor, which Rev. Lewis Collins delivered the charge to the congregation.

W. P. Chedester from Franklin, Nantahala & Morrison Churches

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. Chedester from Franklin, Nantahala & Morrison churches were read and found in order and placed in the hands of Bro. Chedester who accepted these calls by letter.

The following committee was appointed to install Mr. Chedester on the second and third Sundays in July: R. P. Smith, P. P. Wilson, Geo. R. McPherson & Thos. M. Slagle.

J. L. Wallace & Hazelwood

On motion Rev. J. L. Wallace was allowed to act as stated supply of Hazelwood church for half his time.

Minutes read & approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

R. B. Grimm
Stated Clerk.

Twenty Ninth Session - Stated Fall Meeting
First Day.

Ora Street Church, Asheville N.C.
Oct. 4, 1910

Presbytery of Asheville met in its twenty-ninth stated session in the Ora Street Church, Asheville N.C. at 8 P.M. Oct. 4, 1910, and was opened with a sermon on II Cor. 9:8 by the retiring Moderator, Rev R. J. Hunter, who then called Presbytery to order and opened it with prayer.

Roll. The roll was called and the following ministers were found present: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. B. Freeman, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, A. H. Temple (2), R. J. Hunter, Paul F. Brown, P. P. Winn, E. L. Green, E. D. Kerr, J. L. Wallace.

Elders. Claybrook James of First Church Asheville, W. S. Jewell of Bethel, J. T. Bailey of Canton, R. L. Gash of Davidson River, J. S. Brown (2) of Hendersonville, D. M. Killian of Hazelwood, J. J. Archer of Thomson, D. M. Gudger (2) of Oak Forest, J. B. Shope of Ora Street, Asheville, D. L. Allen of Pisgah Gap, H. W. Lindsley of Waynesville.

Absent Ministers. E. A. Sample, excused, Lewis Collins excused, F. M. Eversole, J. J. Allison excused.

Churches not represented: Andrews, Brevard, Bryson City, Cornelius, Cherokee, Hillsboro, Etowah, Franklin, excused, Hayesville, excused, Jennie Sims Memorial, Memorial, Mills River, Morrison, Murphy, Preston, Robbinsville, Sherloff, Swannanoa. (no officers).

Officers. Rev. Paul F. Brown was elected Moderator and Rev. E. D. Kerr was elected Temporary Clerk.

Sessional Committee. The report of the Committee on Sessional Exercises was adopted as follows: Morning session from 9-30 to 12 M. Afternoon 2 to 5 o'clock. Evening session 7-30 to adjournment at will. The Presbyterial sermon to be preached by Rev. Paul F. Brown on Wednesday at 11 a.m. after which the Lord's Supper to be observed.

Minutes. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, the same having been printed.

J. J. Allison dismissed. Rev. J. J. Allison, at his own request, was dismissed to the Presbytery of St. Johns.

Rev. E. L. Siler of Athens Presbytery, Rev. C. B. Yearsan of Enoree Presbytery, and Rev. J. C. Brown of Knoxville Presbytery were introduced & invited to sit as corresponding members.

Adjourned with prayer until 9-30 to morrow.

Second Day.

Wednesday Oct. 5, 1910.

Presbytery convened at 9.30 A.M. and was opened with devotional exercises led by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last night session were read and approved.

Rev. E.A. Sample was excused for non-attendance at this meeting.
The following churches were not represented, for non representation at last meeting:
Bryson City, Brevard, Cravenville, Mills River, Morrison, Murphy, Swannanoa.

Standing Com. — The Standing Committees were appointed:
Bills and Overtures - R.F. Campbell, R.J. Hunter, Claybrook James.
Auditing - W.H. Davis, J.C. Brown, W.S. Lovell.
Leave of Absence - W.P. Chedester, P.P. Winn, D.M. Killian.
Nominations - J.D. Wallace, R.B. Grimman, H.C. Lindsley.
Minutes of Synod. Assembly - R.P. Smith, E.L. Green, F.J. Archer, O.L. Allen.

J.C. Brown, E.L. Siler, C.B. Jeerson received. — Rev. J.C. Brown of Knoxville Presbytery, Rev. C.B. Jeerson of Enoree Presbytery and Rev. E.L. Siler of Athens Presbytery were received by letters & after due examination were enrolled

E.L. Siler & Montreat — Calls for the pastoral services of Rev. E.L. Siler from Montreat and of Rev. J.D. Wallace from Hazelwood were placed in hands of the committee on Bills & Overtures.

Letter from Rev. W.M. G. Shields was read & received as information.
Letter from Presbytery of Norfolk was read & referred to Committee on Bills & Overtures

Rev. Lewis Collins, at his own request, was excused from absence from this meeting of Presbytery.

Report of Com. on Bills & Overtures — The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported in part: The call for Rev E.L. Siler from Montreat church was found in order. Presbytery approved the report & placed the call in the hands of Mr. Siler who accepted the same. The following Committee of installation was appointed: Rev R.P. Smith to preside and propound the questions, Rev. W.H. Davis to preach & charge the pastor, J.D. Murphy to assist in charging pastor & D.M. Killian to assist in charging people. Time second Sabbath in Nov. or as near that time as possible.

L.D. Kerr & Waynesville — The committee to install Rev. L.D. Kerr at Waynesville reported the duty was performed discharged. The committee to install Rev. Paul F. Brown at Brevard was continued.

Peace Institute — Rev. R. Blackman as trustee for Peace Institute made a report which was received as information.

At 11 a.m. the Doctrinal Sermon on "Grace, as an act of Worship" was preached by Rev. P. F. Brown, after which the Lord's Supper was observed, Revs. J. L. Wallace & J. C. Brown presiding.

Recess until 2 P.M.

Presbytery convened at 2 P.M.

The Free Conversation on the State of Religion was entered into & completed.

Colored Evangel. — The report of the Committee on Colored Evangelization was received as information.

W. P. Chedester — The report of the Committee to install Rev. W. P. Chedister at Franklin, Newcastle & Morrison reported the duty performed.

The report of the Committee on Schools & Colleges was received as information.

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Homes was received as information.

The reports of the Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly were received & their diligence commended. (Rev W. H. Davis & elders S. H. McNeely)

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was received as information.

Rev. R. P. Smith elected trustee of Davidson College. — Rev. R. P. Smith was re-elected trustee of Davidson College for two years, term to expire Sept. 1912.

Place of next stated session. — Canton was chosen as next place of meeting. Time Tuesday April 11th at 7-30 p.m. 1911.

Devotional Committee - R. J. Hunter & J. T. Bailey.

Presbytorial Reports were approved and ordered to be sent to the Synod.

C. B. Yearsan — Rev. C. B. Yearsan was granted evangelistic powers for the county of Graham.

Recess until 7-30 P.M.

Presbytery convened at 7-30 P.M.

Home Mission — Service was held in the interest of Home Missions, Rev. R. F. Campbell presiding. Several addresses were made. Collection $1.00. The following resolution was adopted: In view of a serious deficit threatening our work the Home Mission Committee recommends that the Presbytery order a collection for this cause in every Church on the first or second Sunday in Dec. as near that time as may be practicable.

Adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow with prayer.

Third Day — Thursday Oct. 6, 1910.

Presbytery convened at 10 A.M. and was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. J. D. Wallace.

Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

Rev. A. J. Miller of the Methodist Church was invited to sit as visiting bro. Ret.

The report of the Commission to install the Rev. E. L. Gram made the following report:

Asheville Oct. 31, 1909.

E L Gram — The Commission appointed to install Rev. E. L. Gram as pastor of Ora Street Church in Asheville met according to appointment. Rev. R. P. Smith presided, preached & propounded the questions, Rev. R. F. Campbell charged the pastor & elder J. S. Thomas charged the people. All was done according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

R. P. Smith Mod.

Executive session — Presbytery went into executive session.

F. M. Emerson — Letter was read from Rev. F. M. Emerson asking to be allowed to demit the Ministry. According to requirements of Book of Church Order, the matter was deferred until next stated meeting in Spring. The clerk was instructed to write those facts to Bro. Emerson expressing the great sorrow of Presbytery.

Presbytery arose from executive session.

Bills & Overtures — The report of Committee on Bills & Overtures was adopted.

1. The committee recommends that the call for the services of Rev. J. D. Wallace from Hazelwood Church be returned to the church because of the absence of any certificate in regard to the holding of a congregational meeting to issue the call.

2. The committee would recommend that the Treasurer of the Presbytery be authorized at his discretion to inform churches of an increase of one cent per member in the Presbyterial Assessment, in order to meet our part of the expense of exhibit at Jamestown Exposition.

Overture — The following overture was adopted:

Whereas, the Presbytery of North Alabama, at its sessions in Oct. 1909, did while sitting as a Court of the Lord Jesus Christ by formal action approve the act of the Legislature of Alabama authorizing a vote of the people the taker on the question of adopting a proposed amendment to the State Constitution, & did heartily endorse said proposed amendment & urge its people to give it their support (see Minutes of the Genl. Assembly 1910 p. 44) and,

Whereas, the General Assembly, at its session in May 1910, not only refused to sustain a complaint of said action of North Alabama Presbytery, but also condemned the complainant, who was not on trial, and who therefore had no opportunity to defend himself;

Therefore the Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly meeting in Louisville, Ky. in May 1911:

I. To declare whether the refusal of the General Assembly to sustain said complaint is to be construed as the judgment of the Supreme Court of our Church, that said action of the North Alabama Presbytery is consistent with the Confession of Faith Chap. xxxi Section 4, viz: "Synods & Councils are to handle or conclude nothing, but that which is ecclesiastical, and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the Commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary; or by way of advice for satisfaction of conscience, if they be thereunto required by the Civil Magistrate".

II. If said action of North Alabama Presbytery is in the judgment of the Assembly inconsistent with said article of the Confession of Faith & with the historical position of our Church on this question, the Presbytery of Asheville would respectfully overture the Assembly to take some action which may prevent said judicial decision from being pleaded hereafter as a precedent for similar violations of the Constitution of our Church, which all of the Presbyteries have covenanted together to observe & maintain.

III. In view of the condemnation passed by the Assembly of 1910 in Com. "the action language & spirit of the complainant as highly unbecoming in a minister of the Gospel", The Presbytery of Asheville would respectfully overture the Assembly to declare whether it is within the jurisdiction of the General Assembly to censure a minister except as sustaining a censure already constitutionally inflicted by the Presbytery of which he is a member, and when the case should have been regularly brought before the Assembly from the inferior courts.

IV. In recording its solemn protest against the intermeddling of our Church courts with civil affairs, that concern the Commonwealth, the Presbytery of Asheville would express its hearty & unequivocal endorsement of the repeated deliverances of the General Assembly bearing testimony against the ruinous evils of the liquor traffic and urging our people "to use all means which may be approved by this Christian Conscience & judgment to secure by the civil strength of the land" - (See minutes of the Assembly 1891, p. 244).

The following report of the Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was adopted:

Minutes of Assembly.

1. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Assembly, we appoint a committee on Systematic Beneficence.
2. That we accept the proposed change in the Confession of Faith Chap. X sec 3, (see page 46 of Minutes of 1910.
3. That we concur in the plan for a mileage Fund.

Union Theo Sem.

Report of the Committee on Centennial Endowment Fund for Union Theo. Seminary was adopted: The Committee in response to the request of the Seminary authorities recommend that the following be asked to be appointed to visit the churches named at such time as may be arranged between them and the pastors or sessions of these churches to assist in raising our portion of this fund:

Asheville First Church	Rev. W.S. Lacy
" Asa St "	" " "
Hendersonville "	Rev R.P. Campbell
Davidson River "	" R.B. Grinnan
Brevard "	" " "
Hendersonville	Hon J.D. Murphy
Mills River "	Rev. R.J. Hunter
Waynesville "	" E.L. Siler
Franklin "	" J.D. Wallace
Cashiers "	" E.L. Siler

Nominations

The following report of the committee on nominations was adopted:

Moderator in J. regular stated session J.D. Kerr with J.C. Brown as alternate. Presbyterial sermon, subject, "Stewardship" J.L. Siler with J.L. Francis alternate.

Systematic Beneficence.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence: R.F. Campbell, R.B. Grinnan, R.P. Smith, W.H. Davis, J.S. Thomson, H.H. Carson, D.J. Archer, Harland Gadger.

Leave of Abs.

The following report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was approved: Excused after Wednesday a.m. Rev E.L. Siler, after Wednesday (noon) p.m. H.C. Lindsley & W.S. Lowell & J.H. Killian, J.S. Brown, J.T. Boiley, W.P. Chedester.

Foreign Mission

At 11 a.m. a service was held in the interest of Foreign Missions with R.B. Grinnan presiding.
The following recommendations were adopted: 1. That the For. Mission Committee be enlarged by adding Paul F. Brown, J.D. Wallace, Col. Robt. Bingham & Dr. D.J. Archer. 2. The recommendation urging churches to appoint a Committee on Systematic Beneficence was referred to the Presbyterial Com. on Systematic Beneficence authorizing this Committee to make this recommendation to the churches at once if they see fit.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the congregation of Asa Street church for their kind hospitality.

Minutes read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Canton at 7:30 P.M. April 11th, 1911.

E.D. Kerr
Temporary Clerk

Attest
R.B. Grimm
State Clerk.

Minutes of Asheville Presbytery examined and approved as far as written at Lynn, Rockyfield, N.C. Oct 26th 1910.

a. m. Searle
moderator

Thirtieth Session. Stated Spring Meeting.
First Day.
Canton N.C. April 11, 1911.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its thirtieth stated session in the Canton Presbyterian church at 8 P.M. April 11, 1911, and was opened with a sermon on Mt. 1:21 by the retiring moderator, Rev. Paul F. Brown who then called Presbytery to order and opened it with prayer.

Roll — The roll was then called and the following ministers were found present: R.F. Campbell, Paul F. Brown, J.D. Wallace, J.C. Brown, W.H. Davis, W.P. Chedester, R.B. Grimm, E.L. Siler, E.L. Gray, C.B. Jeffers, E.D. Kerr, R.P. Smith and Lewis Collins.

Elders — W.S. Terrell of Bethel, S.H. McNeely of Canton, J.P. Wilson of Black Mountain, A.M. Fry of Bryson City, C.W. Bellingham of Cowee, W.H. Cole of Hazelwood, J.M. Slagle of Waynesville, J.F. Miller of Marshall, D.M. Sadler of Oak Forest, J.O. Blackwood of Pisgah, F.J. Brown of Hayesville.

Absent — Ministers: E.A. Sample (excused), A.H. Sample (excused), F.M. Carroll.

Churches not represented: Asheville, First, Andrews, Brevard, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Etowah, Franklin, Hendersonville, Hayesville,

Jennie Spur Run[x], Mills River, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Dale, Pisgah[x], Preston[x], Robbinsville[x], Shallloff[x], Swannanoa.
[x] No Elders.

Officers — Rev. E. D. Kerr was elected moderator and Rev. C. B. Yearsan temporary clerk.

Devotional Committee — The following report of the Devotional Committee was adopted: Hours of session from 9 A.M. to 12 M., recess to 2 P.M.; afternoon session from 2 P.M. to 5 o'clock. Night session from 8 o'clock to adjournment at will.
Rev. E. L. Siler to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at 11 A.M. Wednesday.

Special Order was taken for 10 a.m. Wednesday to hear Mr. Wm. L. Hill on the Synods Orphanage.

Wednesday night was appointed as time for service in the interest Home Missions and Thursday at 11 a.m. for Foreign Missions.

Standing Com. — The following Standing Committees were appointed
1. Bills and Overtures: Paul F Brown, E. L. Gran, S. H. McNely.
2. Auditing: Lewis Collins + J. C. Blackwood.
3. Leave of Absence: J. C. Brown, J. L. Wallace, D. J. Brown.
4. Nominations: R. F. Campbell, R. J. Hunter and W. S. Jessell.

5. Minutes of Synod: P. F. Brown
6. Narrative: R. F. Campbell + J. D. Miller.
7. Sessional Records: E. L. Siler, J. L. Wallace, J. M. Slagle, D. J. Brown, J. P. Wilson.
8. Systematic Beneficence: M. P. Chedester and P. F. Brown.

Adjourned in the prayer until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Second Day.

Wednesday April 12, 1911.

Presbytery convened at 9 a.m. and was opened with devotional exercises by the moderator.

The Minutes of last nights session were read and approved.
The Minutes of last stated session were read for information.

Excuses — The following Churches were excused for non-presentation at last session: Brevard, Cowanville, Memorial, Swannanoa.
Not excused: Bryson City, Morrison, Murphy.

Communications. The resignation of Rev. E. L. Gran as pastor of 3rd Street Church, which was read + referred to Committee on Bills & Overtures.
Letter from Librarian of Union Theological Seminary was read & referred to Com. on Bills & Overtures

N. S. Com — Rev. H. J. Cain of Knoxville Presbytery was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Mr. Wm. L. Hill gave an interesting address on the Synod's Orphanage.

Rev. E.L. Siler preached the doctrinal sermon on the Atonement at 11 a.m., after which the Lord's Supper was observed. Mr. Revs. W.P. Chedester & Lewis Collins presiding, assisted by elders J.M. Slagle, W.H. Cole, J.O. Blackwood & J.J. Brown.

Presbytery recessed from business until 8 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 8 p.m.
The Rev. J.B. Abernathy of the M.E. Church South and Rev. H. Gray Lilly of the M.E. Church were invited to sit as visiting brethren and invited.

Home Missions — A popular service in the interest of Home Missions was held with Rev. R.F. Campbell presiding. Several addresses were made and an offering of $10.00 was taken up for the Mountain Orphanage.
The chairman reported in part:
That all the fields of the Presbytery have been supplied with preaching for at least a part of the year except Hayesville.
Three students were employed during the summer months. Mr. Robb. King

in Graham Co., Mr. A.N. Clayton at Shelby and Mr. J.C. McQueen in Henderson & Transylvania counties.
Rev. Dr. C.G. Reynolds of the French Broad Presbytery has been preaching twice a month at Swannanoa.
The reports from the various churches were encouraging.
The report from the Mountain Orphanage showed there were forty children in the Home. Six had gone out and seven been admitted during the year.

Money received	$1170.51
" paid out	1148.53
Bal. on hand	21.68

The financial report showed receipts:

Supplement to salaries	2722.78
Maxwell Home & School	350.00
Mountain Orphanage	1170.51
Graham county work	1200.00
Total	$5443.29

The following recommendations were adopted:
1. That collections be taken in every church for Presbyterial Home Missions.
2. That the churches receiving aid be urged to press forward towards self-support as rapidly as possible.
3. That the Mountain Orphanage and Maxwell Home & School be commended to the liberality of our churches, Missionary Societies and Sunday Schools.

4. That Rev. R.P. Smith be elected general evangelist for another year.

J.L. Wallace of Hazelwood

A call for the pastoral service of Rev. J.L. Wallace from Hazelwood Church was read & referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Adjourned with prayer until to-morrow morning at 9 a.m.

Third Day

Thursday, April 13, 1911.

Presbytery was opened at 9 a.m. with devotional exercises led by Rev. Lewis Collins.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

F.M. Carrick

Rev. F.M. Carrick was allowed to demit the ministry without censure.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. F.L. Siler as pastor of Thanbrook Church reported the work performed. The committee was discharged.

Women's Societies

The report on Women Societies was read and approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
The report showed:

	Number of Societies	18
	Total Membership	405
Gifts to	Local Causes	$ 785.89
	Home Missions	965.02
	Foreign "	310.65
	Other Causes	264.50
	Total	$ 2329.06

Young People

The report on Young People's Societies was read and approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.
The report showed:

	Number of Societies	8
	Male members	91
	Female "	256
	Total "	347
Gifts to	Current Expenses	78.
	Foreign Missions	7.
	Home "	60.
	Other Causes	111.
	Total	$ 256.00

Schools & Colleges

The Committee on Schools & Colleges recommend that the students of Danville College be commended for abolishing hazing and for their splendid record in self-government. Adopted.

Home & Foreign

The report of the Committee on Home & Foreign (Assembly's) was received as information. Eight Churches contributed $81.00.

Commiss. to Gen'l As.

After prayer the following commissioners to the General Assembly were elected: Rev. W.P. Chesler with R.J. Hunter as alternate. Elder J.C. Blackwood with W.P. Wilson as alternate.

Bills & Overtures

The following report of the Committee on Bills & Overtures was adopted:

1. That Presbytery accept the offer of Union Theological Seminary in regard to storing its records in Spence Library and agree to purchase a section of a book case for the sum of four dollars.
2. That the Committee finds the action taken by the Oxford Church to be in order and recommends the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. E.L. Swan & this Church to take effect April 17th - 1911.
3. The Committee finds the call from Hazelwood Church for pastoral service of Rev. J.D. Wallace for half of his time to be in order & recommends that it be placed in the hands of Mr. Wallace.
4. The following was adopted as a substitute: That the Committee on Bills & Overtures be instructed to prepare a communication to the Churches in regard to absence of elders from meeting of Presbytery, laxity in family worship and by the new plans for our benevolence; that this communication be officially signed by the stated clerk and sent to

each pastor & session with instruction to read at meeting of session and to the congregation.

Auditing

The Auditing Committee reported that the books of the treasurer had been examined and found correct, & carefully & accurately kept.

Sequest

The Committee on Minutes of Sequestration had nothing special to report.

Systematic Beneficence

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made a report which was approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Gifts	Foreign Missions	20	Churches contributed	1082.00
	Assembly's Home	17	"	318.
	Local Home	20	"	2152.
	Colored Evangelization	10	"	201.
	Ministerial Relief	15	"	73.
	" Education	12	"	92.
	Schools & Colleges	7	"	1205.
	Sabbath School Ex. & Pub.	15	"	89.
	Bible Cause	5	"	85.
	Assembly's Home & School	8	"	81.
	Orphans' Homes	16	"	1047.
	Total			$7352.00

Time & place of next Session

Oak Dale was chosen as the place of next stated session. Time Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. 1911.

Narrative — The Committee on the Narrative made the following report which was approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly:

Twenty One Churches sent narratives.

1. Attendance on services:
4 Very good, 8 good, 9 fair.
2. Family Worship:
2 Good, 6 fair, 12 generally neglected.
3. Observance of Sabbath:
7 Very good, 10 good, 2 fair, 1 poor.
4. Training of children in homes in Scripture & catechism:
10 Good 4 fair 7 generally neglected.
5. Training in Sabbath Schools in Scrip. & Catechism
2 Very good, 12 Good 2 fair, 1 Neglected
1 no answer.
6. Giving
4 Very good, 8 good, 6 fair, 1 Neglected
1 no answer.
7. Salary of ministers:
14 Paid in full, 6 not fair in full, 1 no answer.
8. Manifestations of Holy Spirit:
8 Yes. 13 No.
9 Worldly conformity:
2 Prevalent, 10 not prevalent, 8 not alarming
1 no answer.
10 Evangelistic work:
11 Yes - 10 No.
11. Efforts for recruits for ministry:
11 No special effort 10 some effort from pulpit & towards
12 Churches supplied.
6 Vacant: Services in all except one for a part of the time.

Foreign Missions — At eleven o'clock a service was held in the interest of Foreign Missions several addresses were made and the following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:

1 Recommendations 1. That collections be taken in all the Churches for Foreign Missions.
2 The appointment of a committee on Foreign Missions & Systematic Beneficence to urge this cause.
3. The organization of Mission Study classes in Sunday Schools & Church Societies.
4 The adoption of the Forward Movement plan where practical.
5 The organization of the Laymens Missionary Movement among the men.

Presbytery receded from business until 2 p.m.
Recess.
Presbytery convened at 2 p.m.

Sessional Records — The Committee on Sessional records made the following report which was approved:

Records drawn from 19 Churches.
The following were approved without exception
viz Strait, Asheville First, Waynesville, Hazelwood, Black Mountain, Oak Forest, Broward, Hendersonville, Franklin, Marshall & Bryson City.
The following were approved with certain exceptions written in the respective books:
Davidson River, Canton, Bethel, Memorial, Mills River, Morrison.,

Nominations

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:
Your Committee on Nominations would recommend in accordance with the action of the General Assembly, the consolidation of the following Committees:

1. Colored Evangelization with Assembly's Home Missions.
2. Assembly's Home & School & Schools & Colleges with Education & Relief, dropping word Ministerial in latter Committee.

The following nominations were made:

1. Next Moderator E.L. Sites, alternate J.D. Wallace.
2. Lewis Collins as chairman of Committee of Assembly's Home Missions.
3. E.D. Kerr as member of committee of Education & Relief.
4. E.L. Sites, J.D. Wallace & elder J.T. Bailey to be added to the Committee of Publication & Sabbath Schools and E.L. Sites as Chairman of that Committee.
5. E.D. Kerr to preach the doctrinal sermon on "Assurance", J.D. Wallace as alternate.
6. ~~J.H.~~ C.B. Jeorgan to be Chairman of the Committee on Church Societies.
7. C.B. Jeorgan be added to the Examining Committee on Academic Studies.

Leave of Absence

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported the following persons excused: Elders D.M. Gudger, J.P. Wilson, C.M. Dilling from J.D. Miller (Thursday morning). Mins. Lois. E.L. Green, Paul F. Brown,

J.C. Brown, W.H. Davis from Thursday morning.

Systematic Beneficence Permanent Com.

The following report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was approved: Your Committee would report that blanks were sent out to all the Churches, asking whether they had adopted the Assembly's plan of Systematic Beneficence.
Twenty responses were received.
Three Churches - Andersonville, Hartwell & Sebeville first report that Beneficence Committees had been appointed & that a personal canvass had been or will be made. Three Churches - Bryson City, Mills River and Davidson River report that steps have been taken looking to the adoption of the Assembly's plan in the near future. Fourteen Churches report that there has been no adoption of the plan.
Your Committee would recommend that the suggestions made by the Committee a year or two ago be adopted by the Presbytery and that the sessions be urged to give them careful consideration, as soon as possible. These suggestions are as follows:

1. That pastors & church call the officers together as soon as possible for the explanation & discussion of this plan with a view to its adoption with

such modifications as may be necessary to meet local conditions.

2. That two sets of envelopes of different colors be used to distinguish the offerings for the two budgets & that fifty-two of each arranged alternately in one package be placed in the hands of every member from whom pledges shall have been secured. In churches where service is held only once or twice a month, the envelopes containing offerings for the intervening Sundays of the month should be brought along with those containing the offerings for the Sunday on which service is held. Children of every family should be encouraged to use envelopes and to give a part of their small earnings or savings to the Synodical

3. That the whole amount collected for the Beneficent Causes be divided among those causes according to the following percentage:-

Presbyterial Home Missions	40 cents
Synodical " "	20 " "
Assembly's " "	10 " "
Foreign " "	25 " "
Education & Relief "	5 " "
Publication Sunday School Extension	3 " "
Bible Society	1 " "
Balmer Orphanage	5 " "
Synods "	1 " "
	100 " "

4. If any contributor prefers to give to one or more specified causes, his pledge & offerings should be received as special over and above the budget assigned to such cause or causes.

5. In small churches one treasurer may be sufficient for both budgets, but it is the judgment of the Committee that it is preferable to have two. One for pastor's salary & local expenses and the other for the Beneficent Causes.

Each Treasurer should keep a book containing the names of contributors with the amount pledged and should carefully credit to the account of each contributor week by week the offerings as they come in. Each contributor should be informed either monthly or quarterly of any deficit in his account.

6. The Treasurer of the Local Budget should pay the pastor's salary & local bills either week by week or monthly. The Treasurer of the Benficence Budget should send at the end of each month (or in smaller churches at the end of each quarter) the amount in hand to the Treasurer of the Presbyterial Rev R.P. Smith, Hendersonville N.C. He should inform the Presbyterial Treasurer whether the percentage of distribution recommended above has

been adopted, or if not what changes have been made therein, and also of any amount that is taken as a special to one or more of the Benevolent Causes.

7. This plan applies only to the weekly congregational offerings & leaves the societies of the Church to make contributions to such specific causes as they may select.

8 That 1/5 be fixed as Asheville Presbytery's proportion of the amounts apportioned the Synod of N.C. for the Assembly's causes.

Sabbath Schools. The Committee of Publication & Sabbath Schools submitted the following Presbyterial report which was approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Number of Schools	25
" of Officers & teachers	234
" " Pupils	1871
" " Home Department	64
" " Cradle Roll	248
Total	2226
Average attendance Officers & Teachers	150
" " Pupils	1061
Total "	1211
Scholars added to Church	45
Gifts to Current Expenses	$526.00
Home Missions	77.
Foreign "	89.

Publication & Sunday School Mission	79.
Colored Evangelization	17.
Schools & Colleges	130.
Assembly's Home & School	21.
Bible Cause	17.
Miscellaneous	95.
Total	$1045.00

The following recommendations were adopted.

1. That the Committee on Sabbath Schools be requested to arrange for an hour in both the Fall & Spring meetings, until further notice, for presenting the points of our School Standards as set forth in our statistical reports. The committee to select the speakers to prepare such presentations.
2. That attention be called to our Assembly's Correspondence School for Teachers Training by each pastor in each congregation.
3. That the stated Clerk be requested to get back from Dr. Phillips all statistical reports of Sabbath Schools & return to Clerks of Sessions for filing & comparison. That a copy of Presbytery's Statistical Report on Sabbath Schools be asked from Dr. Phillips for use of our Committee.
4. That our Schools be urged to send Delegates to the county & township conventions.

Sabbath & Family Religion — The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance & Family Religion was received as information.

Devotional Com. — R. B. Grimman & H. J. Osborne were appointed as Devotional Committee for next stated session.

Rev. E. L. Gran — Rev. E. L. Gran was dismissed to the Presbytery of Western District.

Rev. J. D. Wallace — Rev. J. D. Wallace signified his acceptance of the call from Hazel wood Church for one half of his time.
The following committee was appointed to install Bro. Wallace.
R. P. Smith to preside & propound the questions,
E. D. Kerr to charge the pastor,
R. J. Hunter to charge the people,
R. J. Hunter to preach the sermon.
Any one alternate to the other.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Pastor & congregation of this Church and the good people of other denominations for their kind & gracious hospitality.

Statistical Report — The Statistical Report was read & approved & ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Presbytery Comprises 16 ministers and	31
Churches	
Deacons	66
Elders	72
Added on Examination	66
" " Certificate	100
Whole Number of Communicants	1899
Adult Baptisms	31
Infant "	23
Officers & Teachers in Sunday Schools	273
Pupils in " "	2037
Gifts — Foreign Missions	$1042.00
Home " (Assembly's)	314.
Local Home "	31.52.
Colored Evangelization	201.
Ministerial Relief "	73.
" Education	92.
Schools & Colleges	1208.
Publication & Sunday School Extension	89.
Bible Cause	88.
Assembly's Home & School	81.
Orphans' Homes	1047.
Congregational &c.	16036.
Miscellaneous	375.
Total	$23807.00

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Oak Dale church at 8 P.M. October 3, 1911

Attest
R. B. Grimman, Stated Clerk.
C. B. Geargan, Temporary Clerk

Pro-re-nata Session Waynesville Sept. 14, 1911

Presbytery of Asheville met in pro-re-nata session in the Waynesville Church at 11 a.m. September 14, 1911 and was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. E.D. Kerr, the Moderator of the last stated session.

Rev. J.L. Wallace was elected Tem porary Clerk and Rev. R.P. Smith was requested to take the chair.

Present: Ministers - R.P. Smith, R.P. Campbell, E.D. Kerr and J.L. Wallace.

Elders: H.C. Lindsley.

The call was read & found in order and is as follows: The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in pro-re-nata session in the Waynesville Church at 11 a.m. Sept. 14, 1911, to attend to the following business:

1. To act on the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. E.D. Kerr and the Waynesville Church.
2. To act on all matters concerning the dissolution of the said pastoral relations and the movements of Rev. E.D. Kerr

R.B. Grinnan Stated Clerk.

Rev. E.D. Kerr requested that the pastoral relation between himself and Waynesville Church be dissolved. Elder H.C. Lindsley of the Waynesville Church stated that a con-

gregational meeting had been duly called & the resignation of Bro. Kerr accepted. On Motion the pastoral relation was dissolved to take effect Sept. 18, 1911.

The Home Mission Committee was requested to assist the Waynesville church in getting a supply.

Rev. E.D. Kerr was granted leave to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery and pursue studies at Princeton Theo. Seminary until the Spring Session of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to give Bro. Kerr a certificate of his standing in the Presbytery to present to the authorities of Princeton Seminary.

The minutes were read & approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

J.L. Wallace,
Tem porary Clerk.

Attest R.B. Grinnan
Stated Clerk.

Thirty-First Session. Stated Fall Meeting.

First Day.

Oak Dale Oct. 3 1911.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its thirty-first stated session in Oak Dale Church at 8 P.M. Oct 3, 1911 and was opened with a sermon on I John 5:13 by Rev. J.L. Wallace. Rev. R.J. Hunter the last moderator present called the Presbytery to order, after which the Rev. R.F. Campbell led in prayer.

The roll was called and the following persons were found present:

Ministers - R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith, R.B. Grinnan, W.H. Davis, A.H. Temple (2) W.P. Chedester, R.J. Hunter, E.A. Sample, Lewis Collins, Paul F. Brown (2) J.L. Wallace, E.L. Siler & C.B. Yeargan

Elders - B.R. Fakes First Church Asheville, H.H. Carson (2) Hendersonville, W.A. Osborne Oak Dale, R.L. Gash Davidson River, G.M. Brittain Mills River, A.M. Goodman Oak Forest, M.J. Orr Brevard, D.M. Killian Hazelwood, F.L. Jackson Mountain, J.H. Gudger Ora Street.

Absent. Ministers - P.P. Mann & J.C. Brown.

Churches not represented. Etowah*, Preston* Franklin (excused) Memorial, Morrison, Canton, Bethel, Pisgah Gap*, Crabtree*, Waynesville, Cove creek, German Spur Mill, Bryson City, Black Mountain, Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville, Swannanoa, Hillsboro*, Shortoff, Robbinsville.

* no elders. (2) Second Day.

Officers — Rev. E.L. Siler was elected moderator and Rev. W.P. Chedester temporary clerk.

Devotional Com. — The Devotional committee made report on the following hours which were agreed upon: Morning Session 9-30 to 12-30. Afternoon session 1-30 to 4-30. Evening 7 o'clock to adjournment. Thursday at 11-30 A.M. was appointed as hours for observing the Lord's Supper. Rev. G.M. Belk to preach the sermon with Rev. R.P. Smith & Rev. E.A. Sample to preside at the table. Wednesday at 7-30 P.M. was appointed as the hour for holding service in the interest of Home Missions.

Minutes — The reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with the same having been printed.

Excuses for Absence — The following Churches were excused for non-representation at last stated Session: Andrews, Davidson River, Franklin, Mills River, Oak Dale. Those not excused were First Church Asheville, Brevard, Hendersonville, Hayesville, Morrison, Murphy, Swannanoa, Shortoff.

Wednesday at 10 A.M. was appointed as the hour for a General Conference on Systematic Beneficence, to be followed by a Free Conversation

on the State of Religion.
Adjourned with prayer until 9:30 to-morrow morning.

Second Day.

Wednesday Oct. 4, 1911.

Presbytery convened at 9:30 A.M. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. L. Siler.

Standing Com.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

1. Bills & Overtures – W. H. Davis, N. P. Chadwick, B. R. Faber
2. Auditing – R. J. Hunter, R. F. Campbell, F. L. Jackson
3. Leave of Absence – J. D. Wallace, E. L. Sample, A. M. Goodman
4. Examinations – Paul F. Brown, R. B. Grimm, R. L. Gash
5. Minutes of General Assembly – R. P. Smith, Lewis Collins, C. B. Jeanjean, G. M. Brittain, McG. Orr.

The Minutes of last night's session were read & approved.

Several communications were read ~~read~~ & referred to their proper committees.

J. D. Wallace & Hazelwood

The Committee appointed to install Rev. J. D. Wallace at Hazelwood reported the duty performed on April 30, 1911.

The Committee was discharged.

G. M. Belk
A. M. McLauchlin

Rev. G. M. Belk of Albemarle Presbytery and Rev. A. M. McLauchlin of Arkansas Presbytery were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Letter to Churches

The report of the Committee of Bills & Overtures of last meeting of Presbytery appointed to write a letter to the churches was called for. The Committee not having performed the duty was continued. Rev. R. J. Hunter was added to this committee in place of Rev. E. L. Sloan.

A. M. McLauchlin

Rev. A. M. McLauchlin was received by letter from Presbytery of Arkansas and after due examination was enrolled.

At 10 a.m. the order of the day was suspended to hear Mr. Wm. L. Hill on the Synod's Orphanage.

Systematic Beneficence.

Presbytery took up the order of the day and entered into the general conference on Systematic Beneficence. All the elders and deacons of the Presbytery were invited to join in the conference.
The Committee on Systematic Beneficence submitted the following report which was adopted:
Your Permanent Committee on Systematic

Beneficence would recommend:

1. That the Presbytery attempt to raise $2400.00 for the General Assembly's Beneficent Causes for the ecclesiastical year 1912-13 (an increase of 20 per cent), to be divided among the causes as follows:
60% for Foreign Missions.
21% for Assembly's Home Missions.
14% for Education & Relief.
4% for Publication & Sunday Schools.
1% for Bible Causes.

2. That the apportionment of this amount to the churches be referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

R.F. Campbell, Chairman.

Many took part in the general conference which lasted until 12:30.

Recess until 1:30.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 1:30 P.M.

Wh. Orphanage — Presbytery accepted an invitation from Rev. W.H. Temple to visit the Mountain Orphanage at the close of its sessions. The pastor of the church was requested to prepare for transportation to that place at the close of the meeting.

Free Conversation on State of Religion — Presbytery entered on the Free Conversation on the State of Religion and completed the subject.

Ten o'clock Thursday morning was appointed as the time for discussion of Sunday School work.

Commissioners to Genl Assembly — Rev. W.P. Chedester & elder J.C. Blackwood as commissioners to the General Assembly made reports of their duties performed. Their diligence was commended.

Next Place of meeting — Bryson City was chosen as next place of meeting: time 8 P.M. April 16, 1912.

Presbytery recessed from business until 7:30 P.M.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 7:30 P.M.

Home Missions — An interesting service in the interest of Home Missions was held. Several addresses were made.

The collection for Mountain Orphanage amounted to $7.40.

The hour of 10:30 a.m. Thursday was appointed to hear Dr. Henry Louis Smith of Davidson College.

Nominations — The report of the Committee on Nominations was received and adopted as follows:

W.H. Davis as trustee of Davidson College, term to expire Sept. 1913.

J.C. Brown on Committee of Education & Relief in place of Rev. E.D. Kerr.

For Moderator of next meeting C.B. Yearsley with J.G. Brown as alternate.
Doctrinal Sermon. R.J. Hunter with A.M. McLauchlin as alternate.
Subject Divinity of Christ.
Historical Memorials Committee
R.P. Smith, R.B. Grimson, W.H. Lewis.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to 9.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Third Day

Thursday Oct 5, 1911

Presbytery convened at 9.30 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by elder A.M. Goodman.

The minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

A.M. McLauchlin Osa Street Church

A call for the pastoral service of Rev. A.M. McLauchlin from Osa Street Church Asheville was received and found in order and placed in Mr. McLauchlin's hands. The same was accepted.

Committee to Install Mr McLauchlin

The following committee was appointed to install Mr. McLauchlin at Osa Street
Rev R.P. Smith to preside & preach the sermon.
Rev R.F. Campbell to charge the pastor
Rev R.J. Hunter to charge the people with
Judge J.D. Murphy as alternate.
Time 3rd Sunday in Nov. 1911.

At 10 A.M. the order of the hour was taken up. Rev. Lewis Collins discussed Sunday School needs.

At 10-30 A.M. Dr. H.L. Smith gave an interesting address on Davidson College.

Davidson College

In response the following resolution was adopted: The Presbytery of Asheville has heard with pleasure the report of Dr. Smith and rejoices at the favorable opening and bright prospects of the College. The Presbytery heartily recommends the institution to the patronage and liberality of our people. It recognizes the fact that our College is a great Church benevolent enterprise to be maintained & supported by Church liberality as our Foreign Missions or Home Missions etc. It joins the other Presbyteries in N.C. in recommending to the Churches under its care that Davidson College be included in their annual budget and that the effort be made as soon as practicable to have this annual appropriation equal 25 cents per member.

At 11-30 a.m. Rev. A.H. Belk preached a sermon after which the Lord's Supper was observed with Revs. R.P. Smith & T.A. Sample presiding.

Presbytery recessed from business until 2 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery occurred at 2 p.m.

For Missions — The chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee made a verbal report urging an increase in gifts to this great cause at least to the 20 per cent limit set by this Presbytery.

Bible Cause. — The following report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was adopted: (Given in part) The work of the American Bible Society has been greatly blessed during the past year.

As regards its financial condition - The offer of Mrs Russell Sage to give $500.000 to the Endowment Fund provided the Society would raise a like amount has been carried to a successful issue. Besides this large accession to its funds the Society by the will of the late J.S. Kennedy has raised a legacy of $750.000 which it is expected will soon be available.

These large financial gifts places the Society in a condition more encouraging than it has ever experienced before & greatly enlarges its field for active & progressive work. But the constant & growing demands made upon the Society as new & important fields open up, make an increasing demand for still larger

gifts from the whole church for the development of this great & important work.

Last year the expenses amounted to nearly $700.000.00/100 and its income from the $200.000 investment and from the sale of Bibles and rents from the Bible House and interest on annuities only amounted to $350.000.00/100 leaving nearly $350.000. to be raised by gifts from the different churches. xxxx Our whole church last year only raised $7.587.00/100 and the Presbytery of Asheville only gave $85.00/100 of this amount. Only 5 churches out of 31 took up collections for this object. xxxx. To carry on this great work and enlarge it, needs the earnest and prayerful assistance of the whole church & your Committee would urge all the churches in this Presbytery to remember the collection for the Bible Cause and take up a collection for it. It is not right for the great majority of our churches to neglect such an important matter as this and make no effort to have a collection taken up. xxxxx

Paul F. Brown Chairman

Bills & Overtures — The Committee on Bills & Overtures reported that no business had come into their hands

The Auditing. — The Auditing Committee reported, No business on hand.

Leave of Absence. The Committee on Leave of Absence reported recommending the following excused.
R.F. Campbell after Wednesday morning
After Wednesday evening F.L. Jackson
D.M. Killian, H.H. Carson. W.H. Harris
after Thursday noon. Approved.

Minutes of General Assembly. The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report which was adopted:
Your Committee would recommend
1. The rejection of the overture sent down by the General Assembly on the Infant Clause. Conf. of Faith Chap. x Section 3.
2. The adoption of the overture sent down by the General Assembly on Rules of Discipline Paragraph 235.
3. The overture concerning the New Judicial Tribunal be rejected.
4. The rejection of the new plan of gradation in Church Courts.

Devotional Com. Rev. J.T. Wallace and M. Block were appointed as devotional committee for next Stated Session.

The reports for synod were approved & ordered to be forwarded.

An earnest vote of thanks was adopted expressing hearty appreciation for the kind

entertainment given by the people & community of Oak Dale Church.

The minutes of today's session were read & approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Bryson City at 8 P.M. April 10, 1912.

W.P. Chedester.
Temporary Clerk.

Attest R.B. Brannon.
Stated Clerk.

Pro-re-Nata Session. Hendersonville N.C.
Nov. 1. 1911

The Presbytery of Asheville met in pro-re-nata session in the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 1, 1911 and was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. R.P. Smith, last Moderator present.

Present, Rev. R.P. Smith, Rev. E.A. Sample, Rev. R.B. Grimm & ruling elder J.R. Wilson of Hendersonville Church, also Rev. A.M. McLaughlin.

The call was read and found in order & is as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 1, 1911, in the Hendersonville Church:

1. To correct an error in the reception of Rev. A.M. McLaughlin.
2. To attend to all matters connected with the call of Rev. A.M. McLaughlin to Ora Street Church in Asheville.

R.B. Grimm S.C.

The stated clerk informed the Presbytery that he had received a letter from Rev. R.H. LaMar, stated clerk Arkansas, stating that the Presbytery of Arkansas had declared the letter of dismission given the Rev. A.M. McLaughlin was null & void, the said letter having been given by an improperly called pro-re-

nata session of Presbytery. A proper order letter was enclosed. (These letters had been misplaced, but were vouched for by three members present).

All former actions of Presbytery in receiving Rev. A.M. McLaughlin and placing the call from Ora Street Church in his hands were reconsidered & rescinded.

Presbytery received as satisfactory the explanation of Rev. A.M. McLaughlin; he having already been examined was received by the new letter from Arkansas Presbytery & was enrolled.

A call for the services of Rev. A.M. McLaughlin from Ora Street Church in Asheville, at a salary of $1000.00 and manse with rent free, was read and found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin accepted the call.

The committee already appointed was ordered to install Rev. A.M. McLaughlin in Ora Street Church at same time to be selected by the Committee. (see page 160)

The minutes were read & approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

R.B. Grimm.
S.C.

Approved by Synod in session at Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 10, 1911, with the following exception:

On page 143 there is no record showing on what subjects Rev. A. M. McLaughlin was examined when admitted into Presbytery, nor of his being required to sign the prescribed obligation.

W. R. Winter, Mod.

Pro-Re-Nata Session.

Asheville Jan. 16, 1912.

First Presby. Church

The Presbytery of Asheville met in pro-re-nata session in the pastor's study at 3 p.m. Jan. 16, 1912 and was called to order by Rev. R. P. Smith, the last moderator present. Rev. P. P. Winn led in prayer.

Present

Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. B. Grinnan, P. P. Winn and Lewis Collins, also elder J. B. Shope of Ora Street Church Asheville.

The call was read and found in order and is as follows: The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to convene in the First Presbyterian Church Asheville, N.C. (Pastors study), Tuesday, Jan 16, 1912, at 3.00 P.M., to transact the following business, (the may be clear: To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. W. P. Chedester and the churches of Franklin Memorial and Morrison; and to take whatever action may be necessary or desirable in connection therewith.

Eugene L. Siler, Mod.

Rev. W. P. Chedester Mrs. Rev. R. P. Smith offered his resignation as pastor of Franklin Memorial and Morrison Churches. Communications from the churches concerned were read, showing that they concurred in the request.

The request of Bro. Chedester was granted and the pastoral relations were dissolved.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell.

R. B. Grinnan
Stated Clerk

~~Fall~~ Spring Session.

The Thirty-Second Session of Asheville Presbytery.

First Day.

Bryson City, April 16, 1912.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its thirty-second stated session in Bryson City Church at 8 P.M. April 16th 1912, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. E.L. Siler, retiring Moderator, on Ex. 14:15. Presbytery was then called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator.

Roll. The roll was then called and the following were found present: Ruling Elders, R.F. Campbell, R.P. Smith, R.B. Grimes, W.H. Davis, W.P. Chedester, J.C. Brown (2), J.L. Wallace, E.L. Siler, C.B. Gearson, A.M. McLauchlin.

Absent - A.H. Temple, R.J. Hunter, E.A. Sample, P.P. Winn, E.D. Kerr, Lewis Collins, P.F. Brown.

Elders present, L.I. Williams of Hendersonville, R.L. Gash of Davidson River, A.M. Goodman of Oak Forest, W.A. Osborne of Oak Dale, H.C. Lindsley of Waynesville, E.N. Blythe of Brevard, W.H. Jarrett of Canton, S.W. Black of Bryson City, J.M. Walker of Hazelwood, J.J. Archer of Marshall.

Churches not represented, - Asheville First, Mills River, Etowah, Pisgah, Franklin, Memorial, Morrison, Canton, Bethel, Pigeon Gap, Crabtree, Jessie Spier Memorial, Black Mountain, Ora Street, Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville, Sevananna (4 cont.)

Dillsboro, Sherrill's Ford, Robbinsville. (Vacant.)

Officers. Rev. C.B. Gearson was elected moderator and Rev. A.M. McLauchlin temporary clerk.

Devotional Com. The following report of the Devotional Committee was adopted:

Morning session 9 to 12 a.m.
After noon " 1-30 to adjournment at pleasure
Evening " 7-45 " " " "
Lord's Supper at 11 a.m. Wednesday conducted by Rev. W.H. Davis & Rev. W.P. Chedester.
Rev. A.M. McLauchlin to preach the sermon.
Wednesday evening at 7-45 was appointed as time for service in the interest of Home Missions and Thursday at 11 a.m. for Foreign Missions.

Standing Com. The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills & Overtures. - R.F. Campbell, E.N. Blythe,
Leave of Absence. - J.C. Brown, A.M. Goodman.
Auditing - A.M. McLauchlin, R.L. Gash, L.I. Williams,
Nominations - W.H. Davis, W.H. Jarrett.
Minutes of Synod. - R.P. Smith, H.C. Lindsley.
Narrative. - W.P. Chedester J.J. Archer, W.A. Osborne,
Sessional Records. - E.L. Siler J.M. Walker, E.N. Blythe
Systematic Beneficence - R.L. Gash, R.B. Grimes.

P.F. Brown. Rev. P.F. Brown was at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Charleston.

Adjourned with prayer until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Wednesday April 17, 1912.

Presbytery convened at 9 a.m. and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Davis.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Rev. P.P. Winn was excused for non attendance at this & the last meeting.
The following Churches were not excused for non representation at last session: Bethel, Carlton, Memorial, Morrison, Bayou City, Murphy, Waynesville, Shady. Churches excused: Franklin, Waynesville Commanches, Black Mountain, Swannanoa.

Deacon White of Swannanoa was granted the privilege of the floor. Mr. J.S. Sites of Franklin was granted the same.

Minutes of last Stated Session were read for information.

The report of the former Committee of Bills & Overtures appointed to address a letter to the Churches was called for. The Committee had no report. The Committee was continued & Rev. A.M. McLaughlin was appointed Chairman in place of Rev. P. F. Brown.

The stated clerk was requested to prepare a book with the obligation to be signed by ministers entering this Presbytery.

The Committee to install Rev. A.M. McLaughlin as pastor of Oak Street reported the duty performed Nov. 19, 1911. The Committee was discharged.

A letter from the students & professors of Union Theo. Seminary was referred to the Standing Committee on the Narrative.

Rev. Lewis Collins was excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

An overture from Synod, in charge of the ecclesiastical year was referred to Com. on Bills & Overtures.

At 11 a.m. a sermon was preached by Rev. A.M. McLaughlin, after which the Lord's Supper was observed Revs W.H. Davis and W.P. Shedden presiding.

Presbytery receded from business until 4 P.M.

Recess.

Presbytery convened at 4 P.M.

Memorial was chosen as the next place of meeting. Time. Sept 24, 1912, at 8 P.M.

Bills & Overtures — The following report of the Committee on Bills & Overtures was adopted:-

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the Presbytery approve the overtures of Fayetteville Presbytery in regard to changing the ecclesiastical year to correspond with the Calendar year and that the stated clerk be instructed to inform the Synod's Stated Clerk of this action.
2. As to communications from Dr. J. H. Lingle in regard to a column in Assembly's Minutes for Sequestered Schools & Colleges no action is necessary as the Assembly's plan of collections & columns seems to meet the difficulty mentioned.

Sessional Records — The report of the Committee on Sessional Records as finally adopted was ordered written in the respective Church books concerned.

Auditing — The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's books correct. Approved.

Nominations — The following report of Com. on Nominations was approved:

For Moderator of next session Rev. J. L. Wallace with R. L. Tesh as alternate.
Rev. R. J. Hunter to preach the doctrinal sermon - Subject Divinity of Christ. Rev. W. H. McLaughlin as alternate.
Rev. J. L. Wallace as chairman of Bible Com.

mittee in place of the Rev. C. F. Brown.

Narrative — The report of the Committee on the Narrative was adopted as follows:

1. Attendance on services. With few exceptions all report good attendance.
2. Family Worship. In some churches sadly neglected.
3. Training in Homes. - Good
4. Training in Sunday Schools. - Good
5. Observance of Lord's Day - Very Good.
6. Giving - Very good indeed.
7. Pastors Salaries - Practically all paid (95%)
8. Manifestation of Holy Spirit - Only one report special work of Holy Spirit.
9. Worldly conformity = Not to any marked extent.
10. Evangelistic Work. Few report such work.
11. Efforts for recruits for Ministry. Six pastors report preaching on this subject.
12. Churches supplied - All except one church had preaching by supplies or pastors.

Presbytery recessed from business until 7-45 P.M.

Recess.

Home Missions — Presbytery convened at 7-45 and a popular service was held in the interest of Home Missions. Several addresses were made & the following report was adopted:

1. That collections be taken in every church for the Home Mission work of the Presbytery.
2. That churches receiving aid be urged to press

forward towards self-support as rapidly as possible.

3. That the Manitou Orphanage, the Morrison Industrial School and the Maxwell Home & School be commended to the liberality of our Churches, Missionary Societies & Sunday Schools.

4. That Rev. R. P. Smith be elected General Evangelist & Superintendent of Home Mission work for another year. (Collection 22 cts)

The following report of the Committee on the Narrative and the letter from Union Theological Seminary was adopted: We recommend that this letter be brought to the attention of this body & further recommend that a copy of said letter be delivered to the ministers & officers of the Presbytery & by them brought to the attention of the membership.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A.M.

Thursday April 18, 1912

Presbytery convened at 9 A.M. & was opened with devotional exercises conducted by elder A. Goodman.

After reading the minutes of yesterday they were approved.

After discussion the following resolution

Laymen's Home Mission Comm.

was adopted: We recommend

1. That a permanent Laymen's Home Mission Committee be appointed supplemental to work of Home Mission Committee for special work of raising money & supplies for Balfour Orphanage, Morrison School, Maxwell Home & School & kindred works.

2. The Committee to consist of five members who shall meet at least quarterly.

3. This Committee & subcommittees to co-operate with & assist the Home Mission Committee, Dr. Smith and the authorities of the various institutions.

The following persons were appointed on said Committee.

Minutes of Synod

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod reported that there was nothing to consider.

Com. on Systematic Benefiences.

The following report on Systematic Benefiences was approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly:

1.	Foreign Missions	19	Churches contributed	1805	00
2.	Assembly's Home	" 15	"	" 570	00
3	Local	" " 22	"	" 3731	00
4	Christian Ed & Mem. Relief	19	"	" 2251	00
5	Sab. School Extension & Pub.	17	"	" 140	00
6	Bible Cause	9	"	" 85	00
7	Orphans' Homes	16	"	" 1744	00
			Total	$9826	00

Preston & Crabtree — Preston and Crabtree Churches were dissolved and in future to be retained as Mission points.
The members of Preston were dismissed to Elowah and the members of Crabtree to Waynesville Church.

The Statistical Report — The statistical report was approved & ordered sent to the General Assembly. Presbytery comprises:
Ministers 16 and 29 Churches.
Elders 73. Deacons 67

Added on Examination	61
" " Certificate	82
Total Number	1899
Adult Baptisms	30
Infant "	33.
Total S.S. Enrollment	1869
Contributions: Foreign Missions	1805.00
Assembly's Home Missions	570.00
Local " "	3771.00
Christian Education & Min. Relief	2257.00
Sunday School Ext. & Publication	140.00
Bible Cause	85.00
Orphan's Homes	1274.00
Pastors Salaries	8942.00
Congregational &c	6749.00
Miscellaneous	1009.00

Evangelistic powers to received members were given Rev. W. P. Chadester in Anderson and Robbinsville his field of labor.

The report of Christian Education & Min. Relief Committee was received as information.

S.S. Report — Presbyterial Sunday School Report was read & approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

Number of Schools	25
Officers, teachers & Members	1669
Cradle Roll	120
Home Department	136
Total	1925
Admitted to Communion	33
Contrib. to Foreign Missions	85.00
Home " "	175.00
Education & Relief	6.00
S.S. Extension & Pub.	59.00
Bible Society	17
Orphan's Homes	196
Current Expenses	676
Total	$1164

On motion the Home Mission Committee was requested to confer with the Committee of Publication & S.S. work in Richmond in regard to getting assistance in prosecuting Sunday School work in our Presbytery.

Church Societies — The Report on Church Societies was read & approved and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly & is as follows:

Women's Societies	16	Membership	389
Young People "	10	"	238

	Men & Boys Societies 4 - Membership	94
Contributions	Foreign Missions	$431.00
	Home "	1590.00
	Local Causes	560.00
	Other "	566.00
	Total	3147.00

Fr. Missions — At eleven o'clock a popular meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions & the following resolutions were adopted. Resolved

1. That all of our churches be urged to take collections for Foreign Missions
2. That we urge the study of Missions by organized classes in the Church Societies & Sunday Schools.
3. That we approve the Laymen's Missionary Movement.
4. That each church appoint a Committee on Foreign Missions or adopt the new plan of giving approved by the General Assembly for Systematic Beneficence.
5. That our pastors be urged to keep this great cause always before their congregations.
6. That we heartily recommend the work done by our Missionary Union & Ladies Societies & urge the men to do likewise.

Mr Wm L. Hill gave an interesting address in the interest of Barium Orphanage.

Presbytery recessed from business until 1-30 P.M.
Recess.
Presbytery convened at 1-30 P.M.

Leave of Absence — The report of Committee on Leave of Absence was read & approved as follows: Rev E.B. Sample & W.H. Sample were excused from attendance at this meeting. Elds S.W. Blythe & R.L. Gash were excused from Thursday 9-a.m.

Commrs. to Genl. Assembly — After prayer Rev R.J. Kimbrough & elder A.M. Goodman were elected commissioners to the General Assembly with Rev. J.L. Wallace & elder J.W. Walker as alternates.

Thanks — A hearty resolution of thanks to the kind people of Bryson City for their generous hospitality was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted: To the Woman's Missionary Union of Asheville Presbytery. Greeting.
Asheville Presbytery in session hereby expresses its high appreciation of the excellent work that has been done by the Missionary Societies which compose your body. You have made it possible for the Presbytery to undertake & maintain much work that would have been neglected, this true especially along the lines of Christian Education.

We notice that there is a movement on foot to appoint a Woman as Secretary for the Unions throughout the bounds of our General Assembly. The Presbytery thinks that it would not be advisable for our body to approve this course as this would add expense & complicate unnecessary machinery. Dove in Presbytery in session in Bryson City April 18, 1912.

The Committee on Sabbath & Family Religion made report for information which was heartily approved.
The Minutes of the day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Memorial Church at 5 P.M. September 24th 1912.

A. M. McLauchlin
Temp. Clerk.

Attest: R. P. Grinnan
Stated Clerk.

Pro-Re-Nata Session

Asheville, N.C. July 9. 1912.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Pro-re-nata Session in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville N.C. at 4 P.M. July 9, 1912.
Rev. R. P. Smith acted as Moderator and called the meeting to order.
Rev. J. L. Wallace led in prayer.
Present: Ministers, R. P. Smith, R. B. Grinnan, J. L. Wallace and A. M. McLauchlin.
Elders, J. H. McCannell, Asheville First Church, J. M. Walker of Hazelwood, J. J. Stokes of Marshall, and R. L. Cook of Hamilton River.

The call was read and found in order and is as follows: The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church Asheville, July 9, 1912. at 4 P.M. to transact the following business:
1. To consider and act upon the request of Mr. F. M. Eversole to be restored to the Gospel Ministry.
2. To take such action may be necessary for his work in the future.
June 29. 1912. C. B. Jennings Mod.

Mr Eversole was present and made a full and candid statement to

the Presbytery, and also answered many questions after which the following resolution was passed:

Resolved That F. M. Eversole be and he is hereby restored to the office of the Gospel Ministry and to the exercise of all the functions thereof.

Mr. Eversole stated that he was under appointment to go as a Missionary to Korea and for this reason Evangelistic Powers for the Foreign Field were conferred upon him. Rev. R. P. Smith delivered a short charge.
The minutes were read and approved.

The session adjourned with prayer.
R. B. Grimm
Stated Clerk

Thirty Third Session of Asheville Presbytery.
First day.
Slagle Memorial Church
Macon Co. N.C. Sept. 24, 1912.

Asheville Presbytery met in its thirty third stated session, at Slagle Memorial Church, 10 o'clock P.M., and was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. C. B. Yeargan, the retiring moderator. The hour being so late, Presbytery adjourned until Wednesday at 9 o'clock am. Closed with prayer.

Second day
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1912.

Presbytery convened at 9:30 am, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. P. Chedester.

Presbytery was called to order by Rev. C. B. Yeargan, the retiring moderator. The following were noted present and were enrolled:

Roll:
Ministers R. P. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, J. Q. Wallace, E. L. Siler, C. B. Yeargan, Lewis Collins (2).

Elders J. H. McConnell of Asheville First, S. W. Black of Bryson City, R. L. Gash of Davidson River, Wm. T. Cole of Hazelwood, T. M. Slagle of Slagle Memorial, Dr. J. J. Archer of Montreat and G. K. McPherson of Morrison.

Absent

Ministers: A. H. Temple, P. P. Wirna, J. C. Brown, and A. M. McLauchlin.

Churches not represented: Hendersonville, Oakdale, Mills River, Etowa*, Andrews, Robbinsville*, Canton, Bethel, Pigeon Gap*, Oak Forest, Covenanters, Jennie Spier Memorial*, Black Mountain, Era St., Murphy, Hayesville, Swannanoa, Hillsboro*, Shortoff, Franklin, Brevard, Waynesville (* no elder).

Organization

Rev. J. Q. Wallace was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. P. Chedester Temporary Clerk.

Rev. R. J. Hunter was appointed by the Moderator to conduct the Presbyterial communion after the sermon at 11 a.m.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted: Morning session 9 to 1 o'clock; afternoon session 2 o'clock to adjourn at will. Evening session from 7:30 till adjournment.

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery having been printed, were approved without reading.

Absentees Excused

The following absentees from last meeting were excused: Ministers—Revs. R. J. Hunter, & E. H. Kerr. Churches—Mills River, Slagle Memorial, Morrison, Bethel, Black Mountain and Asheville First.

Standing Committees

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures: C. B. Yeargan, S. W. Black, E. A. Sample.

Auditing: J. H. McConnell, W. P. Chedester, E. L. Siler.

Leave of Absence: W. H. Cole, T. M. Slagle, R. J. Hunter.

Nomination: R. P. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. L. Gash.

Minutes of General Assembly: W. H. Slavin, R. J. Hunter, J. J. Archer.

Pastoral Relation Dissolved R. B. Grimm

At the request of Rev. R. B. Grimm, the congregation of the Hendersonville Church concurring, his pastoral relation with said Church was dissolved and he was granted a letter of dismission to Charleston Presbytery.

E. L. Siler Elected Stated Clerk

The office of Stated Clerk being made vacant by the removal from our bounds of Rev. R. B. Grimm, Rev. E. L. Siler was elected to succeed him.

A. S. Anderson Received

Rev. A. S. Anderson presented a letter of dismission from Kings Mountain Presbytery, and, passing a satisfactory examination by the Moderator on Experimental religion, Theology and Church Government, was received into this Presbytery and his name enrolled.

Rev. E. H. Kerr was granted

E.H. Kerr Dismissed

a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of South Carolina.

It was made the order of the day for Thursday 10 am. for a conference on Sunday School work.

Recess until 11 am.

Opening Sermon

At 11 o'clock, Rev. R. P. Campbell, at the request of the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon, postponed from last evening's session, from 1 Cor. 7:17, 20-24.

Presbyterial Communion

After the sermon, Rev. R. J. Hunter administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by ruling elders Mr. Connell, Black, Gash and Archer.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery met at 3 P.M.

Reports of A. M. Goodman and Rev. R. J. Hunter as Commissioners to the General Assembly were received and approved and their diligence commended.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee made the following report which was adopted:

Chairman of Committee of Foreign Missions, Rev. A. S. Anderson.

Rev. A. S. Anderson added to the Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Extension.

Rev. E. L. Siler added to the Committee of Systematic Beneficence.

Rev. E. L. Siler Chm Committee of

Examination on Ecclesiastical History.

Trustee of Davidson College - Rev. R. P. Smith - term 2 years.

Moderator Spring Meeting - Rev. Lewis Collins, alt. Rev. A. M. McLauchlin.

Presbyterial Sermon at Spring Meeting - Rev. R. J. Hunter, alt. Rev. Geo. M. McLauchlin; Subject: "The Deity of Christ."

R. P. Campbell, Chm.

Waynesville Call for Rev. A. S. Anderson

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported that the Call from the Waynesville Church was somewhat irregular. Presbytery, while noting the irregularity, ordered that the Call be placed in the hand of Rev. A. S. Anderson, and same was accepted by him.

The following Commission was appointed to install Bro. Anderson at Waynesville, if the way be clear:

Rev. R. P. Smith to preside, preach, and propound the Constitutional questions; Rev. R. J. Hunter to charge the pastor, and Rev. J. Q. Wallace to charge the people. Elder H. M. Killian to complete the Commission. Rev. A. M. McLauchlin was made alternate to either minister, and Elder Lindsley of Waynesville alternate to H. M. Killian. The time to be determined by the Church and Commission.

The request of Oak Forest Church to be allowed to employ Rev. P. P. Winn

as stated supply for one fourth of his time, was granted.

Elder H. M. Gudger was excused for non attendance at this meeting of Presbytery, but Oak Forest Church was not excused for failure to send a representative, and the stated clerk was instructed to write the Session and state reasons for this action.

Oak Forest not excused.

A paper on the change of boundaries of certain Presbyteries was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. E. A. Sample and R. P. Smith and ruling elder J. J. Archer.

A communication from Rev. C. G. Vardell regarding Barium Springs was received as information.

The Laymen's Home Mission Committee reported that they were organized and at work. The report was received as information, the committee commended for their zeal and the Committee continued.

Report of the Trustees of Davidson College was received and approved.

Waynesville was chosen as the place for next regular meeting, and the time fixed for 3rd Tuesday of April, 1913, 8 o'clock P. M.

Next Place of Meeting Waynesville

Rev. Lewis Collins appeared, pleaded excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Recess till 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery convened at 8 P. M.

A popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was held, Rev. R. P. Campbell presiding. A number of short addresses were made by members of Presbytery and an offering of $10.59 was taken for the Mountain Orphanage.

Home Missions

Adjourned with prayer till Thursday 9 a.m.

Thursday Morning Session

Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock a.m. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. A. S. Anderson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following were appointed as Devotional Committee for next meeting of Presbytery: Revs. A. S. Anderson, W. C. Lindsey and W. W. Cole.

Devotional Committee next meeting

The Foreign Mission Committee asked to be excused from reporting at this meeting, and asked for an hour at the Spring meeting. The request was granted.

Foreign Missions

The name of "Memorial" Church was ordered changed to that of "Slagle Memorial".

"Slagle Memorial"

The Special Committee appointed to examine the report of Synod's Committee on regrouping of Counties to form two new Presbyteries, made the

following report which was adopted:

"Your Committee appointed to examine the report made by Synod's Com. on regrouping the Counties of the State so as to form two additional Presbyteries, would report that we approve the suggestion, and that Synod organize Blue Ridge and Raleigh Presbyteries; that each suggested boundary be fixed without any alternates.

E. A. Sample
R. P. Smith
J. J. Archer."

New Presbyteries

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report which was received, taken up seriatim and adopted as a whole as follows:

"Your Committee recommend that Presbytery give its consent to the following amendments to the Confession of Faith and Form of Government, sent down by the General Assembly:

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I. Amendment to the Confession of Faith, Chap. X. Sect. 3, by changing the adjective "elect" into the participle "being elect"; and then set off the participial clause with comma, so that the section amended will read as follows: "Being elect, all infants

dying in infancy, are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how He pleaseth. So also are all other elect persons, who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the word." (Minutes, Page 35.)

II. Amendment to the Form of Government, Paragraph 57, so that beginning on the fourth line it shall read, "Every Presbytery shall be entitled to send one minister and one ruling elder, but if the number of communicants in its churches and ministers on its roll together be over 4,000, it shall send an additional minister and ruling elder; and in like proportion for every 4,000 communicants and ministers." (Minutes, p. 35.)

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III. Amendment to Paragraph 94, by striking out the whole of the first sentence in the paragraph, and substituting the following words in its place: "The Synod and the General Assembly may, at their own discretion, conduct any case of trial, coming before them on appeal, to the judgment of a commission, composed of others than members of the court from which the case shall come up. Except that all cases affecting doctrine

shall be tried by the court itself. The commission of a Synod," etc. (Paragraph to continue as at present.) (Minutes, pp. 36 and 37.)

IV. Amendment to Paragraphs 132-134 (Form of Government, Chap. VI, Sect. 6): (1) Strike out paragraph 4 as far as the words "head in divinity" and substitute the following, viz: "The Presbytery shall examine each candidate on theology, natural and revealed, the sacraments and church government. It shall also examine him as to his knowledge of the Latin language, mental philosophy, logic, rhetoric, ethics, the natural sciences and similar subjects, and upon the original languages of the Holy Scriptures and ecclesiastical history; or in lieu of the examination on any of these academic studies it may accept a certificate from an approved college, and in lieu of the examination on the original languages of Scripture and ecclesiastical history, it may accept a certificate from an approved theological seminary. Moreover, the Presbytery shall require a discussion in Latin or in English of a thesis on some common head in divinity."

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(2) Strike out the opening words of

paragraph 6 as far as the words "teacher of theology" and substitute for the same the following, viz: "No Presbytery shall omit any of these parts of trial except in extraordinary cases."

(3) At the end of paragraph 6 the following words be added, viz: "That the foregoing provision, mutatis mutandis, shall apply to the examination for ordination of extraordinary cases". (Minutes, page 2[illegible]).

Rev. E. A. Sample

At his own request, Rev. E. A. Sample was allowed to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery until the Spring meeting.

S. S. Conference

The order of the day was taken up. A Sunday School Conference was held, and addresses were made by Revs. A. S. Anderson and Lewis Hollins.

Assembly's Home Missions

The following report of the Committee on the Assembly's Home Missions was adopted, with the amendment that when impracticable to make the exchange, the pastors preach on this subject themselves on the date mentioned in the report:

"The Committee on the Assembly's Home Missions respectfully reminds the Presbytery of the action of our General Assembly approving the

plans for Home Mission Week, Nov. 17-24, and recommends that the suggested program be carried out as far as practicable, and certainly on these three points:

1. That all our pastors preach, Nov. 17, on some phase of the Assembly Committee's work.

2. that a general exchange of pulpits be made by all our pastors on Nov. 24, when same subject will be presented.

Assembly's Home Missions

3. that on Nov. 24th a special offering be taken in every church for the "Special Equipment Fund" of the Assembly's Committee.

4. that the exchange of pulpits be according to the following schedule:

R. P. Campbell	at	Hendersonville.
E. L. Siler	"	Asheville 1st.
A. M. McLauchlin	"	Brevard.
A. Anderson	"	Mount Zion.
R. P. Smith	"	Waynesville.
J. A. Wallace	"	Morrison.
J. B. Yeargan	"	Bryson City.
W. P. Chedester	"	Franklin.
R. J. Hunter	"	Cra Street.
W. H. Davis	"	Oak Dale.
J. C. Brown	"	Oak Forest.
P. P. Winn	"	Mills River
Lewis Collins	"	Murphy or Hiawassee River

Lewis Collins Chair.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Vote of Thanks.

"The thanks of this Presbytery are hereby tendered to the people of this community for throwing open to us the doors of their homes and for the cordial and bountiful hospitality we have found within, and for the many kindnesses we have received at their hands."

The hour for divine service having arrived Presbytery took recess and heard a sermon by Rev. E. L. Siler from Rev. 21:13.

After service Presbytery convened.

Reports to Synod adopted.

The Stated Clerk presented reports on Systematic Beneficence and Statistics which were adopted and ordered forwarded to Stated Clerk of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was approved.

The minutes of today's session were read and approved.

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer and the benediction, to meet at Waynesville the 3rd Tuesday in April next at 8 o'clock P. M.

W. P. Chedester, Temp. Clerk

Attest: Eugene L. Siler, Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved without exceptions
Goldsboro N.C. Oct 18th 1912
W. McC. White
Mod.

Stated Spring Session.
Thirty-Fourth Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery.

Waynesville, N.C. Apr. 15, 1913.

Asheville Presbytery met in its thirty-fourth stated session, in the Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, N.C., April 15, 1913, 8 o'clock P.M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, from Phil. 2:4.

Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following were noted present and enrolled:

Roll

Ministers: Revs. A. S. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester,(2) Lewis Collins, W. H. Davis,(2) R. J. Hunter,(2) A. M. McLauchlin,(2) E. L. Siler, R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace and C. B. Yeargan.

Elders: Elders: J. W. McConnell, Asheville 1st; W. S. Pickell,(2) Bethel; W. J. Orr, Biltmore; J. W. McNeely, Canton; R. L. Cash,(2) Hendersonville; A. V. Morey, Hendersonville; H. M. Killian, Hazelwood; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; J. S. Miller, Montreat; W. A. Osborne,(2) Oakdale; A. M. Goodman, Oak Forest; J. B. Hope, Ora Street; E. S. Harged, Waynesville.

Absentees

The following were absent:
Ministers:— J. C. Brown, E. A. Sample,

A. H. Temple and P. P. Winn.

Churches not represented:— Asheville, Black Mountain, Bryson City, Covenanter, Hillsboro*, Etowah*, Franklin, Hayesville, Jennie Spier Memorial*, Morrison, Murphy, Pigeon Gap*, Robbinsville*, Shortoff, Slagle Memorial, Swannanoa (* no elder).

Absentees

Rev. Lewis Collins was elected moderator, and Rev. C. B. Yeargan temporary Clerk.

Organization

Revs. J. C. McMurraway of the Baptist Church, and M. Thodes of the Methodist Church were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Courtesies

The devotional committee made the following report, which was adopted: "Presbytery convene 9:30 a.m.; Popular Service 11 a.m., adjourn for dinner. Convene at 2:00 P.M.; adjourn at will; convene at 8 P.M.; Popular services: 1. Communion service Wednesday 11 a.M. Revs. R. P. Campbell and C. B. Yeargan to preside; preceded by doctrinal sermon by Rev. R. J. Hunter. 2. Home Missions Wednesday 8 P.M.; Rev. E. H. Norwood to conduct devotional exercises Wednesday a.M."

Report Devotional Com.

Presbytery adopted the following orders of the day: Home Missions Wednesday night; Foreign Missions Thursday 11 a.M.; Sunday schools

Revs. E. A. Sample and P. P. Winn, and Ruling Elder J. P. Wilson of the Black Mountain Church, were excused for non-attendance at this meeting.

Excused

Rev. E. H. Norwood of Montgomery Presbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Courtesy

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning 9:30 o'clock, closing with prayer.

~~2nd day~~ Wednesday, Apr. 16th

Presbytery met at 9:30 a.M. and engaged in devotional exercises led by Rev. E. H. Norwood of Montgomery Presbytery.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted.

The following appeared, rendered excuses for tardiness, and were enrolled: Revs. N. W. Davis, A. M. McLauchlin, W. P. Chedester, and R. J. Hunter, and elders R. L. Gash, J. W. McNeely, W. A. Osborne, and W. S. Terrell.

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Standing Committees

Narrative — R. P. Smith, C. B. Yeargan, J. A. Wallace, M. M. Brittain.

Bills & Overtures — J. A. Wallace, A. S. Anderson, J. B. Shope.

Minutes of Synod - A. M. McLauchlin, A. H. Morey, E. S. Harrold -

Leave of Absence - J. W. McConnell, J. I. Miller, H. M. Killian -

Nominations - W. W. Davis, M. J. Orr, A. M. Goodman -

Standing Committees

Auditing - J. W. McConnell, E. S. Harrold, C. B. Yeargan

Sessional Record - W. P. Chedester, J. W. McConnell, A. H. Morey, J. B. Hope, M. M. Brittain -

Systematic Beneficence - R. P. Campbell, W. W. Davis, J. E. Wallace -

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon to hear a report on Systematic Beneficence and hold a Conference on this subject in connection with the report.

Call from Brevard Referred.

A call from the Brevard Church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. H. Norwood, was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Oak Forest & P. P. Winn.

The request of Oak Forest Church that Rev. P. P. Winn be continued as Stated Supply, was granted.

Place & time for next meeting.

Davidson River was chosen as the next place of meeting and the time fixed for Sept. 16th, 1913, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery took recess till 2 P.M., after divine service.

The Presbyterial sermon was

Presbyterial Sermon & Communion

preached at 11 a.m. by Rev. R. J. Hunter from Matt. 16:15, on the "Deity of Christ". The sermon was followed by the Presbyterial Communion.

Afternoon Session.

Presbytery met at 2 P.M., and on account of the small number present, took recess for 30 minutes.

The moderator called Presbytery to order at 2:30 P.M.

Conference on Systematic Beneficence

The Systematic Beneficence Committee made a partial report, and, pending its adoption, a conference was held on this subject, with helpful talks by several brethren.

Envelopes for Churches

It was ordered that the Systematic Beneficence Committee have envelopes printed for all Churches in the Presbytery, which want to use them, and furnish them at cost to all except those which cannot pay for them - in which case they shall be furnished free by the Committee.

Com. on Narrative made Permanent.

It was ordered that the Committee on Narrative be made a Permanent Committee.

The Commission appointed to install Rev. A. S. Anderson at Waynesville, made the following report which was adopted: "The Com-

mission appointed to install Rev. A. D. Anderson pastor of the Waynesville Church met in said Church Sunday night, Nov. 10th, 1912, at 8 P.M. Rev. R. P. Smith presided, preached and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. R. J. Hunter charged the pastor, and Rev. J. Q. Wallace charged the people. The requirements of our Book of Church Order were complied with fully.

Anderson Installed at Waynesville

R. P. Smith, Chm.

Presbytery took recess until 8 P.M.

Evening Session.

Presbytery met at 8 P.M.

The Home Mission Committee presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

Report of Home Mission Com.

1. That Presbytery enjoin all the Churches to contribute systematically to the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions, through the every member canvass, where practicable.

2. That Churches receiving aid be urged to press forward to self-support as rapidly as possible.

3. That the Mountain Orphanage, the Morrison School for Girls, and the Maxwell Home and School for Boys be commended to the liberality of Churches,

Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies and Individuals.

4. That Presbytery approve and confirm the action of the Committee in electing Rev. J. Q. Wallace principal of the Morrison School.

5. That Rev. R. P. Smith be re-elected Evangelist and Superintendent of Home Missions.

Home Missions

Pending the adoption of the above report, Presbytery heard an interesting address by Rev. R. P. Smith, illustrated by stereopticon pictures, on our Home Mission work.

Collection

A collection was taken for the Maxwell Home and School amounting to $30.00.

The hour for Sunday School Conference was changed from 8 P.M. Thursday to 10 a.m.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, till 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning

Presbytery met at 9:30 a.m. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. C. B. Yeargan.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended and adopted.

The special hours for popular meetings on Foreign Missions and

Sunday schools were exchanged.

A communication from Rev. J. Q. Wallace regarding a change in his field of labor, was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

A communication from Rev. J. C. Brown was received as information, and Bro. Brown was excused for non-attendance at this meeting.

The committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted: "Your Committee recommends that the Home Mission Committee remain as now constituted, except that Rev. A. S. Anderson take the place of Mr. Grimman removed, and elder F. J. Archer of Montreal be added to the Committee.

Nominations

That elder R. L. Gosh be added to the Committee of Ministerial Education and Relief in the place of Rev. E. H. Kerr removed.

That elder J. H. McConnell be added to the Committee on Orphans' Homes in the place of Mr. Grimman.

Moderator for next meeting - Rev. A. M. McLauchlin, alternate elder W. A. Osborne.

That Rev. R. P. Campbell preach the Presbyterial sermon at the next meeting, subject to be selected by himself, alternate Rev. J. Q. Wallace.

That the Permanent Committee on Narrative be constituted as follows: A. S. Anderson, W. P. Chedester, C. B. Pearson, A. M. Goodman and W. A. Osborne.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Morris,
M. J. Orr,
A. M. Goodman, } Com.

Commissioners to Assembly

Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly was taken up, and, after prayer, Rev. R. P. Campbell and Elder H. C. Lindsley were chosen, with Rev. J. Q. Wallace and elder W. A. Osborne alternates.

Foreign Missions

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following resolution which was adopted: "That the 2nd Sabbath of May, or the nearest Sabbath thereto, be set apart as a special day of Thanksgiving to God for relieving our Church of the Foreign Mission debt."

S. S. & Publication

The permanent Committee on Sabbath School Extension and Publication, made the following report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

Number of Schools	24
Total Membership	1939
Cradle Roll	130
Home Department	146
Admitted to Communion	40

(over)

Contributions to:

Foreign Missions	$184.00
Home Missions	137.00
Education and Relief	8.00
S. S. Extension & Publication	40.00
Bible Society	20.00
Orphans' Homes	216.00
Current Expenses	541.00
Total	$1146.00

Pending the adoption of the above report Presbytery heard short addresses on the Sunday School work by elders A. M. Goodman and W. A. Osborne and Rev. Lewis Collins.

Presbytery took recess until 2 P.M.

Thursday Afternoon.

Presbytery convened at 2 P.M. Excuses of Absentees from last meeting was taken up and the following ministers and Churches were excused:

Absentees Last Meeting.

Rev. A. M. McLaughlin; Churches: Andrews, Canton, Oak Forest, Covenanters, Black Mountain, Ora Street and Waynesville. (The following have no elder: Etowah, Robbinsville, Pigeon Gap, Jennie Spier Memorial and Hillsboro). The following were not excused: Revs. A. H. Temple, P. P. Winn, and J. C. Brown. Also the following Churches were not excused: Hendersonville, Oak Dale, Mills River, Bethel, Murphy, Hayesville,

Swannanoa, Shortoff and Brevard.

Bible Cause.

The Permanent Committee on Bible Cause reported that 13 churches gave $78.00 and 22 none. The report was adopted.

S. S. & Family Religion.

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion had no report to make. Approved.

Church Societies.

The following report on Church Societies was received and adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

Women's Societies, 19; Membership 420
Y. P. Societies, 6; " 83

Contributions:-

Foreign Missions	$580.00
Home Missions	844.00
Local Causes	230.00
Other Causes	939.00
Total	$2593.00

Assembly's Home Missions.

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following report which was adopted: The 47th Annual report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions to the next General Assembly sounds a note of great joy because of the continued enlargement of its usefulness and of the liberality of the Lord's people. Mr. Thacker, the Assembly's Evangelist, reports 1088 additions to the Church by profession and 339 by letter, as the result of his

years work. $154,000.00, in round numbers, were received and expended for this cause during the year. But there is also sounded a note of disappointment that more souls have not been won to Christ. Not a single addition upon profession of faith is reported from 167 churches.

Assembly's Home Missions

We adopt as our own the following recommendations of the Assembly's Sub Committee on Evangelism, viz:

1. That each church hold a series of evangelistic services as early as possible, in the discretion of the pastor and Session.

2. That the workers in our Sunday Schools and other departments of Church work be urged to an active interest in winning souls.

3. That the entire membership be enlisted in some individual effort to win souls.

Lewis Collins, Chm.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made the following report which was adopted: "Your Committee has examined the Minutes carefully, and respectfully calls the attention of Presbytery to the following action of Synod together with our recommendation: On page 641 (of Synod's Minutes) Synod sends down to the

Presbyteries, for their consideration and action, the following resolution: "That the Presbyteries of Concord, Fayetteville, Kings Mountain join with Orange and Mecklenburg in conducting all Home Mission work within their bounds. That the Synodical Committee be and is hereby directed to concentrate all their efforts in the Presbyteries of Asheville and Albemarle. That the amount needed for this work be apportioned among the five strong Presbyteries of Orange, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Mecklenburg and Concord."

Minutes of Synod

To this we recommend the following answer: The Presbytery of Asheville does not deem wise so radical a change in the great and successful Home Mission work now being conducted by the Synod. But we gladly welcome all the help the Synod can give us, through the present plan, in carrying on our Home Mission work in this Mountain Presbytery.

We find nothing further calling for criticism or comment.

Respectfully submitted,
A. McL. McLaughlin, Chm.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted: "Your Committee on Bills and Overtures recommend

1. That a call meeting of Asheville Presbytery be held at Biltmore to receive Rev. E. H. Norwood.

Bills & Overtures.

2. That Rev. E. H. Norwood inform the Moderator and Stated Clerk as to his dismissal from Montgomery Presbytery.

3. That the members of the Presbytery who shall attend said "Call Meeting" form a Commission to install Bro. Norwood as Pastor, if the way be clear.

J. Q. Wallace
A. D. Anderson } Com.
J. B. Shope

The following report on Systematic Beneficence was approved and ordered sent to the General Assembly:

Systematic Beneficence

1. Foreign Missions,	25	Chs. Contrib.	$3,725.
2. Assembly's H. Missions	20	" "	487.
3. Local H. Missions,	28	" "	2,796.
4. Christian Ed. & Min. Relief,	18	" "	1,000.
5. S.S. Extension & Publication,	14	" "	153.
6. Bible Cause,	15	" "	81.
7. Orphans' Homes,	16	" "	1,204.
Total - - - - - -			$9,446.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was adopted, and is as follows: Ministers 15, Churches 29, Licentiates none, Candidates none, Licensures none, Ordinations none, Installations 1, Pastoral relations dissolved 2, Churches Organized none,

Statistics

Churches dissolved none, Elders 74, Deacons 67, Added on Examination 69, Added on Certificate 108, Total Communicants 1865, Adult Baptisms 14, Infant Baptisms 33, S.S. Enrollment 1959, Funds contributed: Foreign Missions $3725., Assembly's Home Missions $487., Local H. Missions $2796., Christian Education and Ministerial Relief $1000., S.S. Extension 153., Bible Cause $81., Orphans' Homes $1204., Pastors' Salaries $7828., Congregational $7497., Miscellaneous $1384.

Total for Benevolence $9,446., Total Local Expenses $16,709., Grand Total $26,155.

The Home Mission Committee made the following report in regard to the removal of Rev. J. Q. Wallace:

The Committee recommends

1. That the pastoral relation between Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Bryson City be dissolved.

J. Q. Wallace

2. That Presbytery permit Rev. J. Q. Wallace to labor outside the

bounds of Hazelwood Church, provided the Church gives its consent, until the congregation can meet and take formal action on Mr. Wallace's request for dissolution of the pastoral relation. The report was adopted.

The Auditing Committee made the following report which was adopted: "Your Auditing Committee have carefully examined the Treasurer's books and found them to be correct. Your Committee beg leave to make the following recommendations:

Auditing Com. Report.

1, the purchase of an adding machine for use by the Presbytery, but more especially for the Treasurer to use in his book.

2. that Presbytery pay the Treasurer and Stated Clerk a salary sufficient to compensate them for their services.

J. V. McConnell
E. D. Harrold
C. B. Yeargan } Com.

Salaries of S. Clerk & Treasurer increased.

It was ordered that the salary of the Stated Clerk be increased to $150.00 per year, and that of the Treasurer to $200.00, to take effect at once.

A Committee consisting of ~~Messrs.~~ Messrs. J. V. McConnell, P. D. Morrison, and J. R. Hope was

Committee on Increase of Salary.

appointed to consider the method of raising the additional amount needed for the increase in salary of the Treasurer.

Sessional Records.

The Committee on Sessional Records made the following report which was adopted: The records of Montreat approved without exception. The following were approved with exceptions: Black Mountain, Mills River, Asheville First, Davidson River, Oak Forest, Brevard, Waynesville, Era Street, Bethel, Oakdale, Hazelwood, Bryson City and Canton.

Leave of Absence.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted: The following have been excused from attendance after Thursday morning's session: D. W. McNeely, R. L. Lash, A. W. Morey, W. A. Osborne, M. M. Brittain and W. S. Ferrell.

Adding Machine.

The special Committee on means of raising money for increase in salary, was also empowered to purchase an adding machine for the use of the Treasurer and the Presbytery to be paid for out of the Presbyterial Fund.

Revising Manual.

The following Committee was appointed to revise the Manual: R. P. Smith, R. R. Campbell, E. L. Siler, J. V. McConnell

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote, and ordered announced from the pulpit of the Waynesville Church the following Sabbath: Resolved that the hearty thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the Waynesville Congregation and members of the community for the gracious hospitality extended to the Presbytery during its sessions here.

Resolution of Thanks.

The report of the Committee on Narrative was adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly. The report indicated that

Narrative to Assembly.

1. Attendance on Service was, with few exceptions, good.
2. Family worship was sadly neglected in some Churches.
3. Training in Homes was good.
4. Training in Sunday Schools was good in most Churches.
5. Observance of the Lord's Day was very good.
6. Liberality was very good indeed.
7. Pastors' Salaries were practically all paid.
8. Holy Spirit's Power was manifested by some conversions and increased activity in several Churches.
9. Worldly conformity does not prevail to an alarming extent.
10. Evangelistic work is done by

some Churches in the way of mission work within their bounds.
11. Recruits for Ministry were sought by some pastors and Sessions by sermons on the subject, and by personal appeal.
12. Churches were all supplied with preaching by pastors or supplies except two.

The following vote of thanks was adopted: Presbytery expresses its hearty thanks and sincere appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Ramsey in leaving his office and coming to Waynesville to give us the stereopticon pictures illustrating our Home Mission work.

Thanks to Mr. Ramsey.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and the benediction, to meet with the Davidson River Church Sept. 16, 1913 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Minutes were Read & Approved.

Rev. Lewis Collins, Moderator.
Rev. C. B. Yeargan Temp. Clerk.

Attest:
E. L. Giles, Stated Clerk.

Pro Re Nata Meeting.

Brevard, N.C., June 4th.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Brevard, N.C., June 4th 1913, at 8:25 o'clock P.M., pursuant to the following call:

"Asheville, N.C.,
May 13th 1913.

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a special meeting of Asheville Presbytery to convene in the Presbyterian Church, Brevard, N.C. on Wednesday June 4th, 1913, at 8 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving Rev. E. H. Norwood from Montgomery Presbytery and installing him as pastor of the Brevard Church, if the way be clear.

Lewis Collins, Moderator."

Presbytery was called to order by Rev. Lewis Collins Moderator, and was opened with prayer. The call was read by the Stated Clerk - Same was found in order.

Roll

The following were enrolled:
Revs. R. A. Campbell, Lewis Collins, W. H. Davis and E. L. Siler, and Ruling Elder E. W. Blythe of Brevard.

Rev. E. H. Norwood of Montgomery Presbytery presented a certificate, in due

form dismissing him from Montgomery Presbytery to unite with Asheville Presbytery. He was then examined on Experimental Religion, Theology and Church Government, each of which was sustained, and the examination, as a whole was sustained.

Rev. E. H. Norwood Installed at Brevard.

Bro. Norwood was received into this Presbytery, the call from the Brevard Church for his pastoral services was placed in his hands and accepted by him. Rev. R. A. Campbell then preached a sermon from Matt. 17:20.

The constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. Lewis Collins the Moderator, Rev. E. L. Siler charged the pastor and Rev. Lewis Collins charged the people. Bro. Norwood was then installed as pastor of the Brevard Church, according to the requirements of our Book of Church Order.

Presbytery then adjourned with singing, Prayer, and the Benediction.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Lewis Collins, Mod.
E. L. Siler, Stated Clerk.

Fall Session

Thirty Fifth Stated Session
Davidson River Church
Pisgah Forest, N.C.
Sept. 16, 1913.

Presbytery met at 8:30 P.M. and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Lewis Collins, the retiring moderator, from Matt. 28:18-20.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following were noted present: Ministers, R. P. Campbell, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, E. A. Sample, Lewis Collins, J. C. Brown, E. L. Siler, C. B. Yeargan, A. M. McLaughlin, A. D. Anderson, E. H. Norwood and R. P. Smith (2). Ruling Elders; J. H. McConnell, Asheville 1st; W. E. Weaver, Davidson River; J. P. Bailey, Canton; C. W. Dillingham, Covenanters; J. J. Miller, Montreat; M. F. Allbright, Waynesville; L. T. Williams, Hendersonville; W. A. Osborne, Oak Dale; W. H. Cole, Hazelwood; and M. M. Brittain, Mills River (2).

Roll

The following were absent; Ministers, A. H. Penfold, J. R. Wallace, and P. P. Winn; Churches not represented, Andrews, Bethel, Black Mountain, Brevard, Bryson City, Hillsboro*, Etowah*, Franklin*, Hayesville, Jennie Spier Memorial*, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Forest, Ora Street, Pigeon Gap*, Robbinsville*, Shortoff, Slagle Memorial, Swannanoa. (* no Elder).

Absentees

Rev. A. M. McLaughlin was elected moderator, and Rev. E. H. Norwood, temporary clerk.

Organization

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended the following hours for meeting, which were adopted: 9 to 12 A.M., 2 to 5 P.M., and 8 P.M. to adjourn at will.

It was ordered that the doctrinal sermon be preached tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be celebrated immediately after the sermon.

It was ordered that popular meetings be held as follows: Home Missions Wednesday evening, and Sunday schools 1st order of day Thursday morning.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Second Day
Sept. 17, 1913.

Presbytery met at 9 A.M. and engaged in devotional exercises, led by Rev. E. A. Sample.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted.

The records of the last regular meeting, being printed, were adopted without reading. The minutes of

the intervening call meeting were read and adopted.

Excuses of absentees were taken up, and the following were excused: Churches not represented at last meeting: Andrews, Covenanters, and Franklin. The following were not excused: Rev. A. H. Temple, and Churches: Byson City, Hayesville, Morrison, Murphy, Sholtoff, Slagle Memorial and Swannanoa.

Excuses of Absentees Last Meeting

A Committee consisting of E. L. Siler, R. P. Smith, J. H. McConnell & W. A. Osborne, was appointed to prepare a circular letter, and send it out to each Session, one month before next meeting of Presbytery, setting forth the duty of each Church as to being represented at Presbytery, and also the duty of each Session to pay the expenses of the representative to Presbytery.

Circular Letter to be sent to Sessions

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Bills and Overtures: R. J. Hunter, A. S. Anderson, W. H. Cole, and W. A. Osborne.

Auditing: J. P. Bailey, J. I. Miller and J. C. Brown.

Leave of Absence: C. B. Yeargan, E. H. Norwood, and M. R. Albright.

Nominations: R. H. Campbell, E. L. Siler and J. H. McConnell.

Standing Committees

Minutes of Assembly: E. A. Sample, Lewis Collins, W. P. Chedester, L. T. Williams, C. W. Millingham, and W. E. Weaver.

Rev. J. M. Shive, of the Presbytery of Los Angeles (U.S.A.) was introduced and invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Corresponding Member

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. R. B. Grinnan and other former Stated Clerks of this Presbytery, and, if possible, secure a complete file of the minutes of Presbytery since its organization.

File of Minutes

A communication from Mr. T. H. Law, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, regarding overtures sent down to the Presbyteries, was referred to the Committee on Minutes of the Assembly.

A communication from Mr. S. L. Morris, Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, regarding this cause, was referred to the Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions.

A communication from Rev. R. A. Blum, D.D., regarding appointment of Committee on Evangelism, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare, in a suitable book, the Ordination Requirements, according to

Book for Ordination Requirements

Sec. 76, Chap. V. Book of Church Order, and have same ready by next meeting of Presbytery.

It was ordered that the name of the Committee printed in the Minutes of Presbytery as "Sunday School Extension and Publication" be changed so as to read "Publication, Sabbath School Work, and Young Peoples' Societies", to conform to the recommendation of the Assembly's Committee, and to cover the work actually in charge of the Committee.

Name of Committee Changed.

Overtures, presented by Rev. Lewis Collins, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. E. A. Sample dismissed.

Rev. E. A. Sample, at his own request, was dismissed to unite with Suwanee Presbytery.

Letter to Stated Clerk Suwanee Pres.

A Committee consisting of E. L. Siler and R. P. Campbell was appointed to write a letter to the Stated Clerk of Suwanee Presbytery, expressing our high regard for Bro. E. A. Sample and our regret at losing him as a member of this Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for 3 P.M. to hold a conference on the "Every Member Canvass."

Election of a Trustee of

Davidson College was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

It was ordered that a Free Conversation on the State of Religion follow the Conference on the Every Member Canvass.

Time and Place for next meeting.

Black Mountain was chosen as the next place of regular meeting, and the time fixed for Presbytery evening, 8 o'clock, on or before the first full moon of April.

M. M. Brittain Enrolled.

Ruling Elder M. M. Brittain appeared, rendered excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Presbytery took recess till 11 A.M.

Doctrinal Sermon and Lord's Supper.

Presbytery reconvened at 11 A.M., and heard the doctrinal sermon by Rev. R. P. Campbell from 1 Pet. 5:6. Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, presided over by Revs. E. A. Sample and A. M. McLaughlin.

Recess until 2 P.M.

Wednesday Afternoon

E. L. Siler made Chm. Com. on Revising Manual.

Presbytery met at 2 P.M.

The Committee on Revising the Manual was continued till Spring Meeting, and Rev. E. L. Siler was made Chairman.

Rev. R. P. Campbell made

Report of Dr. Campbell as Commissioner to G. Assembly

report as Commissioner to the General Assembly. The report was approved and the Commissioner commended for his diligence.

Report of Trustee D. College.

Rev. R. P. Smith made report as Trustee of Davidson College. The report was approved and his diligence commended.

Com. on Devotional Exercises

Rev. E. L. Siler and Maj. J. P. Wilson were appointed as Committee on Devotional Exercises for Spring Meeting.

Dr. Campbell's Sermon to be published

Rev. R. P. Campbell was requested to furnish a copy of the Presbyterial sermon preached this morning, to the Committee of Publication at Richmond, with a view to having it printed, and that this Presbytery will guarantee the cost of having same published.

A communication from the Supt of Synodical Home Missions was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

Prayer for Rev. Wm Black

Pursuant to a request from Rev. W. McG. Shields, Presbytery engaged in prayer that God would restore the eyesight of Rev. Wm Black, our Synodical Evangelist.

Rev. J. M. Shive

Rev. J. M. Shive, of Los Angeles Presbytery (U.S.A.) was granted permission to labor within the bounds

of this Presbytery until next meeting.

Rev. R. P. Smith Enrolled.

Rev. R. P. Smith appeared, rendered excuse for tardiness and was enrolled.

Presbytery Photographed.

Recess till 3 P.M. in order that the Presbytery might be photographed by Mr. Rawsay.

Conference on Ev. Mem. Canvass

At 3 P.M. Presbytery came to order and a conference on the Every Member Canvass was held, presided over by Rev. R. P. Campbell.

Presbytery adjourned till 8 P.M.

Wednesday Evening.

Presbytery met at 8 P.M. Rev. R. P. Campbell, Chm, presided over a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions.

Home Missions

Presbytery heard addresses by Revs. C. B. Yeargan and R. P. Smith, the latter address being illustrated by stereopticon views furnished by Mr. J. P. Rawsay. A collection was taken for the Maxwell Home and School amounting to $18.20.

Popular Meeting.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning

Presbytery met at 9 A.M. and engaged in Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. M. Shive.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, amended and adopted.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send a circular letter to the Session of each Church, forbidding the use of funds contributed for any other cause than that for which they were originally contributed. Presbytery also condemned this wrong use of funds by Church Sessions.

Circular Letter to be sent each Church.

Mr. J. H. McConnell, Chm, made the following report of special committee on Treasurer's Salary: "Your Committee appointed at Spring meeting of Presbytery at Waynesville, N.C., to decide how the increase in Treasurer's salary should be raised; recommend that this amount be paid from the Beneficent fund. We also recommend that the amount now being paid the Treasurer from Presbyterial Assessment fund, also be paid from the Beneficent fund, making the Treasurer's salary in full to come

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Salary & Adding Machine.

from this fund. This Committee was also instructed to purchase an Adding Machine for the Treasurer's use, and to be used in auditing Treasurer's books at the meetings of Presbytery. We wish to report that we have purchased at $175.00 a Burroughs Adding Machine, to be delivered to Rev. R. P. Smith, as soon as this Committee receives the money to pay for same.

Respectfully submitted
J. H. McConnell,
T. S. Morrison
J. B. Hope."

The report was approved and the recommendations adopted.

It was ordered that the Home Mission Committee apportion the $175.00, necessary for purchase the adding machine among the Churches, and inform the Churches of the amounts apportioned within the next 15 days.

Apportionments to be made by H. M. Com.

The request of the Hendersonville Church, that it be allowed to employ Rev. J. M. Shive as Stated Supply, until next meeting of Presbytery, was granted.

Hendersonville & Rev. J. M. Shive.

Rev. J. P. Ramsay was tendered

Vote of thanks to Dr. Ramsay.

a rising vote of thanks for his kindness, from time to time, in furnishing stereopticon views illustrating our Home Mission work, and for his interest in securing the new stereopticon lantern for Presbytery.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:

"We respectfully recommend

1. That Rev. W. H. Davis be re-elected Trustee of Davidson College.

2. That the name of Dr. J. P. Ramsay be substituted for that of Claybrook James on the Committee of Publication, Sabbath School Work and Young People's Societies, Mr. James having removed from the bounds of the Presbytery.

Nominations

3. That the name of Dr. D. J. Watson be substituted for that of Claybrook James as Trustee of the Presbytery.

4. That Rev. A. S. Anderson preach the doctrinal sermon at the Spring meeting on the doctrine of "Christian Beneficence".

5. That Revs. R. P. Smith and A. S. Anderson, and Ruling Elder D. J. Archer, constitute the Permanent Committee on

Evangelism, recommended by the General Assembly.

R. P. Campbell
E. L. Dilor
J. H. McConnell } Committee.

Rev. R. P. Campbell presented the following overture to the General Assembly, which was adopted:

Overture to General Assembly on Federal Congress

"The Presbytery of Asheville hereby respectfully overtures the General Assembly

1. To appoint an ad interim Committee, and to request the supreme judicatories of the other Reformed Churches in this country holding the Presbyterian system of government, to appoint similar Committees, to meet and confer together in regard to a plan for the Federation of these Churches through a Federal Congress with lower and upper houses; representation in the lower house to be based on the number of communicants, and each Church to have equal representation with every other Church in the upper house; the concurrence of both houses to be necessary for conclusive action by the Federal Congress

in such matters as shall be committed or referred to it.

2. That the several supreme judicatories of the aforesaid Churches be requested to instruct their Committees, if they shall see fit to appoint such, to formulate in joint conference a Plan and Constitution of Federation on said basis, to be presented to the several supreme judicatories for their consideration.

Overture to Assembly

3. In view of the fact that this is a matter in which the whole Church is vitally interested, the Presbytery of Asheville respectfully suggests the reference of this overture to a select committee to be appointed by the Moderator, each Synod to have at least one representative on this committee."

The Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report which was adopted:

"Resolved that all our ministers and Sessions be earnestly urged to bend their energies and use every endeavor to arouse our churches to the vital necessity of giving more liberal financial

Ch. Education & Min. Relief

support to our Theological Seminaries, Colleges and Schools.

W. H. Davis, Chm.

The Presbyterial reports to Synod on Statistics and Systematic Beneficence were read and adopted and are as follows:

Statistics: 16 ministers, 29 Churches, 1865 communicants, $26,155.00 aggregate of funds raised during year ending Dec. 31st 1913, being $411.00 less than was raised the year before. 177 members added to the churches, 69 on examination and 108 on certificate. One minister received, viz.: Rev. E. H. Norwood, June 4, 1913; 1 minister transferred, viz: Rev. E. A. Sample to Suwanee Presbytery, Sept. 17, 1913. 2 Installations: Rev. A. D. Anderson, Waynesville, Nov. 12, 1912; and Rev. E. H. Norwood at Brevard, June 4, 1913. 12 ministers in charge of 20 Churches; 6 pastors, 14 Stated Supplies; 1 Evangelist; 1 Foreign Missionary; 24 S. Schools; 6 Y.P. Societies; 19 Woman's Societies; 2 vacant Churches. $992.00 average salary paid ministers in charge of Churches. 9 manses, aggregate value $19,000.00. No

Statistics

minister or church in one county (Madison) - Next stated meeting of Presbytery at Black Mountain, on 7th day of April 1913.

Benevolence:

Number of Churches contributing and Amounts -

(1) 25 to Foreign Missions			$3,725.
(2) 20 " Assembly's H. "			487.
(3) 28 " Local " "			
Synodical Missions		$552.	
Presbyterial H. "		1537.	
Congregational " "		707	2796.
(4) 18 to Christian Ed. & Relief:			
Assembly's Ed. & Relief	424		
Synodical Schools & Colleges	633		1057.
(5) 14 to Pub. & S.S. Extension			153.
(6) 15 " Bible Cause			81.
(7) 16 " Orphans Homes:			
Synodical " "	221		
Other " "	983		1204.
(8) Miscellaneous			1384
Total			$10887.

Systematic Beneficence

Being $12.00 more than was raised the year before. 28 churches reported, and 10 of them contributed to all objects conducted by the church and 28 to one of them or more. 1 church made no report - Pigeon Gap.

Presbytery took recess for

five minutes.

Presbytery convened at the end of five minutes, and the order of the day, a Conference on Sunday School work was held - Brief addresses were made by Revs. Ed. Siler, A.S. Anderson and Lewis Collins, and others.

Conference on S.S.

Presbytery took recess until 2 P.M.

Thursday afternoon.

Presbytery met at 2 P.M. Rev. Lewis Collins, last moderator present, called Presbytery to order.

The Home Mission Committee made the following report on Assessments, which was adopted.

Assessments for Adding Machine

Asheville 1st,	$75	Mills River,	5.
Andrews,	2	Montreat,	12.
Bethel	2	Morrison,	1.
Black Mt.	5	Murphy,	3.
Brevard	8	Oak Hill,	1.
Bryson City,	5	Oak Forest,	1.
Canton,	4	Era Street,	7.
Covenanters,	1	Robbinsville,	1.
Davidson River,	6	Slagle Memorial,	2.
Franklin,	4	Swannanoa,	3.
Hazelwood,	3	Waynesville,	12.
Hendersonville,	15		
Jennie Spier Meml,	1		

Assessments for Adding Machine

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send the foregoing Assessments to the Churches with explanation.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted:

"The Committee on Leave of absence beg to recommend that the following be granted leave of absence: Rev. E. H. Sample after the morning session Wednesday. Rev. J. C. Brown and Elder C. W. Allingham after the evening session Wednesday.

C. B. Yeargan, Chm."

Leave of Absence

The Committee on Nominations recommended that Rev. J. J. Archer, of Montreat, be nominated as Moderator for next meeting, with Rev. R. J. Hunter alternate. Adopted.

Rev. Archer Nominated Moderator
R. J. Hunter Alternate

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report which was adopted:

"Your Committee recommends that Presbytery vote "no" as to the amendment to the Form of Government Chap. VII, regarding the vote in case of proposed union with another ecclesiastical body.

That Presbytery vote "yes" as to amendment to Chap. VI, Par. 118.

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That Presbytery vote "yes" as to the amendments to the Rules of Discipline.

2. Your Committee decided to read to Presbytery as information the letter from the Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions.

Lewis Collins, Chm."

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report which was adopted:

"The Presbytery of Asheville hereby overtures the Synod of North Carolina to engage an experienced Sunday School Worker, under the direction of its Committee on Sabbath Schools, whose work shall be to interest all the schools of Synod in striving towards the Standard adopted by our General Assembly. To this end he shall use letters, circulars, leaflets, personal work, and Mass Meetings and Institutes, as well as co-operation with township and County S.S. Conventions. That the salary and expenses of such a worker shall be secured by individual and school pledges during the session of Synod. That the engagement be for one year, of which a full report shall be made to Synod through its Committee."

Overture to Synod

Your Committee also recommends that the request of Rev. Lewis Collins that he be permitted to labor within and without the bounds of Presbytery as a Sunday School Evangelist in organized Sunday School Work, under Sec. 41 Chap. IV. B'k of Ch. Order, be granted, and that he be so reported in the list of ministers as prepared for the Assembly Minutes.

Rev. Lewis Collins S.S. Evangelist

R. J. Hunter, Chm.

Presbytery was led in special prayer by Rev. A. S. Anderson for God's blessing upon Rev. P. M. Eversole, our representative on the Foreign field. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write him a special letter expressing the interest of the Presbytery in his work, and our continued prayers for his welfare.

Prayer for Rev. P. M. Eversole

Presbytery then engaged in a Free Conversation on the State of Religion within our bounds.

Free Conversation

Presbytery adopted the following vote of thanks, and ordered that the same be read from this pulpit at the next preaching service;

Vote of Thanks

The Presbytery of Asheville expresses its warmest thanks to the people of Davidson

River, who have so hospitably entertained us and cared for our comfort during our sojourn within their bounds.

Minutes adopted.

The minutes of today's session were read, amended and adopted.

Adjournment.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer, and the benediction to meet at Black Mountain on Tuesday, 7 P.M. on or before the first full moon of April 1914.

E. W. Norwood, Temp. Clerk,

Attest; E. L. Siler, Stated Clerk,

Examined and approved with following exceptions

1. No Treasurer's report at either Spring or fall meeting.
2. No record that the call for a special meeting was found in order before Presbytery proceeded to act. (Page 204)

W. McG. Shields, Mod.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES

1914-1927

THIRTY-SIXTH STATED SESSION OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Black Mountain, N. C.
April 7th, 1914.

Asheville Presbytery met in its thirty-sixth stated session, in the Black Mountain Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock p. m., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. A. M. McLauchlin, the retiring moderator, from II Pet. 1:10.

Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer. The roll was called and the following were noted present and enrolled:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, A. H. Temple, R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn; Lewis Collins, J. Q. Wallace, E. L. Siler, A. M. McLauchlin, A. S. Anderson, E. H. Norwood.

Ruling Elders: R. L. Gash, Davidson River; S. H. McNeely, Canton; I. J. Archer, Montreat; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; I. J. Brown, Waynesville; A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; W. H. Cole, Hazelwood; W. A. Osborne, Oak Dale; D. S. Watson, Asheville 1st (2); W. H. Jarrett, Covenanters (2); J. H. Gudger (2) Ora Street; S. W. Davidson, Swannanoa (2); J. P. Wilson (2) Black Mountain.

The following were absent: Ministers: J. C. Brown and C. B. Yeargan. Churches not represented: Mills River, Etowah,* Andrews,* Robbinsville,* Bethel, Oak Forest, Jennie Spear Memorial,* Franklin, Morrison, Pigeon Gap,* Bryson City, Murphy, Shortoff, Brevard, Hayesville, Dillsboro.* *No Elder.

Dr. I. J. Archer, of Montreat, was elected moderator, and Revs. W. P. Chedester and E. H. Norwood temporary and engrossing clerks, respectively.

The devotional committee made the following report, which was adopted:

1. We recommend the following hours for Presbytery's meetings:
Morning session 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m.
Afternoon session 2:00 p. m to 5:00 p. m.
Evening session 8:00 p. m. to adjourn at will.

2. That the Presbyterial sermon be preached on Wednesday at 11 a. m., to be followed by the Presbyterial communion.

3. That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

4. That Presbytery take recess at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning for the purpose of allowing the local church to hold a dedication service.

5. That Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Presbytery hold a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.

E. L. SILER,
J. P. WILSON, Com.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY

Wednesday, April 8th, 1914.

Presbytery met at 9:00 a. m. and engaged in devotional exercises led by Rev. Lewis Collins.

The minutes of Tuesday night's session were read and approved.

The following were excused for non-attendance at last meeting: Ministers: J. Q. Wallace, A. H. Temple, P. P. Winn. Churches: Andrews, Black Mountain, Brevard, Hayesville, Murphy, Slagle Memorial and Pigeon Gap. The churches not excused were: Morrison, Bethel, Bryson City, Oak Forest, Ora Street, Shortoff and Swannanoa.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk write the delinquent churches, call their attention to the fact of their non-representation and urge them to be represented at all meetings of Presbytery.

Ruling elder D. S. Watson of Asheville First church appeared, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES — A. M. McLauchlin, R. P. Smith, T. M. Slagle.
JUDICIAL—R. F. Campbell J. Q. Wallace, R. L Gash.
MINUTES OF SYNOD—R. J. Hunter, W. P. Chedester, S. H. McNeely.
RECORDS OF SESSIONS—P. P. Winn, A. H. Morey, T. M. Slagle, J. Q. Wallace, I. J. Brown.
RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY—I. J. Brown, T. M. Slagle.
AUDITING—W. A. Osborne, W. H. Cole, D. S. Watson.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—E. L. Siler, J. P. Wilson, S. H. McNeely.
NOMINATIONS—R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, A. H. Morey.
SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—Lewis Collins, I. J. Brown, A. H. Morey.

The minutes of last Fall meeting of Presbytery were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk was requested to look into the matter of using the words "constituted with prayer" for the convening of Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly, and enquire whether "opened with prayer" is not now in general use.

Ruling elder W. H. Jarrett of Covenanters church was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

The following communications were received:

1. From Rev. A. W. Crawford, Sup't Synodical Home Missions, asking for an opportunity to address Presbytery. He was granted 15 minutes at 3:00 p. m. Thursday.

2. Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, of Davidson College wrote asking for an opportunity to address Presbytery, and was granted as much time as he desired at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday.

3. From Rev. C. B. Yeargan, asking permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until next meeting. Request was granted.

4. From Rev. J. C. Brown, asking for a letter of dismission to Orange Presbytery. The request was granted.

5. A petition from certain citizens and members of the Presbyterian church, asking for the organization of a church at Sunburst, N. C. Referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following additional standing committees were appointed by the moderator:

NARRATIVE—A. S. Anderson.
STATISTICS—E. L. Siler.
SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—Lewis Collins.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—E. L. Siler, Lewis Collins.
CHURCH SOCIETIES—J. Q. Wallace.

Presbytery took recess until 3:30 p. m. in order to give committees time to make out their reports.

3:30 P. M.

Presbytery resumed business, and heard an address on Christian Education by Dr. H. B. Arbuckle of the faculty of Davidson College. The address was referred to the trustees of Davidson College with instructions to report at this meeting.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had finally secured a complete file of the minutes of Asheville Presbytery from its organization to the present time. He was commended for his diligence, and the Stated Clerk and Treasurer were appointed a committee to enquire into the possibility of having the minutes that remain unprinted put into type.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had procured a suitable book, in which the ordination requirements were written, and that the same was now ready for the signatures of the ministers of this Presbytery. All ministers were requested to sign these requirements.

The committee on letter to Suwanee Presbytery regarding Bro. Sample, reported that this duty had been performed and asked to be discharged. Report approved and committee discharged.

The committee on revising the Manual presented copy of same for adoption. The report was received and the manual taken up seraitim, amended and adopted section by section, and then adopted as a whole. The Stated Clerk and Treasurer were appointed a committee to have the manual printed.

Ruling elders J. P. Wilson and J. H. Gudger appeared, rendered excuses for tardiness and were enrolled. Ruling elder J. R. Wilson, principal representative from Hendersonville church, appeared, and it was ordered that he be enrolled instead of Dr. A. H. Morey, alternate, who had thus far represented the church at this meeting.

Rev. J. M. Shive, of the Presbytery of Los Angeles, (U. S. A.) was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee appointed to write a circular letter to

the sessions about the misuse of funds, reported the duty performed and asked to be discharged. Report was approved and committee discharged.

Presbytery took recess until 8:00 p. m.

8.00 P. M.

Presbytery was called to order at 8 o'clock by the moderator, and the hour for the order of the day having arrived, Rev. R. F. Campbell, chairman of Home Mission committee, was asked to preside. Dr. Campbell read the committee's report on Home Missions, and, pending its adoption, Rev. A. H. Temple addressed the Presbytery regarding his work at the Orphan's Home at Balfour. Also Rev. R. P. Smith lectured on our Home Mission work and institutions, illustrating the same with stereopticon views, assisted by Dr. J. F. Ramsay, of Asheville.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was received and approved and its recommendations adopted as follows:

1. The churches reciving aid from the Presbytery are urged to take collections for the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions, through the every-member-canvass and the duplex envelopes.

2. These churches are also urged to press forward towards self-support as rapidly as possible, that the Home Mission funds of the Presbytery may be used for the opening of new fields.

3. The Mountain Orphanage, the Morrison Industrial School for Girls, and the Maxwell Home and School for Boys are especially commended to the christian liberality of churches, Sunday Schools, Societies and individuals.

4. We ask the Presbytery to confirm the action of the committee in electing Mr. T. L. Mosely Superintendent of the Maxwell Home and School.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Ch'm'n.

At the close of the meeting a collection was taken for the Balfour Orphanage, amounting to $20.00.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

9:00 A. M.

Thursday, April 9th.

Presbytery met and engaged in devotional exercises led by Rev. J. M. Shive.

Minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read, amended and approved.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of Los Angeles Presbytery (U. S. A.) stating that Rev. J. M. Shive had applied for a letter of dismission from that Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery, and that same doubtless would be granted and filed with the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery. On this information, Rev. J. M. Shive was recieved into this Presbytery, after due examination, and his name enrolled.

A call from the Black Mountain church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. L. Siler, for half time, at a salary of $500.00 per annum was placed in the hands of the committee of Bills and Overtures.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of Synod asking for subscriptions of 25c per member for the printed abdresses delivered at Alamance church last Fall, and for additional subscriptions for the Alamance monument fund.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk be authorized to receive such subscriptions and forward the funds.

A call from the Hendersonville church for the whole time of Rev. J. M. Shive, at salary of $1500.00 and manse, was referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures for immediate action.

Ruling elder S. W. Davidson of Swannanoa appeared, rendered excuse for tardiness and was enrolled.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported that they found the call from the Hendersonville church in order and recommended that same be placed in the hands of Bro. Shive.

Bro. Shive indicating his acceptance of the call, the following order was taken for his installation:

Time—the 1st Sabbath in May. Dr. I. J. Archer, of Montreat to preside and charge the people, and Rev. A. S. Anderson to preach the sermon and charge the pastor.

The hour having arrived for the dedication service, Presbytery took recess until 2 p. m.

THURSDAY 2:00 P. M.

The following report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received and adopted as a whole:

The Presbytery of Asheville desires to express great pleasure and satisfaction in listening to the address of Dr. H. B. Arbuckle on the subject of Christian Education. We assure him of our deep interest in the cause so ably advocated by him.

In view of the great and growing importance of Christian Education the present Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief is instructed to consider the wisdom and advisability of appointing a new Committee to look after the interests of Christian Schools and Colleges and leave the management of Candidates for the Ministry and Ministerial Relief in the hands of the present "Committee of Ch. Ed. and Ministerial Relief," and to report on the same to the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

W. H. DAVIS, }
R. P. SMITH, } Com.

Rev. A. W. Crawford of the Presbytery of Orange was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Stated Clerk reported that the circular letter ordered sent to all sessions about the importance of representation at Presbytery, also the assessments for adding machine had both been sent to all sessions. The report was approved and the committees discharged.

The Treasurer presented the following report which was adopted:

Cash received $19201.97
Disbursements—

Sustentation	$3200.00
Benevolent Causes . . .	3500.00
Orphanage Work . . .	1750.18
School Work	9293.24
Cash Balance	1458.55
	$19201.97

R. P. Smith, Treasurer.

The Commitie on Sabbath and Family Religion made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully report that after careful investigation and personal observation we find no improvement in Sabbath Observance since our last report. In fact very many of our church people are falling in line with the general public in regarding the day as one for pleasure and entertainment, rather than one for rest and worship.

Family religion as practiced by our fathers is still on the decline. Parents seem satisfied to delegate this important duty to pastors and Sunday School teachers.

R. P. Smith, Agent

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported they had found in order the call of the Black Mountain church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. L. Siler, and recommended that it be placed in his hands. He signifying his acceptance of the same, the following order was taken for his installation: Time—Wednesday evening 8 o'clock, April 29th, 1914. Rev. R. P. Smith to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and charge the pastor, Rev. J. M. Shive to preach the sermon, and Ruling Elder I. J. Archer to charge the people.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that in response to the petition for organization of a church at Sunburst, Presbytery appoint a commission consisting of Revs. R. P. Smith, A. S. Anderson and R. J. Hunter, and Ruling Elders W. H. Cole, I. J. Brown and S. H. McNeely to visit Sunburst at an early date and organize a church at that place, if the way be clear. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that the call from Hazelwood church for pastoral services of Rev. W. P. Chedester be placed in his hands. He signifying his acceptance of the call the following order was taken for his installation: Time, the fifth Sabbath of May. Revs. A. S. Anderson and R. J. Hunter and elders I. J. Brown, W. H. Cole and D. M. Killian to compose the committee, the parts of the service to be divided between the members of the committee as they deem best.

The Auditing committee presented the following report which was adopted:

We, the undersigned auditing committee of Asheville Presbytery, having examined the books of the Treasurer of Home Mission Committee and of Presbytery, find (a) that the account with Balfour

Orphanage is correct, with two checks not returned to April 7, 1914; (b) that the account with Maxwell Home and Morrison Industrial School balances exactly with bank book; (c) that the accounts of General Presbyterial fund, being audited to March 14, 1914, show a discrepancy between bank accounts and books of $1.91 in favor of Treasurer not accounted for. We would state that the last set of books could not well be audited to date as some transactions were not completed, so we stopped at March 14, 1914.

W. A. OSBORNE,
Wm. H. COLE,
D. S. WATSON, } Committee

Ruling elders D. S. Watson and W. H. Cole were appointed a committee to see about securing a secretary to assist Rev. R. P. Smith in his work.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Presbytery heard with pleasure an address by Rev. A. W. Crawford of Orange Presbytery, on the subject of Synod's Home Missions.

It was ordered that Asheville Presbytery request the Home Mission Committee of Synod to instruct its Treasurer to send to our Presbyterial Treasurer the funds apportioned to the workers in this Presbytery.

Rev. A. W. Crawford stated that a certain party had placed in his hands an organ to be given to some needy church or Sunday School. He tendered it to our Home Mission Committee, and the Committee accepted it, and will place it where the need seems greatest.

The Committee on Sessional Records made the following report which was adopted: That the following records be approved without exception: Asheville First, Brevard, Davidson River, Canton, Black Mountain, Mills River, Montreat, Ora Street and Waynesville. That the following records be approved with exceptions which have been written in the records: Oak Forest, Morrison, Bethel, Hendersonville, Oak Dale, Hazelwood, Andrews.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence recommended the following report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

22	Churches contributed to	Foreign Missions	$2421.00
19	" "	" Ass. Home Missions	601.00
23	" "	" Local Home Missions	3763.00
17	" "	" Ch. Ed. and Min. Rel.	1039.00
15	" "	" S. S. Ex and Pub.	178.00
13	" "	" Bible Cause	83.00
17	" "	" Orphan's Homes	1583.00
		Total	$9668.00

Eleven churches contributed to all seven of the objects of beneficence recommended by the Assembly.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected:

Rev. J. Q. Wallace and J. T. Bailey, principals, and Rev. P. P. Winn and T. M. Slagle, alternates.

Morrison church, Macon County, was chosen as the place of next meeting, and the time fixed for September 29, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Elder Geo. R. McPherson were appointed as Devotional committee for next meeting of Presbytery.

The printing of the Manual was delegated to the same committee which has in hand the printing of the minutes —Revs. E. L. Siler and R. P. Smith.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

1. We recommend that Rev. P. P. Winn be nominated for next Moderator, with Rev. A. S. Anderson as alternate.

2. That Rev. J. M. Shive be appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the next meeting, selecting his own subject.

3. That Rev. R. J. Hunter be appointed to take the place of Rev. C. B. Yeargan on the permanent committees.

R. P. Smith, Ch'm'n.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod called the attention of Presbytery to several recommendations of Synod, and reported that there was nothing calling for immediate action of Presbytery. The report was adopted.

It was ordered that the Home Mission Committee act, for the present, as Presbytery's committee on Christian Schools and Colleges.

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical report to the

General Assembly, which was approved and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. This report will be found attached to these printed minutes.

The committee on the Records of Presbytery reported that they were in good order and recommended their approval as written. The report was adopted.

By a rising vote the sincere thanks of Presbytery were tendered to the pastor elect, the congregation of Black Mountain church, the people of Black Mountain and Montreat, for their generous hospitality in throwing open their homes, to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Adams, the choir and all who have helped to entertain Presbytery in such a generous and bountiful manner.

The comittee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was received and approved: The following were excused after Thursday morning's session: Revs. A. H. Temple, Lewis Collins and J. M. Shive, and elders W. A. Osborne, J. R. Wilson, W. H. Jarrett and T. M. Slagle. The following were excused after Thursday afternoon's session: Revs. J. Q. Wallace, R. F. Campbell, R. J. Hunter and A. M. McLauchlin, and elders S. H. McNeely, D. S. Watson, R. L. Gash, J. H. Gudger and I. J. Brown.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work made the following report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly: Twenty-one churches reported Sabbath Schools, one having two schools. The total membership 2492; Pupils admitted to communion 94. Funds contributed: Foreign Missions $79.00; Home Missions $186.00; Ch. Ed. and Min. Relief $61.00; Publication and S. S. Work $74.00; Bible Society $29.00; Orphan's Homes $237.00; Current Expenses $631.00—Total, $1,297.00. About 50 per cent. of our schools report special religious interest, and our own literature is used almost exclusively.

The Committee on Church Societies made the following report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly: 20 Women's Societies with a membership of 394 contributed to Foreign Missions $522.00; Home Missions $160.00; Local Causes $2150.00; Other Causes $222.00—Total $3054.00. 10 Young People's Societies with a membership of 196 contributed to Foreign Missions $29.00; Home Missions $99.00; Local Causes $226.00; Other Causes $364.00. Two Men's and Boy's Societies with a membership of 33 contributed to Other Causes $9.00. Total contributed by Societies, $3781.00.

The committee on Narrative presented report which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. The Narrative showed:

1. That most of the churches report good attendance on the services of the sanctuary.

2. Only about one in twenty of the families of the Presbytery observe family worship. One notable exception is that of the Montreat church which reports that 50 per cent of the families observe family worship.

3. The great majority of the churches report that the observance of the Lord's day is very good.

4. About fifty per cent. of the churches report that the children are trained in the home in the Scriptures and Catechisms.

5. The children are also trained in most o Sabbath Schools in the Scriptures and Catechisms.

6. Our people are reported as excellent givers according to their means.

7. Pastors' salaries are reported fully paid except a shortage of $20.00 in one church.

8. About half of our churches report special manifestations of the Spirit's power.

9. There is little worldly conformity on the part of church members.

10. Many pastors and officers maintain Sabbath Schools and preaching outside of their own bounds.

11. There is a comparatively small effort made to secure recruits for the gospel ministry.

12 A large per cent of the churches are supplied with preaching.

The committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following report which was adopted:

No word having come direct from the General Assembly's Secretary, your committee simply report for information the fact that the financial affairs of the Assembly's Committee are in most excellent condition, the receipts amounting to $14,640.00 more than in 1912-'13; and the year's business was closed with a balance in the treasury.

Lewis Collins, Chairman
P. P. Winn.

The permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report which was adopted:

Reports on Systematic Beneficence have been received from 21 churches, 8 churches not reporting.

Of the 21 reporting churches, 8 have conducted the every-member canvass and 13 have not.

Ten churches report the use of duplex envelopes, or some similar system. Eleven churches report that they do not use the duplex envelopes or an equivalent system. The ten churches using envelopes

for the Beneficent causes contributed $9,375.00 to these causes, an average of $6.66 2-3 per member; the eleven churches not using envelopes for these causes contributed $311.00, an average of 71 cents per member Evidently this difference is not due wholly to the different systems used by these churches, yet it is very significant that those using envelopes for beneficent causes give so much more per member to these causes. Your committee therefore recommend that all our churches be urged to adopt the duplex envelope or some equivalent plan. R. F. Campbell, Ch'm'n.

Presbytery took recess until 8 p. m.

Thursday Evening.

Presbytery was called to order by the moderator. According to the plan of the Devotional Committee, a popular meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions, the chairman of the Foreign Mission committee presiding. Rev. W. H. Davis preached a missionary sermon from Rev. 1:18.

The committee on Foreign Missions made report which was received and approved and the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That our people be made acquainted with all the facts concerning our Foreign Mission work.

2. That the Presbytery recommend that each of its churches, societies and Sunday Schools assume definite responsibility for some definite part of the Foreign Mission work, as recommended by ten General Assemblies. A. S. Anderson, Ch'm'n.

Oak Forest church was granted permission to employ Rev. P. P. Winn as Stated Supply for one year for one fourth of his time.

Minutes of today's session were read, amended and approved.

The roll was called and it was fonnd that the following had left without being excused: Rev. R. P. Smith and ruling elder S. W. Davidson.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, singing and the benediction, to meet at Morrison church, Macon County, September 29th, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Temp. Clerk.

Attest: E. H. NORWOOD, Engrossing Clerk.

E. L. SILER, Stated Clerk.

	Presbyterial Home Missions	Synodical Home Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Mountain Orphanage	Education and Relief	Publication and S. S. Extension	Bible Cause	Foreign Missions	Presbyterial Assessment	Synod's Orphanage
Asheville, First	1800	400	400	160	200	120	40	1000	120	80
Andrews	12	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	3	1
Bethel	20	5	5	2	3	2	1	13	5	1
Black Mountain	20	5	5	2	3	2	1	13	5	1
Brevard	36	9	9	2	5	3	1	23	10	2
Bryson City	32	8	8	4	4	3	1	20	9	2
Canton	24	6	6	3	3	2	1	15	6	2
Covenanters	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	5	2	1
Davidson River	30	8	8	3	4	2	1	18	8	2
Dillsboro	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	1
Etowah	4	2	3	2	2	1	1	4	2	1
Franklin	28	7	7	3	3	3	1	17	6	2
Hayesville	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Hazelwood	18	5	5	2	2	2	1	10	4	1
Hendersonville	160	40	40	16	20	12	4	100	18	8
Jennie Speir Mem'l	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Shortoff	8	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1
Mills River	14	5	5	5	5	2	1	14	8	2
Montreat	60	15	15	8	8	5	2	38	15	2
Morrison	12	3	3	2	2	1	1	8	3	1
Murphy	16	4	4	2	2	1	1	10	6	1
Oak Dale	10	2	2	2	2	1	1	6	2	1
Oak Forest	20	5	5	3	3	3	1	15	3	1
Ora Street	120	30	30	15	15	9	3	75	10	3
Pigeon Gap	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Robbinsville	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Slagle Memorial	8	4	6	4	4	2	1	10	4	2
Swannanoa	20	5	5	3	3	2	1	12	6	1
Waynesville	48	12	12	6	6	4	1	30	15	1

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2. *Pres. of Asheville.*																				
A. S. Anderson, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville, P.*	4	6	2	6	111		1	108	50	14	28	71			[illegible]	800	423	12
" S. S.	" R. D., "	Pigeon Gap					6													
J. C. Brown, In trans.	Jefferson, "																			
R. F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, "	Asheville First, P.*	14	15	48	48	651	16	11	480	1548	409	3010	770	99	61	1150	2725	4206	633
W. P. Chedester, P. E.	Hazelwood, "	Hazelwood, P. E.	2	1			17			200							12			51
Lewis Collins, S. S., Ev.	Asheville, "																			
W. H. Davis, P.	Plagah Forest, "	Davidson River, P.	4	3	8	1	83	1		72	84	14	63	11	3	3	[illegible]	400	22	
" S. S.	Horseshoe, R. D. "	Mills, River, S. S.	3	3	1		90			79	5	2	8	2	2	1	[illegible]	60	8	5
" S. S.	Etowah, "	Etowah, S. S.		1			28													
F. M. Eversole, F. M.	Chunju, Korea																			
R. J. Hunter, S. S.	Canton, N. C.	Canton, S. S.*	2	1	9	3	39	2	11	48	26		22	18	14	2	15	300	347	
" S. S.	" R. D., "	Bethel, S. S.	3	1	2		26				6		20	7				165	25	
A. M. McLauchlin, P.	Asheville, "	Ora Street, P.*	6	7	4	5	90		3	180	176	63	140	62	8	2	64	420	527	38
E. H. Norwood, P.	Brevard, "	Brevard, P.*	5	3	2	4	72	1	3	104	25	9	3	14	3	2	17	700	396	
Jno. M. Shive, P. E.	Hendersonville, "	Hendersonville, P. E.*	6	7	38	24	230	22	3	197	163	27	111	8	22	3	37	1412	1376	1850
E. L. Siler, P.	Montreat, "	Montreat, P.*	2	3	3	10	67			425	225	23	169	57	12	3	83	800	507	55
" P.	Black Mountain "	Black Mountain, P.	2	2	4	18	43			35	21	5	25	3	2	1	3	275	2089	5
R. P. Smith, Ev.	Asheville, "																			
A. H. Temple, T.	Balfour, "																			
J. Q. Wallace, S. S.	Franklin, "	Franklin, S. S.*	1	1		2	35		2	35	11	8	29	3	2	1	2	194	150	
" S. S.	" R. D., "	Morrison, S. S.	1	1	12	3	48	7	1	35	6	4	17	1	1	1	1	70	7	2
P. P. Winn, T.	Asheville, "																			
" S. S.	Candler, "	Oak Forest, S. S.	1	2		2	32			94	12	3	5	2				100	3	
C. B. Yeargan, In trans.	Franklin, R. D., "																			
—17	Horseshoe, R. D., "	Oak Dale, V.	3	2		1	23			126	8	1	2	2	1	1	6	5	3	
	Andrews, "	Andrews, V.		2	14	7	28	6	2	55	13	2	5		6		6	242	195	
	Robbinsville, "	Robbinsville, V.					10			46	1	2	4				3	9	26	3
	Barnardsville, "	Jennie Spier Mem'l, V.					15				1		3					3		
	Dillingham, "	Covenanters, V.	3	3	7		66	5	2	87	2	1	11		2			60	5	7
	Swannanoa, "	Swannanoa, V.	1	2	1		40					3	1					87	4	
	Bryson City, "	Bryson City, V.*	3	2	2		29			56	10		27					60	15	23
	Hayesville, "	Hayesville, V.	2	2			26													
	Franklin, R. D., "	Slagle Memorial, V.	1	2			9			28	26	3	8	3		2	4	40	2	
	Murphy, "	Murphy, V.	2	2			23				2	7	3	1	1				184	
	Dillsboro, "	Dillsboro, V.					8													
	Shortoff, "	Shortoff, V.	2	2			20			35										
—20			73	76	157	131	1959	60	30	2522	$ 2421	$ 600	$ 3720	$ 1035	$ 178	$ 83	$ 1583	$ 8930	$16517	$ 2603

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MORRISON CHURCH, Macon County, N. C.,
September 29, 1914.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its Thirty-seventh Stated Session, in the Morrison Church, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. L. Siler (at the request of the Moderator, Dr. I. J. Archer) from Luke 2: 49.

Presbytery was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. A. M. McLauchlin, and was led in prayer by Rev. W. H. Davis.

The roll was called and the following were noted present:

Ministers—A. S. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. H. Davis, R. J. Hunter, A. M. McLauchlin, E. L. Siler, R. P. Smith and J. Q. Wallace.

Ruling Elders—I. J. Brown, Waynesville; T. S. Morrison, Asheville First; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; R. L. Gash, Davidson River; A. V. Halliburton, Canton; A. P. Burgin, Ora Street; A. B. Riley, Brevard; J. I. Miller, Montreat; E. E. White, Black Mountain; C. A. Lowry, Franklin; G. R. McPherson, Morrison; A. M. Bennett, Bryson City; L. L. Witherspoon, Murphy; T. M. Slagle (2), Slagle Memorial.

Rev. A. S. Anderson was elected Moderator; Rev. A. M. McLauchlin, Temporary Clerk, and Rev. E. L. Siler, Engrossing Clerk.

Ruling Elder G. R. McPherson, in a brief address, welcomed Presbytery to the church and community.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that the hours for meeting be 9:00 to 12:00 A. M., 1:30 P. M. to adjourn at will, and from 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will; that Rev. W. P. Chedester conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning; that Rev. R. F. Campbell preach the sermon at 11:00 A. M. to-morrow, in connection with the communion service. The report was adopted.

Rev. T. J. McConnell, of Brazos Presbytery, was introduced, and invited to sit with us as a corresponding member.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY

Presbytery met at 9:00 o'clock A. M., and engaged in devotional exercises led by Rev. W. P. Chedester.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted.

The following churches were excused for non-representation at last meeting: Mills River, Morrison, Bryson City, Murphy, Shortoff, Brevard and Hayesville.

The following were not excused: Bethel, Oak Forest and Franklin.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—R. F. Campbell, A. V. Halliburton, D. M. Killian.

Judicial—A. M. McLauchlin, I. J. Brown, A. P. Burgin.

Records of Presbytery—W. P. Chedester, A. B. Riley, E. E. White.

Minutes of General Assembly—W. H. Davis, G. R. McPherson, C. A. Lowry.

Auditing—J. I. Miller, T. S. Morrison.

Leave of Absence—R. J. Hunter, R. L. Gash, A. M. Bennett.

Nominations—R. P. Smith, L. L. Witherspoon, E. L. Siler.

A communication from Rev. J. M. Shive was received as information, and he was excused from attendance upon this meeting.

A communication was received from Dr. S. L. Morris regarding Assembly's Home Missions, which was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

A communication was received from Rev. Lewis Collins, giving excuse for non-attendance at this meeting, and requesting permission to labor outside our bounds until next meeting. His excuse was sustained and request granted.

A communication from Rev. Tilden Scherer, President of King College, was referred to the Committee on Church and Christian Education.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was read, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly.

A communication was received from Rev. C. B. Yeargan, giving excuse for non-attendance at this meeting, and requesting that he be granted permission to labor without our bounds till next meeting. His excuse was sustained and request granted.

Calls from Murphy and Bryson City for the pastoral services of Rev. T. J. McConnell, of Brazos Presbytery, were received and docketed for consideration at an adjourned meeting.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourn it shall do so to meet on the call of the Moderator, during the sessions of Synod.

The Devotional Committee recommended that Rev. W. H. Davis administer the bread and Rev. A. M. McLauchlin administer the wine at the communion service to-day, and that Elders Morrison, Halliburton, Killian and Witherspoon assist in the service.

On request of Rev. W. H. Davis, asquiesced in by the congregation, the pastoral relation between himself and the Davidson River Church was dissolved.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had written to each of the delinquent churches, urging them to have a representation at this meeting. The report was approved and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Printing the Manual reported that progress had been made, but there were no funds in the treasury with which to print. The report was approved and the Committee continued.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. J. M. Shive reported that they had performed this duty on the first Sabbath of May, Rev. A. S. Anderson preaching the sermon and charging the pastor and Elder I. J. Archer presiding, propounding the constitutional questions and charging the people. The report was approved and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. W. P. Chedester at Hazelwood reported that they had performed that duty Sunday, May 31, Rev. R. J. Hunter presiding, preaching, propounding the constitutional questions and charging the people, and Rev. A. S. Anderson charging the pastor. The report was approved and the Committee discharged.

The Commission appointed to organize a church at Sunburst reported that the way was not yet clear, and asked to be continued. The request was granted.

The Committee to install Rev. E. L. Siler at Black Mountain reported that duty done and asked to be discharged. The report was approved and the Committee discharged. The installation took place on Wednesday evening, May 20, 1914.

The Committee to employ a Secretary for Rev. R. P. Smith (D. S. Watson, Chairman) reported that they had not yet found the way clear to do so and asked to be continued. Report approved and Committee continued.

Presbytery took recess until 11:00 o'clock.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:00 o'clock and heard a sermon by Rev. R. F. Campbell from Gal. 5: 4, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery convened at 2:00 o'clock and heard a sermon by Rev. T. J. McConnell, of the Presbytery of Brazos, from Gal. 6: 10.

Presbytery continued business.

Rev. R. P. Smith was re-elected trustee of Davidson College for a term of two years.

It was made the first order of the day for Thursday morning to hold a free conversation on the state of religion.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was received and approved and their diligence commended.

Murphy was chosen as the place for next regular meeting.

Rev. T. J. McConnell, Pastor-Elect of Murphy Church, and Ruling Elder L. L. Witherspoon were appointed a Committeee on Devotional Exercises for next meeting.

The standing rules were amended in Section I, Sub-section 7, by striking out the word "Spring" in line four and inserting "Stated." Also striking out "the evening" and inserting "at 11:00 o'clock."

A communication from two elders of the Brevard Church, requesting the appointment of a Commission to visit Brevard and adjust certain matters in the church there, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 this evening.

7:30 P. M.

After attending an entertainment given by the Morrison Industrial School, Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and Rev. R. F. Campbell presided over a popular meeting in the interests of Home Missions. Interesting addresses were made by Revs. W. H. Davis and R. P. Smith and Ruling Elder T. S. Morrison on the past, present and future prospects of this work. Rev. R. F. Campbell then made an address on the Appalachian Synod.

Presbytery overtured the Synod of North Carolina to overture the General Assembly, the Synods of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia concurring, to set off a mountain synod to be known as the Appalachian Synod.

The Home Mission Committee made the following report on the paper from Dr. S. L. Morris, which had been referred to the Committee:

"Your Committee recommends:

"1. That the Presbytery call the attention of our churches to the great and vitally fundamental cause of Assembly's Home Missions, asking that they give it the proper place in their thinking, praying and giving, so that this work and the workers engaged in it may be recognized as deserving of equal honor and of equal importance with any department of the church's activity.

"2 That the Presbytery endorse Home Mission Week, November 15-22, and urge its observance in every church.

"3 That the Presbytery recommend to pastors and churches the call of the Assembly for voluntary offerings during Home Mission Week for the equipment of the work. Surely, the church should not longer allow the work to be handicapped by the use of unsightly, dilapidated, rented buildings."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. The reports were received and the Committees discharged.

The Committee on Records of Presbytery reported they had found the records neatly and correctly printed, and recommended that a printed copy of the minutes, attested by the Stated Clerk, be sent up to Synod, as our official records. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Committee recommends the following nominations:

"1. To preach the doctrinal sermon at next meeting, Rev. J. M. Shive, with Rev. R. F. Campbell, alternate. The subject to be chosen by the speaker.

"2. Moderator of next meeting—Rev. R. J. Hunter, with Rev. J. M. Shive as alternate.

"3. Commission to visit Brevard Church—Revs. R. F. Campbell and E. L. Siler, and Ruling Elder J. H. McConnell. The time to be chosen by the commission."

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until to-morrow morning 9:00 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—OCTOBER 1ST

Presbytery made at 9:00 A. M., and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Ruling Elder J. B. Shope.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, amended and adopted.

Presbytery granted Ruling Elder J. B. Shope the privileges of the floor.

A communication was received from Rev. A. H. Temple, giving excuse for non-attendance at this meeting. His excuse was sustained.

The order of the day was taken up, and the ministers and elders present were heard in a free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds.

It was ordered that the Moderator appoint a Committee of one lay member from each congregation in the Presbytery, which shall endeavor to raise a fund of $500.00 + to be expended on the Morrison School. The Moderator appointed on this Committee the following: T. S. Morrison, Chairman; L. L. Witherspoon, C. M. Slagle, Dr. A. M. Bennett, C. A. Lowry, T. M. Slagle, George R. McPherson, A. B. Riley, R. L. Gash, Mrs. J. H. Burgin, Miss Cora Summey, Miss Claudia Sample, J. P. Knox, D. M. Killian, J. T. Bailey, T. P. Gaston, A. P. Burgin, Mrs. R. D. Alexander, E. E. White and Dr. I. J. Archer.

Presbytery took recess for five minutes.

Presbytery resumed business at the end of five minutes and heard a sermon on Foreign Missions, by Rev. A. S. Anderson, from the text Eph. 4: 12.

Rev. A. S. Anderson, Chairman of Foreign Missions, made report on Foreign Missions, which was received, the recom-

mendations taken up *seriatim*, and the report adopted as a whole, as follows:

"In view of existing conditions, we recommend that special emphasis be laid on Foreign Mission work. Said conditions are: A general slump in Foreign Mission offerings, with our church doing best; the debt of $36,000.00; the war in Europe, causing money to be scarce at home; the high cost of living, and cutting us off from many of our stations, which are involved in the war. To meet these conditions, we recommend:

"1. The Farmington plan.

"2. Collections in October in every church for Foreign Missions."

Rev. J. Q. Wallace, Commissioner to the General Assembly, made report, which was approved and his diligence commended.

Ruling Elder J. T. Bailey made report, through Rev. R. P. Smith, of his attendance upon the sessions of the General Assembly. The report was approved and his diligence commended.

The Committee on Bible Cause made verbal report, which was approved.

The Committee on Evangelism made verbal report, which was approved.

The Auditing Committee made report that nothing had come into their hands. The report was approved, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Committee recommend:

"1st. That both the amendment to the Book of Church Order, regarding a limited term of office of ruling elders and deacons, and also the request of the Assembly that the Presbyteries will return to the Assembly each succeeding year at least half of the commissioners who had served in the preceding Assembly, be answered in the negative.

"2nd. That the Stated Clerk and Treasurer be appointed a committee to increase the Presbyterial assessments to meet the increase made on our Presbytery by the Assembly."

The Committee on Church and Christian Education made the following report on the paper from the President of King College, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Asheville respond in the affirmative to the overture to us to unite in the work of the Board of the Appalachian Christian Education System, and that Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. R. P. Smith and Elder I. J. Archer be appointed a committee to represent us in the work of said Board.

W. H. DAVIS, *Chairman*."

The Stated Clerk read the statistical report to Synod, which was adopted, and which will be found printed in the minutes of Synod for 1914.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to make the other reports to Synod identical with those made to the last General Assembly.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was adopted:

"Col. L. L. Witherspoon, Hon. R. L. Gash and Dr. R. F. Campbell were excused after Wednesday night's session.

R. J. HUNTER, *Chairman*."

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

"Presbytery expresses its hearty thanks to the Morrison Church and the Morrison Industrial School for their bountiful hospitality and entertainment shown us during our stay among them. The entertainment given by the Morrison Industrial School was greatly enjoyed and the pupils and teachers deserve credit and praise."

The minutes of to-day's session were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and the benediction to meet at Synod at Hickory, on the call of the Moderator.

A. M. MCLAUCHLIN, *Temporary Clerk*.
E. L. SILER, *Engrossing Clerk*.

Attest:

E. L. SILER, *Stated Clerk*.

ADJOURNED MEETING
OF
Asheville Presbytery

HICKORY, N. C., October 28, 1914.

Pursuant to adjournment, Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator in the Sunday school room of the First Church, Hickory, at 5:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Norwood.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, R. J. Hunter, E. L. Siler, A. S. Anderson and E. H. Norwood.

Elders—J. E. Brown, Hendersonville, and H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville.

Rev. T. J. McConnell, of Brazos Presbytery, presented a certificate of dismission from Brazos Presbytery to this Presbytery. He was then examined on Experimental Religion, Sacraments, Church Government and Theology. These examinations were sustained separately and as a whole.

Calls from Bryson City and Murphy were found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. Terms of Bryson City call: $325.00 for two Sabbaths in the month; and that of Murphy the same amount and the same time. The Home Mission Committee is to supplement this salary to the amount of $300.00 per annum.

The following order was taken for the installation of Rev. T. J. McConnell at Bryson City and Murphy:

Bryson City—Rev. R. P. Smith to preside, propound constitutional questions and charge the people. Rev. A. S. Anderson to preach the sermon and charge the pastor. Time to be left with the Committee.

Murphy—Rev. R. J. Hunter to preside, preach, propound the constitutional questions and charge the pastor, and Rev. R. P. Smith to charge the people. Time to be left with the Committee.

The Commission appointed to visit the Brevard Church made the following report, which was adopted, and the Commission discharged:

"BREVARD, N. C., October 8, 1914.

"The commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to visit the Brevard Church, met at 12:00 M. in the Presbyterian Church. Present: R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. H. McConnell and E. L. Siler. Dr. Campbell stated to the congregation present why we had been sent, and indicated the method which the commission would pursue. The commission and congregation were then led in prayer by Rev. E. L. Siler.

"The commission adjourned to the pastor's study, where individuals were heard one by one, twenty-two appearing before us, giving their views and receiving our counsel and advice.

"The commission then carefully considered the matter, and adjourned to meet with the pastor and officers at the church at 8:30 A. M. next day."

"Thursday, October 9, 1914.

"The commission met in the church at 8:30 A. M., with the pastor and officers of the church, and through its chairman, Dr. Campbell, announced that it was our unanimous conclusion that action either way at present would be disastrous to the church, and advised all parties to be patient and forbearing and leave the solution of their difficulties to the Providence of God. Those present were then called on for expressions of opinion. All seemed satisfied with the decision of the commission, thanked us for our visit and work, and declared their intention of abiding by the decision. The commission then adjourned with prayer.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.
E. L. SILER, *Secretary*."

A communication was received from Rev. C. B. Yeargan, requesting a letter of dismission to East Alabama Presbytery. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to forward the letter.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator during this session of Synod, if necessary, otherwise to meet at Murphy in April at the time fixed by standing rule.

Attest: E. L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

PRO-RE-NATA MEETING

OF

Asheville Presbytery

BREVARD, N. C., March 16, 1915.

Presbytery met at 1:30 P. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Alfred S. Anderson, and led in prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell.

The roll was made out and the following members were found present:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, A. H. Temple, R. J. Hunter, E. L. Siler, A. S. Anderson and E. H. Norwood.

Elders—R. L. Gash, Davidson River, and A. B. Riley, Brevard.

The Stated Clerk read the following call for this special meeting, which was found in order:

"WAYNESVILLE, N. C., March 1, 1915.

"The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call a special meeting of Asheville Presbytery to convene in the Brevard Church, Brevard, N. C., at 12:30 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, March 16, 1915, for the purpose of considering the request of Rev. E. H. Norwood that he be allowed to resign the pastorate of the Brevard Church, and that the relation between himself and the said church be dissolved if the way be clear. Also to take any further action in this matter the Presbytery may deem necessary.

ALFRED S. ANDERSON,
Moderator of Asheville Presbytery."

A communication was read from Rev. E. H. Norwood, tendering his resignation of the pastorate of the Brevard

Church, requesting the Presbytery to dissolve the relation existing between himself and said church, and asking permission of Presbytery to labor without our bounds until next fall meeting.

Also, a communication was received from the Brevard Church signifying the concurrence of the congregation in their pastor's request.

After considering these communications Presbytery granted the request and dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. E. H. Norwood and the Brevard Church.

Rev. E. H. Norwood was granted permission to labor without our bounds until next fall meeting.

The Home Mission Committee was instructed to confer with the officers of the Brevard and Davidson River churches, with a view to grouping them under one pastor; and the Home Mission Committee was further authorized to assist these churches in securing a supply until they may be able to call a pastor.

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes to allow the Home Mission Committee to confer with the officers of the Brevard Church.

Presbytery reconvened and Rev. R. P. Smith was asked to preach here next Sunday and confer with the brethren about the work of this church, requesting every member of the Brevard Church to be present at the service.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted and Presbytery adjourned with singing and prayer to meet at Murphy, Tuesday, April 27, 1915, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

E. L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

THIRTY-EIGHTH STATED SESSION

OF

Asheville Presbytery

MURPHY, N. C., April 27, 1915.

Presbytery met in the Murphy Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. A. S. Anderson, from I Cor. 1: 30.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator.

In a brief speech, Deacon M. W. Bell, of the Murphy Church, welcomed the Presbytery to the town and extended the hospitality of the congregation, to which the Moderator responded.

The roll was called and the following members were noted present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, J. Q. Wallace (2), E. L. Siler, A. M. McLauchlin, A. S. Anderson, John M. Shive and T. J. McConnell.

Ruling Elders—J. H. McConnell, Asheville First; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; J. T. Bailey, Canton; C. C. Lord, Montreat; E. E. White, Black Mountain; A. P. Burgin, Ora Street; I. J. Brown, Waynesville; H. H. Carson, Hendersonville; John H. Dillard, Murphy; R. L. Gash, Davidson River; A. B. Riley, Brevard; J. L. Evans, Hayesville, and T. M. Slagle (2), Slagle Memorial.

The following were absent:

Ministers—A. H. Temple, Lewis Collins, F. M. Eversole.

Churches Not Represented—Bethel, Oak Forest, Franklin, Morrison, Pigeon Cap,* Bryson City, Mills River, Etowah,* Oak Dale, Andrews (represented by a deacon), Robbinsville,* Jennie Spier Memorial,* Covenanters, Swannanoa, Dillsboro* and Shortoff. (* No Elder.)

Rev. R. J. Hunter was elected Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. E. L. Siler and W. P. Chedester, Clerks.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

"Hours for meeting, 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 M., 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

"The Presbyterial sermon to be preached at 11:00 A. M. to-morrow by Rev. J. M. Shive, followed by the Presbyterial Communion.

"Sermon to-morrow night, followed by a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Sermon Thursday morning and Thursday night—the latter to be preached by Rev. R. F. Campbell."

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock, closing with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—APRIL 28, 1915

Presbytery met at 8:30 A. M., and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. W. H. Davis.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and the minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted:

The Devotional Committee made the following partial report, which was adopted:

"Rev. C. L. Crane, one of our missionaries from Africa, will speak in connection with the meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions Thursday, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

"For the communion service to-day, Rev. R. P. Smith will preside and administer the bread, and Rev. P. P. Winn will administer the wine. To assist in this service the following ruling elders have been chosen: C. C. Lord, J. H. McConnell, John H. Dillard, and H. H. Carson."

The unprinted minutes of last fall's meeting, the adjourned meeting at Hickory and the call meeting at Brevard, were read and adopted.

Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Ruling Elder T. M. Slagle, of Slagle Memorial Church, appeared, rendered excuse for tardiness, and were enrolled.

Ruling Elder J. T. Bailey was excused from further attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. P. P. Winn was excused from attendance at last meeting, and the following churches were excused; Hendersonville, Oak Forest, Andrews, Swannanoa and Shortoff. The following were not excused: Mills River, Bethel, Oak Dale and Covenanters.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—A. S. Anderson, P. P. Winn, H. H. Carson.

Judicial—R. F. Campbell, T. J. McConnell, T. M. Slagle.

Minutes of Synod—W. H. Davis, J. Q. Wallace, A. B. Riley.

Records of Session—A. M. McLauchlin, I. J. Brown, E. E. White.

Auditing—J. H. McConnell, C. C. Lord, E. E. White.

Leave of Absence—T. J. McConnell, W. P. Chedester.

Nominations—R. P. Smith, E. L. Siler, A. P. Burgin.

Systematic Beneficence—J. M. Shive, R. L. Gash.

Elders Added to Permanent Committees—Narrative, J. L. Evans; Church Societies, J. H. Dillard.

The Stated Clerk read a letter of dismission of Rev. George Hudson from the Presbytery of Brazos to this Presbytery, and stated that Rev. Mr. Hudson wished to be received as a member of this Presbytery. The certificate of dismission was received and placed on the docket and it was ordered that when Presbytery adjourn, it do so to meet at Montreat, 11:00 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 1, 1915.

In response to a communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod in regard to the Alamance Monument fund, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the amount apportioned our Presbytery by Synod ($8.00) from the contingent fund.

A communication from Davidson College was referred to the Trustees of Davidson College.

A communication from the Assembly's Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was referred to the Committee on this cause.

A communication was received from Rev. Lewis Collins, requesting that he be excused from attendance on this meeting, and that he be granted a letter of dismission to Albemarle Presbytery. Both requests were granted.

The Montreat Church asked to be permitted to change the terms of call for pastor from $800.00 per annum to $900.00 per annum, beginning with January 1, 1915. The request was granted, and the church commended for this action.

The following overture to the General Assembly was adopted:

"The Presbytery of Asheville overtures the General Assembly, which is to meet at Newport News, Va., May, 1915, to erect a new Synod to be known as the Synod of Appalachia, to be composed of the Presbyteries of Knoxville, Holston and Asheville, and that part of Concord Presbytery, situated in the counties of Yancey, Mitchell, Avery and Wautauga, together with such other Presbyteries or parts of Presbyteries as may overture the Assembly to be included in the new Synod."

The Special Committee on Printing the Manual reported that nothing further had been done, but the Committee was ready to print as soon as funds are available. The report was received and the Committee continued.

The Commission appointed to organize a church at Sunburst reported that the way was not yet clear for organization, and asked to be continued. The report was received and the Commission continued.

The Committee appointed to secure a Secretary for Rev. R. P. Smith, was, at its own request, discharged, and this matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The Committee (T. S. Morrison, Chairman) appointed to raise $500.00 for Morrison Industrial School reported that $639.85 had been raised and paid to Rev. R. P. Smith, Treas-

rer. The report was approved, and the Committee heartily mmended for its diligence, and discharged.

The Committees appointed to install Rev. T. J. McConnell pastor of Murphy and Bryson City churches reported this uty performed at Murphy, December 13, 1914, and at Bryson ity, January 17, 1915. The report was received and approved nd the Committee discharged.

The election of Commissioners to the General Assembly as taken up, and, after prayer for guidance, the following ere elected:

Principals—Rev. R. F. Campbell and Ruling Elder T. M. Slagle, of the Slagle Memorial Church.

Alternates—Rev. E. L. Siler and Ruling Elder C. C. Lord, f the Montreat Church.

Presbytery then took recess for five minutes.

Presbytery reconvened and heard the Presbyterial sermon by Rev. J. M. Shive from the texts, I Cor. 15: 3, 4, and Rev. 1: 18, after which the Presbyterial communion service was held, presided over by Rev. Messrs. R. P. Smith and P. P. Winn.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Presbytery met and heard a sermon by Rev. W. H. Davis from the text, Joel 2: 25.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, which was received, and pending its adoption, Rev. R. P. Smith, our Superintendent of Home Missions, gave a stereopticon address on this work. This was followed by a brief talk by Rev. W. H. Davis, giving some reminiscences of his pioneer evangelistic work in this mountain section.

The recommendations of the Home Mission Committee's report were considered *seriatim* and adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

"Your Committee would gratefully recognize the good hand of God during the past year upon the work you have committed to our care. All the mission fields have been supplied for at least part of the time, except Hayesville. Some permanent arrangement should be made for this field as soon as possible.

"Rev. W. H. Davis has rendered faithful and efficient service in helping to supply vacant churches, having been engaged in this work every Sunday during the year. On two occasions he met appointments when the weather was so bad that the congregation did not appear, and the preacher had the church all to himself. He did much pastoral visiting and preached from house to house. He baptized five infants, and in addition to the collections taken at the preaching services, he raised about $120.00 for the work.

"Rev. R. P. Smith has been indefatigable in his labors as Superintendent of Home Missions, and the work has so grown that your Committee are of the unanimous opinion that a young man should be employed to assist Mr. Smith. The handling of the details in connection with the Orphanage and the Morrison and Maxwell schools and the necessity of frequent visits to these points, in addition to the office work and that of frequent preaching, are taxing our Superintendent's strength beyond the point of safety for him and of true economy for the Presbytery.

"Mr. T. L. Mosely having resigned the superintendency of the Maxwell Home and School, the Committee elected Mr. J. E. Lancaster to succeed him. Mr. Lancaster began his work January 1st.

"Your Committee would make the following recommendations:

"1. The churches receiving aid from the Presbytery are urged to take collections for the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions, through the Every-Member Canvass and the duplex envelopes.

"2. These churches are also urged to press forward towards self-support as rapidly as possible, that the Home Mission funds of the Presbytery may be used for the opening of new fields.

"3. The Mountain Orphanage, the Morrison Industrial School for Girls, and the Maxwell Home and School for Boys, are especially commended to the Christian liberality of churches, Sunday schools, societies and individuals.

"4. That the action of the Committee in electing Mr. J. E. Lancaster Superintendent of the Maxwell Home and School be confirmed.

"5. That the Committee be authorized to employ an Assisstant Superintendent of Home Missions as soon as the way is clear.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*"

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. Shive, to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—APRIL 29TH, 1915

Presbytery met at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and engaged in devotional exercises for thirty minutes, led by Rev. P. P. Winn.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion was referred to the Permanent Committee on this cause.

The Bryson City Church was excused for non-representation at this meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report, which was received, the recommendations taken up *seriatim*, the first recommendation adopted, and the second referred to the Committee on Nominations:

"In view of the fact that for some years our Presbytery has had no candidates for the ministry and no disabled ministers or widows within our bounds, we fear that our ministers, sessions and churches have slackened their interest in the most important causes of Ministerial Relief and Christian Education, which fact is evidenced by the small contributions to these causes, $367.64 being the total amount raised by the whole Presbytery for both of these causes. We, therefore, recommend:

"1. That the ministers and sessions consider the great importance of these causes and the vital necessity of maintaining them financially, and that special prayer and effort be made that God may bless our Presbytery by calling out some of our young men to engage in the great work of the gospel ministry.

"2. In view of the fact that the present chairman of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief has been honorably retired from the active pastorate and assigned to such general work as he may be able to do in the vacant churches, and has become a pensioner on this fund for part of his support, wisdom demands that he resign from this chairmanship and that the Nominating Committee recommend some other man to the duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DAVIS, *Chairman.*"

The Committee on Sabbath Schools and Publication made report, which was adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly. This report from twenty-one schools showed a total membership of 2,220, and a total contribution of $1,785.00

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

"Reports on Systematic Beneficence have been received from twenty-two churches, seven churches not reporting.

"The total amount contributed to the beneficent causes is $11,716, as against $9,686 last year.

"Only five churches report the Every-Member Canvass.

"Your Committee recommend that the attention of the churches be called to the Assembly's plan, which calls for an annual Every-Member Canvass, and the use of the duplex envelopes or some similar system, and that they be urged to adopt the Assembly's plan as soon as possible.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*"

The Permanent Committee on Narrative made report, which was received and adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. The narrative shows that the attendance upon the services of the sanctuary are most encouraging. A very small porportion of our families observe family worship. The Lord's day is well observed. The children are receiving some training in the Scriptures and catechisms, both in the homes and Sabbath schools—especially in the latter. Our people are growing in the grace of liberality. With one or two small exceptions our churches have paid their ministers fully and promptly. In over one-third of our churches there have been special manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power. Very little worldly conformity exists in our churches. Four of our pastors do mission work outside their own congregations. Every church in the Presbytery has had preaching services all or part of the time, except one.

On the whole the narrative shows that our churches are in a healthy condition spiritually.

The Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion made the following report, which was adopted:

"Since making our last annual report your Committee have studied carefully the trend of conduct within our bounds, regarding the Sabbath and family religion. We are forced to believe that the Sabbath is becoming more and more to be regarded as a holiday by the people in general. This is particularly true with the younger people and the majority of the families in our branch of the church must be included. We have no evidence that family religion is on the increase in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. SMITH."

Presbytery took recess for five minutes.

Presbytery reconvened at the expiration of five minutes, and the order of the day was taken up—a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions—and Presbytery heard an address on this subject, with special reference to our African Mission, by Rev. C. L. Crane, a returned missionary.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made report, which was received, and the recommendations taken up *seriatim*, and adopted as follows:

"Your Committee recommends:

"1. The continued prayers and gifts of our churches to this cause.

"2. Mission study classes.

"3. The following overture to the General Assembly:

"Whereas, By experience we have found (1) that even under the most economical supervision, the actual cost of our Foreign Mission work is greater than the amount now apportioned to that cause by the General Assembly; (2) that our Executive Committee is thereby greatly embarrassed with debt, 'special efforts,' and retrenchment; therefore Asheville Presbytery does most respectfully overture the General Assembly to *increase* the percentage of apportionment of our beneficence to Foreign Missions from 55% to 59% until the gifts of our church may become commensurate with the present appropriation."

A collection for Foreign Missions was taken amounting to $14.41.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 29, 1915.

Presbytery met at 2:00 P. M. and resumed business.

The Committee on Sessional Records made the following report, which was adopted:

"The following records were approved without exception: Andrews, Black Mountain, Brevard, Hendersonville, Montreat, Murphy, Ora Street, Waynesville and Hazelwood. The following were approved, with exceptions which have been written in the books: Asheville, First; Canton, Bryson City, Davidson River, Morrison and Oak Forest."

The Treasurer of Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM APRIL 1, 1914, TO APRIL 1, 1915

	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Bible Cause	$ 115 80	$ 115 80	
Min. Edu. and Relief	367 64	367 64	
Foreign Missions	2,658 15	2,658 15	
Assembly's Missions	541 71	541 71	
Synod's Missions	518 25	518 25	
Presbytery's Missions	3,708 54	3,558 54	$150 00
Pub. and S. S. Work	271 64	271 64	
Pres. Contingent	212 45	212 45	
Ch. and Chr. Educa.	8,028 81	7,248 31	780 50
Mountain Orph.	1,968 15	1,963 91	4 24
B. S. Orphanage	276 59	276 59	
Miscellaneous	40 20	40 20	
	$18,707 93	$17,773 19	$934 74

"The Treasurer reported that the following churches had not paid their Presbyterial assessments for the year ending April 27, 1915: Mills River, Etowah, Jennie Spier Memorial, Oak Forest, Robbinsville, Dillsboro, Shortoff and Pigeon Gap."

The Trustees of Davidson College, to whom had been referred the letter of President Martin, made the following report, which was adopted:

"In response to the letter of President Martin, of Davidson College, Presbytery desires to express great gratification at the large attendance of students, the present high and increasing standard of admission, and epecially at the bright prospect of securing another

$100,000.00 for the equipment and endowment of the grand old college. We desire to say that we stand ready to open the doors of our churches to the representatives of the college, also to do all in our power to aid within our bounds the work of securing this additional endowment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DAVIS, *Chairman.*"

The Chairman of Committee on Minutes of Synod reported by reading from minutes several items for information of Presbytery, but made no recommendations. When the item on the Sabbath and Family Religion was read, at the request of Rev. R. P. Smith, this was docketed for consideration at the fall meeting of Presbytery. The balance of the report was received as information.

The Committee on Church Societies made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

"Women's Societies, 18; total membership, 626. Contributions: Foreign Missions, $527; Assembly's Home Missions, $23; Synod's Home Missions, $14; Presbytery's Home Missions, $172; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, $108; Sunday School Extension and Publication, $19; Schools and Colleges, $626; Bible Cause, $6; Orphans' Homes, $626; Miscellaneous, $1,092; Total, $3,213.

"Young People's Societies, 12; total membership, 162. Contributions: Foreign Missions, $39; Synod's Home Missions, $1; Presbytery's Home Missions, $2; Schools and Colleges, $9; Bible Cause, $2; Orphans' Homes, $27; Total $80."

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct in the main, with some minor errors, which they had corrected. They recommended that a Permanent Committee be appointed to audit the Treasurer's books quarterly, and that their report be sent to Presbytery each spring meeting. The report was adopted, and the following were appointed as Permanent Auditing Committee: T. S. Morrison and J. H. McConnell.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly:

Objects	Number Churches Contributing	Amounts
Foreign Missions	19	$ 2,749
Assembly's Home Missions	18	448
Synod's Home Missions	18	462
Presbytery's Home Missions	18	1,770
Congregational Home Missions	6	1,062
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	18	410
Sunday School Extension and Publication	18	223
Schools and Colleges	14	1,565
Bible Cause	11	85
Orphans' Homes	17	1,491
Miscellaneous	14	1,451
Total	171	$11,716

"Five congregations contributed to all of the eleven objects of Systematic Beneficence."

The Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

"Your Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions would recommend that the attention of the churches be called to the fact that the Committee closed the year ending March 31, 1915, with a debt of $10,000.00, and that the churches be urged to liberal offerings for this cause, especially because the Assembly's Committee gives us very generous assistance in our mountain work.

P. P. WINN,
R. F. CAMPBELL,
Committee."

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. The reports were received and approved and the Committees discharged.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

"Moderator next meeting, Rev. T. J. McConnell; Ruling elder S. W. Black, of Bryson City, alternate.

"Chairman General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, Rev. A. M. McLauchlin.

"To preach Presbyterial sermon next meeting, Rev. P. P. Winn; Rev. W. P. Chedester, alternate.

"Chairman Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Rev. E. L. Siler.

"Chairman Committee of Publication and Sunday School Work, Rev. W. H. Davis."

The Stated Clerk read the statistical report to the General Assembly, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the Assembly. It will be found attached to these printed minutes.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was adopted:

"Elder R. L. Gash excused after second day. Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Elder T. M. Slagle excused after noon of third day."

At the request of Rev. J. M. Shive, the Hendersonville Church concurring, the pastoral relation between himself and the Hendersonville Church was dissolved to take effect June 15, prox., and he was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Los Angeles (U. S. A.).

Montreat was chosen as the place for the next regular meeting. Time, Tuesday, September 21, 1915.

The Moderator appointed as the Committtee on Devotional Exercises for next meeting, Rev. E. L. Siler and Elder C. C. Lord.

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

"*Resolved,* That the Presbytery tender to the members of the Murphy Church and to the people of this community hearty thanks for their bountiful hospitality, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit at this evening's service."

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and the benediction, to meet at Montreat, Tuesday, June 1, 1915, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

W. P. CHEDESTER, *Temporary Clerk,*
EUGENE L. SILER, *Engrossing Clerk.*

Attest:

EUGENE L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

Correct Copy of the Minutes -
attest: E. L. Siler, S.C.

DIRECTORY OF THE PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. R. J. Hunter, Canton, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. E. L. Siler, Montreat, N. C.
Treasurer—Rev. R. P. Smith, Asheville, N. C.
Trustees of Presbytery—J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison, D. S. Watson.
Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. P. Smith, term expires September, 1916; Rev. W. H. Davis, term expires September, 1915.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Home Missions*—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, ~~A. S. Anderson~~ P. E. Simpson, T. S. Morrison, J. B. Shope, J. H. McConnell, I. J. Archer
2. *Foreign Missions*—~~A. S. Anderson~~ Geo. F. Mason, H. H. Carson, J. Q. Wallace, Robert Bingham, I. J. Archer.
3. *General Assembly's Home Missions*—A. M. McLauchlin, P. P. Winn, R. F. Campbell, R. B. Fakes.
4. Bible Cause—J. Q. Wallace.
5. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—E. L. Siler, W. P. Chedester, R. L. Gash.
6. *Publication and Sunday School Work*—W. H. Davis, ~~A. S. Anderson~~ John R. Hay, R. P. Smith, J. F. Ramsay, J. Q. Wallace, J. T. Bailey.
7. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—R. P. Smith.
8. *Orphans' Homes*—A. H. Temple, J. H. McConnell.
9. *Church Societies*—R. J. Hunter.
10. *Systematic Beneficence*—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, E. L. Siler, W. H. Davis, T. S. Morrison, H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer, Harland Gudger.
11. *Narrative*—~~A. S. Anderson,~~ Geo. F. Mason, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, W. A. Osborne.
12. *Laymen's Home Mission*—R. L. Gash, I. J. Archer, H. C. Lindsley, S. W. Black.
13. *Evangelism*—R. P. Smith, ~~A. S. Anderson,~~ P. E. Simpson, I. J. Archer.
14. *Auditing*—T. S. Morrison and J. H. McConnell.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator.
2. *Academic Studies*—P. P. Winn, R. J. Hunter.
3. *Languages, Latin Thesis and Critical Exercise*—W. P. Chedester.
4. *Natural and Exact Sciences*—R. P. Smith.
5. *Mental and Moral Philosophy*—W. P. Chedester.
6. *Ecclesiastical History*—E. L. Siler, R. J. Hunter.
7. *Church Government and Sacraments*—W. H. Davis.
8. *Theology*—R. F. Campbell, P. P. Winn.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	POST-OFFICE
F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, First	Asheville, N. C.
P. Smith, Ev.		Asheville, N. C.
H. Davis, Ev.		Pisgah Forest, N. C
P. Chedester, P.	Hazelwood	Hazelwood, N. C.
H. Temple, T.		Balfour, N. C.
J. Hunter, S. S.	Canton	Canton, N. C.
" S. S.	Bethel	Canton, N. C., R. D.
P. Winn, T.		West Asheville, N. C.
" " S. S.	Oak Forest	Candler, N. C.
Q. Wallace, S. S.	Morrison	Franklin, N. C., R. D.
" S. S.	Franklin	Franklin, N. C.
" " S. S.	Slagle Memorial	Franklin, N. C., R. D.
L. Siler, P.	Montreat	Montreat, N. C.
" P.	Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N. C.
M. McLauchlin, P.	Ora Street	Asheville, N. C.
M. Eversole, F. M.		Chunju, Korea.
~~S. Anderson, P.~~	Waynesville	Waynesville, N. C.
" " S. S.	Pigeon Gap	Waynesville, N C., R. D.
H. Norwood		Brevard, N. C.
~~M. Shive, P. (In Trans.)~~	Hendersonville	Hendersonville, N. C.
J. McConnell, P.	Bryson City	Bryson City, N. C.
" " P.	Murphy	Murphy, N. C.
S. S.	Davidson River	Pisgah Forest, N. C.
S. S.	Mills River	Horse Shoe, N. C.
S. S.	Etowah	Etowah, N. C.
S. S.	Brevard	Brevard, N. C.
S. S.	Oak Dale	Horse Shoe, N. C.
S. S.	Andrews	Andrews, N. C.
S. S.	Robbinsville	Robbinsville, N. C.
S. S.	Jennie Spier Mem.	Barnardsville, N. C.
S. S.	Covenanters	Dillingham, N. C.
S. S.	Swannanoa	Swannanoa, N. C.
S. S.	Dillsboro	Dillsboro, N. C.
S. S.	Shortoff	Shortoff, N. C.
V	Hayesville	Hayesville, N. C.

...s. Hudson, — Montreat, N.C.
...C. Anderson, — Montreat, N.C.
...dward Mack, Sec. T. — Richmond, Va.
...hn R. Hay, P. Brevard, Brevard, N.C.
...G. F. Mason, P. Waynesville, Waynesville, N.C.
...P. E. Simpson, P. Hendersonville, Hendersonville, N.C.
...W. J. Seabrest, Montreat, N.C.

TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS

	Presbyterial Home Missions	Synodical Home Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Mountain Orphanage	Education and Relief	Publication and S. S. Extension	Bible Cause	Foreign Missions	Presbyterial Assessment	Synod's Orphanage
Asheville, First	1,800	400	400	160	200	120	40	1,000	125	80
Andrews	12	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	4	1
Bethel	20	5	5	2	3	2	1	13	5	1
Black Mountain	20	5	5	2	3	2	1	13	6	1
Brevard	36	9	9	2	5	3	1	23	10	2
Bryson City	32	8	8	4	4	3	1	20	9	2
Canton	24	6	6	3	3	2	1	15	7	2
Convenanters	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	5	2	1
Davidson River	30	8	8	3	4	2	1	18	8	2
Dillsboro	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	1
Etowah	4	2	3	2	2	1	1	4	2	1
Franklin	28	7	7	3	3	3	1	17	6	2
Hayesville	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Hazelwood	18	5	5	2	2	2	1	10	4	1
Hendersonville	160	40	40	16	20	12	4	100	20	8
Jennie Spier Mem'l	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Shortoff	8	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1
Mills River	14	5	5	5	5	2	1	14	8	2
Montreat	60	15	15	8	8	5	2	38	18	2
Morrison	12	3	3	2	2	1	1	8	3	1
Murphy	16	4	4	2	2	1	1	10	6	1
Oak Dale	10	2	2	2	2	1	1	6	3	1
Oak Forest	20	5	5	3	3	3	1	15	3	1
Ora Street	120	30	30	15	15	9	3	75	10	3
Pigeon Gap	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Robbinsville	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Slagel Memorial	8	4	6	4	4	2	1	10	4	2
Swannanoa	20	5	5	3	3	2	1	12	6	1
Waynesville	48	12	12	6	6	4	1	30	15	1

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Examination	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Resident Communicants	Communicants: Non-Resident Communicants	Communicants: Whole No. Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Total Sunday School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS COLLECTED: Foreign Missions	Home Missions: Assembly's Home Missions	Home Missions: Synod's Home Missions	Home Missions: Presbytery's Home Missions	Home Missions: Congregational Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	S. S. Extension and Publication	Schools and Colleges	Bible Cause	Orphan's Homes	Miscellaneous	Benevolences	Funds Collected: Pastor's Salaries	Funds Collected: Incidental Expenses and Presbyterial Tax
2. *Pres. of Asheville.*																											
A. S. Anderson, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville, P.*	4	4	1	2	$ 83	27	116	1		91	$ 92	$ 19	$ 27	$ 14	$	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 10	$ 1	$ 90	$ 68	$1670	$ 208
" S. S. D. P.	Waynesville, N. C. R.D.	Pigeon Gap, S. S.					600	30	206	14	40	207	1615	253	1	166	616	194	88	1362	63	916	1002	360	356	496
R. F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville 1st, P.	13	14	33	2	17	4	21	2	6			1	5	5						10				62
W. P. Chedester, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood, P.	2	1	3	1																				
Lewis Collins, In Trans.	Henderson, N. C.																									
W. H. Davis, Ev.	Pisgah Forest, N. C.																	1								
" S. S.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah, S. S.		1	3	1												2	16			5	11	43	365	7
F. M. Eversole, F. M.	Chunju, Korea																	9	9			2	2	19	125	10
R. J. Hunter, S. S.	Canton, N. C.	Canton, S. S.*	2	4	3	1	7	4	11			49	19	6	70	3			3	12			30	30	102	102
" S. S.	Canton, N. C. R.F.D.	Bethel, S. S.	2	1	3	1	6	5	11			56	11	4	22			1	4	5				8	177	1
T. J. McConnell, P.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City, P.*	3	3	3	1	5	6	11			54	8	2	6			17	8	5			4	58	502	605
" P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy, P.	3	3	3	1	22	30	52			200	218	45	34	136	22	24	77	4			89			
A. M. McLauchlin, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Ora Street, P.*	6	7	2	2	106	156	262	11	53	53	135	26	178	133	193	18	95	1		1	51	15	1506	808
E. H. Norwood	Bacard, N. C.											18	346	24	142	192		20	40	5		1	122	11	825	496
J. M. Shive, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville, P.*	10	10	27	12	10	10	20	24	1	41	3	6	32			5	5	7		1	42		570	367
E. L. Siler, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat, P.*									4															
" P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain, P.	2	2	2	1	74	20	94	2		56	3	3	4	4	5	5	7	1	1	1	12	80	15	
R. P. Smith, Ev.	Asheville, N. C.											58	17	12	20	16		7	4	3	1	1	13	270	49	
A. H. Temple, T.	Balfour, N. C.											38	22	7	9								6	60	87	
J. Q. Wallace, S. S.	Franklin, N. C. R.F.D.	Morrison, S. S.					39	17	56			54	14	3	6	4	4	1	3	3			3	160		
" S. S.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin, S. S.*					39	5	44			71	90	6	9	21	36	1	3	3			44	211	284	
" S. S.	Franklin, N. C. R.F.D.	Slagle Memorial, S. S.							9			71	1	4	3	10		1	1	3			1	55	264	
" S. S.	Asheville, N. C.						23	3	26			55	31	1	3	16	68	2	1	2			46	450	264	
P. P. Winn, T.	Candler, N. C.						51		51			115	4		2	2		6	2	18			17	48	192	
" S. S.	Pisgah Forest, N. C.	Oak Forest, S. S.	1	2	1	1	70	6	76		5	26											15	188	112	
	Horseshoe, N. C. R.F.D.	Davidson River, S. S.	4	2	4	1	70	4	74		3	36											6	25	12	
	Brevard, N. C.	Mills River, S. S.	3	2	3	2	82	7	89															19	50	3
	Horseshoe, N. C. R.F.D.	Brevard, S. S.*	4	2	4		33		33			87	2		1	8			12	1				197	1	
	Oak Dale, S. S.	Oak Dale, S. S.	1	1	1		27	7	34																	
	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews, S. S.					16		16			5														
	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville, S. S.					15		15																	
	Dillingham, N. C.	Jennie Spier M'l, S. S.	3	3	3		60	15	75																	
	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa, S. S.	1	2	1		8		8																	
	Dillsboro, N. C.	Dillsboro, S. S.	2	2	2		26		26																	
	Shortoff, N. C.	Shortoff, S. S.	1	1	1		10		10													1				
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville, V.																								
			81	83	99	39	1379	219	2171	46	42	2567	2769	451	473	1789	1665	408	298	1564	88	1513	1400	10247	7311

Action of Synod of N.C.

Approved without Exception
at Gastonia N.C. Oct 28, 1915

Walter L. Lingle
Moderator

Action of Synod of Appalachia

approved with the exception
that on page 6 the item giving
account of the installation of
Rev. J. M. Shive does not
state the Church over which
he was installed.

Nov. 4, 1915.

R. F. Campbell
Moderator

-Stated Clerk-
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Asheville Presbytery

Thirty-Ninth Stated Session

MONTREAT, N. C.

September 21, 1915

Fortieth Stated Session

FIRST CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

April 11, 1916

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Adjourned Meeting Bristol, Tenn.

November 3, 1915

AND

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Thirty-Ninth Stated Meeting Asheville Presbytery

MONTREAT, N. C., September 21, 1915.

Presbytery met in the Montreat Church, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. A. S. Anderson, the last Moderator present, from the Text I Cor. 1: 31. Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following were noted present:

Ministers.—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, A. H. Temple, P. P. Winn, E. L. Siler, A. M. McLauchlin, A. S. Anderson, T. J. McConnell, Geo. Hudson (2), R. C. Anderson (3).

Ruling Elders.—W. E. Collins, Asheville, First; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; C. C. Lord, Montreat; H. M. Sloan, Black Mountain; I. J. Brown, Waynesville; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; J. F. Goodman (2), Hendersonville; A. B. Riley, Brevard; S. W. Davidson (2), Swannanoa.

Rev. T. J. McConnell was chosen Moderator, and Revs. A. S. Anderson and W. P. Chedester engrossing and temporary clerks, respectively.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully recommend as follows:

1st. That the hours for meeting be from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 M., the first half-hour being spent in devotional exercises; from 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M., and from 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

2nd. That the Presbyterial communion service be held immediately after the Presbyterial sermon to-morrow morning at 11:00 o'clock, and that Rev. R. P. Smith and Rev. W. H. Davis preside at this service, being assisted by the following ruling elders: C. C. Lord, D. M. Killian, A. B. Riley and M. M. Brittain.

3rd. That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held Wednesday night, presided over by the chairman, Rev. R. F. Campbell.

4th. That the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held at 11:00 o'clock A. M. Thursday, presided over by the chairman, Rev. A. S. Anderson, and that in connection with this meeting, Rev. R. F. Campbell preach a sermon.

5th. That the popular meeting in the interest of Sunday school work be held Thursday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Davis, chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. SILER,
C. C. LORD,
Committee.

Rev. O. G. Jones, of Orange Presbytery, and Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Kings Mountain Presbytery, were introduced and invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

SECOND DAY

Presbytery met at 9:00 o'clock A. M. and engaged in devotional exercises, led by Rev. T. J. McConnell.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted.

The minutes of a called meeting held at Montreat to receive Rev. Geo. Hudson, were read and adopted.

A certificate of dismission of Rev. R. C. Anderson, from King's Mountain Presbytery, was received, found in order and placed on the docket.

A communication from Rev. E. H. Norwood, asking that he be excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery, was received and the request granted.

A letter from Rev. W. H. Davis was received, asking that he be excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was directed to write a letter to Brother Davis, in the name of the Presbytery, sending greetings and expressing the regrets of Presbytery at his absence.

A communication from Rev. R. J. Hunter, asking that he be excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery, was received and the request granted.

A communication was received from Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., asking for an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at the call of the Moderator during the sessions of the Synod of Appalachia, for the purpose of receiving him into this Presbytery. The request was granted.

A communication from the National Reform Association was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication was received from Dr. W. J. Martin, asking that he be given an opportunity to present the claims of Davidson College to this Presbytery. The request was granted and it was made the order of the day for 3:30 P. M. Wednesday to hear Dr. Martin.

A communication was received from Dr. H. H. Sweets, concerning a former candidate for the ministry. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write Dr. Sweets regarding the matter.

A communication was received from Dr. S. L. Morris, Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions, and same was referred to the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions.

A communication from Dr. H. H. Sweets was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

A communication from Dr. Geo. O. Bachman, giving information as the organization *pro tem* of the Appalachian Synod, was received as information.

A communication from Rev. D. I. Craig, Stated Clerk of the Synod of North Carolina, was received, asking that the usual Presbyterial assessment be sent him this year. After discussion, the Treasurer was directed to send the Presbyterial assessment to the Synod of North Carolina and to the Synod of Appalachia. It was further ordered that the Stated Clerk be directed to send reports to both Synods.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Bills and Overtures.—R. F. Campbell, A. M. McLauchlin, M. M. Brittain.

Judicial.—A. H. Temple, D. M. Killian, H. M. Sloan.

Records of Presbytery.—A. M. McLauchlin, A. B. Riley.

Minutes of General Assembly.—P. P. Winn, I. J. Brown, W. E. Collins.
Auditing.—C. C. Lord, W. E. Collins.
Leave of Absence.—E. L. Siler, H. M. Sloan.
Nominations.—R. P. Smith, A. H. Temple, D. M. Killian.

The following were excused for absence at the spring meeting of Presbytery:

Rev. A. H. Temple and the Swannanoa and Shortoff churches.

A communication was received from Mr. S. P. Ravenel, concerning the church property at Highlands. This was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The committee appointed to revise and have printed the manual, reported they were unable to have the manual printed for lack of funds. The report was approved and the committee continued.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Sunburst (Rev. R. J. Hunter, chairman) was continued.

The election of a trustee of Davidson College was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Asheville First Church was chosen as the place for next regular meeting of Presbytery, and the standing rule as to time for meeting being suspended, the time was fixed for April 11, 1916, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Rev. R. F. Campbell and Ruling Elder W. E. Collins were appointed as Committee on Devotional Exercises and Arrangements for Next Meeting.

It was ordered that the Synod of Appalachia be overtured to request the General Assembly's Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work, to employ a Sunday school agent to labor in the bounds of the Synod.

It was made the special order of the day for Thursday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, for a popular meeting in the interest of Sabbath school work.

Mr. S. W. Davidson, ruling elder from Swannanoa Church, appeared, rendered excuse for tardiness, and his name was enrolled.

It was ordered that when Presbytery takes recess for dinner, it do so until 3:30 o'clock, giving the extra time for the work of the committees.

Rev. R. F. Campbell made report as to his attendance on the sessions of the General Assembly at Newport News, Va., giving an itemized account of his expense. The report was received and approved and he was commended for his diligence.

Ruling Elder J. P. Wilson, of Black Mountain, and Deacon T. E. White, of Swannanoa, were given the privileges of the floor.

The Presbyterial sermon was then preached by Rev. P. P. Winn, followed by the Presbyterial communion. Presbytery then took recess until 3:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—3:30 P. M.

Presbytery convened. Mr. J. F. Goodman, ruling elder from Hendersonville Church, appeared, was excused for tardiness and his name was enrolled.

The order of the day was taken up and Dr. W. J. Martin was heard in behalf of Davidson College. By a rising vote Presbytery indicated its appreciation of Dr. Martin's address and assured him of our support.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Presbytery was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by the Moderator, who turned the meeting over to Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of Home Missions. After devotional exercises, the Chairman read the report of the Committee of Home Missions. Pending its adoption, brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. A. H. Temple, R. P. Smith, and A. S. Anderson, setting forth different phases of the work, after which a collection was taken for Balfour Orphanage amounting to $32.60.

The report of the committee was taken up *seriatim* and adopted as a whole and is as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

1. That the following overture be sent to the Synod of North Carolina:

"In view of our large financial obligations in sustaining our work of Home Missions, and in view of the fact that we are going, with the approval of the Synod of North Carolina, into a Synod whose destitutions will call for larger contributions on our part to Synodical work, the Presbytery of Asheville hereby earnestly overtures the Synod of North Carolina not to discontinue all at once the aid hitherto given to our work, but to make an appropriation of twelve hundred dollars for the first year, to be scaled two hundred dollars annually, until the appropriation shall disappear and the Synod of North Carolina shall be relieved of financial responsibility for work in this Presbytery, and be left free to prosecute more vigorously the evangelization of other needy fields in the State."

2. That the following overture be sent to the Synod of Appalachia:

"In view of the large missionary territory within the bounds of the Synod of Appalachia, and in view of the liberality of the General Assembly's Committee of Home Missions in offering to give the Synod a fair proportion of the time of Rev. J. W. Tyler, D. D., Superintendent of Mountain Missions, the Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the Synod of Appalachia to put into the field, at once, at least one, and if possible two, Synodical evangelists, to make thorough investigation of the Home Mission needs and opportunities, to help pastors in conducting evangelistic meetings, and to aid the Synod's Committee of Home Missions in arousing the churches to a lively interest in the great cause of Home Missions."

3. In view of the fact that the Presbytery has authorized its Committee of Home Missions to employ an assistant superintendent of the work, and in view of the fact that the committee is now negotiating with a man eminently suited in its judgment for the position, the Committee of Home Missions is hereby instructed to take such means as may seem wise and necessary to raise the salary for the new officer.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. H. Temple, Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and the minutes of the preceding sessions were read, corrected and adopted.

A communication was received from Rev. J. Q. Wallace, asking that he be excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted.

Rev. R. C. Anderson being present, his certificate of dismission from Kings Mountain Presbytery was taken from the docket and Presbytery proceeded to examine him with a view to receiving him as a member of this body. The Moderator examined him on experimental religion, Rev. P. P. Winn on theology, and Rev. R. F. Campbell on his views touching the Sacraments and church government. These examinations were sustained separately and as a whole, and Rev. Mr. Anderson was received into this Presbytery and the Stated Clerk was instructed to enroll his name, after he had signed the obligations required of ministers.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was received and adopted and is as follows:

Your committee recommends, in response to the request of the National Reform Association for action in regard to the evils of Mormonism, the following resolution:

Whereas, the Mormon institution is a polygamous kingdom set up in this Republic, under the rule of a false prophet, who holds that his authority is superior to the civil powers, and whereas the National Reform Association of Pittsburg has inaugurated a nation-wide movement against the evils of the Mormon system, and has requested that this Presbytery take such action as it may see fit in regard to the matter; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Asheville does hereby urge the people under its jurisdiction, to adopt such lawful and Christian measures as shall tend in their judgment to bring to a speedy and merciful end the offenses of the Mormon system.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

A free conversation was held on the state of religion within our bounds, and verbal reports indicated, in the main, a healthy state of piety and Christian activity.

Rev. D. A. Green, of Zanesville Presbytery (U. S. A.) was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Recess was taken for five minutes.

At the end of this time Presbytery was called to order and Rev. R. F. Campbell preached a sermon from the text:

"He that hath to him shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken that which he hath."

A brief Foreign-Mission report was then made by the chairman, Rev. A. S. Anderson, and two recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That the Presbytery endeavor to contribute $3,000.00 to the Foreign Mission cause this year.

2. That the Christian people be asked to pray for this cause.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following:

Rev. R. C. Anderson to preach the Presbyterial sermon, selecting his subject at will.

Mr. C. C. Lord for Moderator next meeting, with Mr. A. P. Burgin alternate.

Rev. E. L. Siler, Trustee of Davidson College for a term of two years.

R. P. SMITH,
D. M. KILLIAN,
A. H. TEMPLE,
Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee respectfully report as follows:

1. *Financial.*—The receipts, for all departments of the work, from April 1, 1915, to August 31, 1915, were $4,682.79 less than for the corresponding period last year.

2. *Day of Prayer.*—In accordance with the direction of the General Assembly, we recommend that Sunday, February 27, 1916, be set apart as a day of prayer for schools and colleges, and that the preceding week be observed by prayer in the home, the church, and the societies.

3. We would recommend that Presbytery urge the adoption of the affiliate membership card by our pastors and sessions, giving these to our sons and daughters attending schools and colleges.

4. We recommend that Presbytery again commend to the liberality of all our churches, Education for the Ministry, Ministerial Relief, the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief, Schools and Colleges and the Student Loan Fund.

E. L. SILER, *Chairman;*
WM. P. CHEDESTER.

The item in Synod's minutes, regarding Sabbath and Family Religion, was referred to Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion (R. P. Smith, chairman), to report at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. A. S. Anderson was directed to take up with Rev. R. P. Smith the matter of evangelism in this Presbytery during this fall.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly respectfully reports that we have examined said minutes, and recommend the following action by Presbytery:

1. The Presbytery urges the churches to set apart the last Sunday in February as a day of special prayer for schools and Colleges and the youth gathered in them.

2. The Presbytery calls the special attention of our people to the book department in Richmond and Texarkana as a medium for securing sound moral and religious literature.

3. The Presbytery urges all our sessions to use the Sabbath school literature of our church as far as possible.

4. The Presbytery urges all our churches to push the organization of adult Bible classes, in view of the large endeavor now being put forth for turning adult life to the study of the Bible.

5. The Presbytery urges all our sessions to restore the Catechisms of our church to their rightful place in the religious training of our children and youth.

6. The Presbytery urges all our churches to introduce the Assembly's plan of finance and the every-member canvass, and in doing this to recognize the 27 per cent. allowed the Assembly's Home Missions as its just and fair proportion of the benevolences of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. WINN,
I. J. BROWN,
WILLIS E. COLLINS,
Committee.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The Committee on the Records of Presbytery reported that they found the minutes neatly and correctly printed. The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The Auditing Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. The report was approved and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report that we have excused the following:

After Wednesday morning session, Rev. A. M. McLauchlin.

After Wednesday night, Revs. R. P. Smith and A. H. Temple.

After Thursday morning, Ruling Elders A. B. Riley, M. M. Brittain and J. F. Goodman.

E. L. SILER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Assembly's Home Missions would recommend that Presbytery urge upon all our churches and pastors the observance of Home Mission Week (November 21st-28th), and give the people the opportunity of making voluntary offerings for the better equipment of our more important missions stations.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. WINN,
R. F. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

The time having arrived Presbytery took up the order of the day, a popular meeting in the interest of Sunday school work, and heard a most instructive and inspiring address by an expert Sabbath school worker from Richmond, Va., who illustrated the address by using charts, blocks, etc., prepared for the occasion.

Presbytery adopted, by a rising vote, the following vote of thanks, and directed the pastor of the Montreat Church to read same from the pulpit next Sunday morning:

Presbytery expresses its hearty thanks to the Montreat Church, and its efficient pastor for their thoughtful arrangements for our comfort and gracious hospitality extended to us during our stay with them, and to the Montreat Choral Society, which, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Adams, rendered excellent music, also to Mrs. Siler and the church choir for their assistance in the music.

There being no further business Presbytery adjourned with devotional exercises to meet at the call of the Moderator during the meeting of the Synod of Appalachia at Bristol, Tenn.

W. P. CHEDESTER, *Temporary Clerk.*
A. S. ANDERSON, *Engrossing Clerk.*

Attest:
E. L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

ADJOURNED MEETING

BRISTOL, TENN, November 3, 1915.

Asheville Presbytery met, pursuant to adjournment, on the call of the Moderator, at 4:25 P. M., in the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., and was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator.

The following were noted present and enrolled:

Ministers.—Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, J. Q. Wallace, E. L. Siler, T. J. McConnell and R. C. Anderson.

Ruling Elders.—C. C. Lord, Montreat; J. T. Bailey, Canton; T. S. Morrison, Asheville, First; Major J. P. Wilson, Black Mountain; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville.

Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Cincinnati (U. S. A.), seeking admission into this Presbytery. He was examined on experimental religion, theology and church government. These examinations were sustained and Dr. Mack was received as a member of this Presbytery and his name enrolled.

Rev. A. S. Anderson was excused from attendance on this meeting.

In response to a communication from Rev. A. S. Anderson, asking for an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to consider his resignation of the pastorate of the Waynesville Church, it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the First Church, Asheville, N. C., November 18, 1915, at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

The matters of an adjourned meeting at Brevard and of a Synodical mileage fund were docketed for consideration at the adjourned meeting at Asheville.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, by Dr. Mack, to meet at the First Church, Asheville, N. C., Thursday, November 18, 1915, at 3:00 P. M.

Attest: E. L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

ADJOURNED MEETING

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Asheville Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment in the study of the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., November 18, 1915, at 3:30 P. M.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator, Rev. T. J. McConnell.

The following were noted present and enrolled:

Ministers.—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, T. J. McConnell, R. J. Hunter, A. S. Anderson, P. P. Winn and E. L. Siler.

Ruling Elders.—W. E. Collins, Asheville, First; and H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville.

Rev. A. S. Anderson tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the Waynesville Church and asked that the pastoral relation between himself and the Waynesville Church be dissolved. The church concurring in this request, same was granted, and Rev. A. S. Anderson, at his request, was granted a letter of dismission to Muhlenburg Presbytery, Synod of Kentucky.

The matter of an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Brevard was stricken from the docket.

The matter of a Synodical mileage fund was taken from the docket and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. E. L. Siler and R. P. Smith and Ruling Elder W. E. Collins, to investigate and report at the spring meeting.

A commission was appointed to visit Oak Forest Church and assist in its better organization. This commission to consist of Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. J. Hunter and A. M. McLauchlin and Ruling Elders W. E. Collins and A. P. Burgin. The time was left to be chosen by the commission.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was instructed to use all funds contributed for Orphanages, unless distinctly specified, for the Orphanges of this Presbytery, until next meeting of Synod. He was also instructed to merge Synodical and Presbyterial Home Mission funds into Presbyterial Home Mission fund until next meeting of Synod.

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery and of the adjourned meeting held at Bristol during the session of Synod. The same were amended and approved.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted:

Presbytery then adjourned, with prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, April 11, 1916, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

W. P. CHEDESTER, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest:
E L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

Fortieth Stated Session *of* Asheville Presbytery

FIRST CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

APRIL 11-14, 1916

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 11, 1916.

Asheville Presbytery met in its fortieth stated session, in the First Presbyterian Church, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. T. J. McConnell, from Matt. 7: 24-27.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following members were noted present:

Ministers.—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, A. H. Temple, R. J. Hunter, J. Q. Wallace (2), E. L. Siler, A. M. McLauchlin, T. J. McConnell, Geo. Hudson (2), R. C. Anderson, Geo. F. Mason (2), T. E. Simpson (2), John R. Hay (2), W. J. Sechrest (2).

Churches Represented.—D. S. Watson, Asheville, First; W. H. Cole, Hazelwood; A. V. Halliburton, Canton; J. R. Gray (2), Morrison; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; C. C. Lord, Montreat; J. P. Wilson, Black Mountain; A. P. Burgin, Ora Street; S. W. Black, Bryson City; A. C. Cagle, Waynesville; Dr. A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; E. W. Blythe, Brevard; R. L. Gash, Davidson River, and W. A. Osborne (2), Oak Dale.

Mr. C. C. Lord, ruling elder from Montreat, was elected Moderator, and Revs. R. J. Hunter and E. L. Siler, temporary and engrossing clerks, respectively.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

That Presbytery meet each morning at 9:00 o'clock, and that the first half-hour be spent in devotional exercises; that Presbytery take recess from 12:30 to 2:00 P. M. for lunch, and from 5:00 to 8:00 P. M. for supper, reassembling at 8:00 P. M. and adjourning at will.

R. F. CAMPBELL,
W. E. COLLINS,
Committee.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 o'clock A. M. and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Mason, P. E., of Waynesville.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting in Asheville were read and approved as written.

Ruling Elder J. S. Gray, of Morrison and Rev. J. Q. Wallace appeared and were enrolled.

The following churches were not excused for non-representation at last meeting:

Canton, Bethel, Franklin, Morrison, Slagle Memorial, Ora Street, Bryson City, Murphy, Davidson River, Oak Forest, Covenanters, Shortoff and Hayesville.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Bills and Overtures.—T. J. McConnell, W. P. Chedester, J. P. Wilson, D. S. Watson.

Judicial.—R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace, R. C. Anderson, S. W. Black.

Minutes of Synod.—W. H. Davis, R. P. Smith, A. P. Burgin.

Records of Sessions.—A. M. McLauchlin, R. C. Anderson, R. P. Smith, T. M. Slagle, A. C. Cagle, E. W. Blythe.

Auditing.—Dr. A. H. Morey, S. W. Black.

Leave of Absence.—R. F. Campbell, D. S. Watson, A. P. Burgin.

Nominations.—E. L. Siler, R. J. Hunter, Dr. A. H. Morey.

The following temporary additions were made to the Permanent Committees:

Narrative.—A. H. Temple.

Church Societies.—A. B. Haliburton and W. H. Cole.

A communication from the American Bible Society was referred to the Committee on Bible Cause.

The commission appointed to assist in the better organization of Oak Forest Church, made the following report, which was approved:

The commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery met at Oak Forest Church December 4, 1915, at 11:00 A. M., and was called to order by the chairman, Rev. R. P. Smith.

Rev. R. F Campbell preached a sermon.

Finding that due notice of the congregational meeting had been given, the congregation by unanimous vote intimated that they were ready to elect two elders. Mr. Chas. Tennent and Rev. R. J. Barton were nominated and unanimously elected as ruling elders. Both these men having been previously ordained, were installed by the commission.

R J. Hunter gave the officers a lecture as to their duties and R. F. Campbell lectured the congregation as to their duties. The services closed with prayer and benediction.

R. J. HUNTER, *Clerk of Commission.*

REV. R. P. SMITH,
REV. R. F. CAMPBELL,
REV. R. J. HUNTER,
MR. W. E. COLLINS,
Members of Commission.

A communication from Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., regarding the Jamestown Exposition debt, was laid on the table.

A communication from Mrs. W. H. Davis, president of the Asheville Presbyterial, was referred to the Committee on Church Societies.

A communication from the Synodical *ad interim* Committee on Presbyterial Boundaries, was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Appalachia, regarding a historic gavel, was referred to Rev. R. P. Smith as a special committee of one.

A communication from Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., was received. He was excused from attendance on this meeting, and the Stated Clerk was directed to write him a letter expressing the sympathy of the Presbytery for him in his affliction.

A communication from Rev. P. P. Winn, was received, giving excuse for non-attendance, and asking permission to labor without our bounds until the fall meeting. He was excused and his request granted.

The following ministers presented credentials from their respective Presbyteries, and after due examination on all points required by the Book of Church Order, were received into this Presbytery and their names enrolled:

Rev. W. J. Sechrest, from Atlanta Presbytery; Rev. Geo. F. Mason, from Memphis Presbytery; Rev. T. E. Simpson, from Pee Dee Presbytery, and Rev. John R. Hay, from Harmony Presbytery.

The following ministers were introduced and invited to sit with us as corresponding members:

Dr. H. Glass, of Transylvania Presbytery; Revs. W. M. Hunter and G. W. Painter, D. D., of Abingdon Presbytery; Rev. Mr. Barnes, of Columbus (U. S. A.) Presbytery; Rev. Mr. Leeper, of the U. P. Church, and Rev. Charles Morris, D. D., of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report, which was adopted:

To preside at the communion service:

Revs. W. J. Sechrest and W. H. Davis. Elders to serve the bread: J. P. Wilson, T. M. Slagle, E. W. Blythe and A. C. Cagle. Elders to serve the wine; Dr. I. J. Archer, W. H. Cole, Dr. A. H. Morey and S. W. Black.

A communication from Dr. S. L. Morris concerning Synodical Home Mission Funds, was referred to a special committee, Rev. J. H. McConnell, chairman.

A communication from the Synodical Committee on Schools and Colleges, was referred to the Committee on Church and Christion Education.

The report of the Permanent Auditing Committee was received, and, together with the Treasurer's books, was referred to the Standing Auditing Committee.

Calls from Hendersonville, Waynesville, Brevard and Davidson River for the pastoral services, respectively of Revs. T. E. Simpson, Geo. F. Mason, and John R. Hay were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Presbytery took recess until 11:00 A. M.

Presbytery met at 11:00 A. M. and heard the Presbyterial sermon by Rev. R. C. Anderson from Gal. 2: 21. This was followed by the Presbyterial communion presided over by Revs. W. J. Sechrest and W. H. Davis.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery met at 2:00 P. M. and resumed business.

The Special Committee to Revise the Manual, reported the revision completed, but that for lack of funds same had not been printed. The same committee was continued and instructed to print as soon as funds are available.

The commission to organize a church at Sunburst reported the way was not clear, with no encouragement in sight. The commission was discharged and their diligence commended.

Ruling Elder W. A. Osborne, of Oak Dale, appeared, rendered excuse for tardiness and was enrolled.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made report for the past year, which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Slagle Memorial Church was selected as the next place of meeting.

Rev. F. D. Hunt, of Holston Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

After prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, the following commissioners to the General Assembly were selected:

Ministers.—Rev. A. M. McLauchlin, principal and Rev. E. L. Siler, alternate.

Ruling Elders.—W. A. Osborne, Oak Dale, principal, and A. C. Cagle, Waynesville, alternate.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committee on Systematic Beneficence:

Revs. John R. Hay and T. E. Simpson and W. A. Osborne.

Presbytery took recess until 8:00 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING

Presbytery met at 8:00 P. M. and a popular meeting was held in the interest of Home Missions, presided over by Rev. R. F. Campbell, chairman of Home Missions.

The Committee of Home Missions, made report, and pending its adoption, Presbytery heard addresses by Revs. F. D. Hunt, J. Q. Wallace and R. P. Smith. The report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your committee would call upon the Presbytery to recognize with gratitude the blessing of God during the past year on the work you have committed to our supervision.

All the Mission fields in the Presbytery, except Hayesville, have been supplied with preaching for at least part of the year. Rev. W. H. Davis has rendered valuable aid to Rev. R. P. Smith, the Superintendent, in giving the preached word to churches that have been without pastors.

The sum of $11,886 has been expended on the work. Of this amount $2,889 was used in supplementing pastors' salaries and in paying the salary of the Superintendent, $8,997 for the support, enlargement and equipment of Balfour Orphanage, Barium Springs Orphanage, Morrison Industrial School for Girls, and Maxwell Farm School for Boys, and Maxwell Orphanage.

Your committee conceived the idea that the Maxwell farm worked by the older boys, might be made to support a home for smaller boys. This plan was written up by our Superintendent, in the little paper, "Our Mountain

Work." The attention of a gentleman was attracted to this and he sent $2,500 for the erection of a building.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. The churches receiving aid from the Presbytery are urged to take collections for the cause of Presbyterial Home Missions, through the Every-Member Canvass and the duplex envelopes.

2. These churches are also urged to press forward towards self-support as rapidly as possible, that the Home Mission funds of the Presbytery may be used for the opening of new fields.

3. The Mountain Orphanage, the Maxwell Orphanage, the Morrison Industrial School for Girls, and the Maxwell Farm School for Boys, are especially commended to the Christian liberality of churches, Sunday schools and individuals.

4. That the election by the committee of Rev. Henry Bedinger as Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions as authorized by the Presbytery at the last spring meeting, be confirmed.

5. That a committee be appointed to reapportion to the churches the amounts to be raised for the beneficent causes and to revise the Presbyterial assessments.

6. The following paper adopted by the committee appointed by the Synod of Appalachia on Presbyterial Boundaries has been referred to your Committee of Home Missions:

"The *Ad Interim* Committee of the Synod of Appalachia on the Presbyterial Boundaries met at Knoxville March 27th, and while it holds to the ideal and ultimate goal of small Presbyteries intensely cultivated, it is still of the opinion, on account of the status of the Home Mission work in some of the Presbyteries, that no change in Presbyterial boundaries as now constituted would now be desirable.

"Meanwhile, since the Presbyteries are most vitally concerned about this matter, the committee requests that each Presbytery at its spring meeting express to the committee its mind on the subject and the committee will be influenced by these combined opinions in making its final report to the Synod."

DR. LEROY G. HENDERSON, *Chairman;*
DR. LYNN R. WALKER,
CARY R. BLAIR, *Secretary;*
Committee.

We recommend the following answer:

The Presbytery of Asheville, owing its existence and success to the ideal of "small Presbyteries intensely cultivated," is glad to note that the Synod's committee presents this ideal as the ultimate goal to be attained. This Presbytery, out of its own experience, urges the immediate adoption of this policy, and is willing to have its own boundaries readjusted, if thereby the end is view may be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

A collection was taken for the Morrison School, amounting to $69.69.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by Dr. G. W. Painter, until to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. and engaged in devotional exercises, led by Rev. T. E. Simpson.

Presbytery resumed business and the minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Audits made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee finds the Balfour Orphanage account correct and most commendable and a marvel for economy. The account on beneficences is correct and endorsed by your Permanent Auditing Committee—T. S. Morrison and J. H. McConnell. We criticise the report in that the account for April, 1915, is included in the report for 1914-'15, when it should be in the 1915-'16 report. All reports should be from April 1st to April 1st. We find the report of the Treasurer, Rev. R. P. Smith, to be correct, showing total receipts of $15,775.64, disbursements of $15,285.49, and a balance of $490.15. We most heartily commend his very systematic method of nicety for detail.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. MOREY,
S. W. BLACK,
Committee.

Following is the Treasurer's report, which was approved by the Auditing Committee in above report:

Causes	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Foreign Missions	$ 2,072 54	$ 2,029 11	$ 43 43
Presbyterial Home Missions	2,888 95	2,702 49	186 46
Synod's Home Missions	660 19	660 19	.....
Assembly's Home Missions	577 92	577 92	.....
Ministerial Education and Relief	288 71	272 42	16 29
Sunday School Extension	178 87	172 37	6 50
Bible Cause	89 72	84 22	5 50
Orphanages	1,976 74	1,929 79	46 95
Contingent Fund	284 08	284 08	.....
Industrial Schools	6,696 72	6,511 70	185 02
Miscellaneous	61 20	61 20	.....
Total	$15,775 64	$15,285 49	$490 15

Rev. R. P. Smith presented the following paper, which was adopted:

Asheville Presbytery hereby requests each church within its bounds to send a deacon to the stated meetings of said body. But it must be understood that the deacon in this capacity is not to be considered a member of Presbytery, nor as a substitute for the ruling elder in any of his duties.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee recommends:

1. The adoption by the Asheville Presbytery of the Unification Plan of Presbyterial and Synodical Home Mission Funds, as urged by the Assembly's Committee, and submitted to our Presbytery by the Synod of Appalachia.

2. The committee finds the call to Rev. T. E. Simpson from Hendersonville Church in order, and recommends that it be placed in his hands.

3. The committee finds the calls to Rev. John R. Hay from Brevard and Davidson River Churches in order, and recommends that they be placed in his hands.

4. The committee finds the call to Rev. Geo. F. Mason from Waynesville Church in order, and recommends that it be placed in his hands.

T. J. MCCONNELL, *Chairman;*
WM P. CHEDESTER,
J. P. WILSON,
D. S. WATSON.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made report, which was referred to the Special Committee on Revising the Table of Apportionments.

Rev. E. L. Siler and Rev. R. P. Smith were appointed a special committee to revise the apportionment table.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work made report, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. This report showed a total Sabbath school membership of 2,349 and a total of funds contributed of $2,104.00.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was approved and the request granted.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence made report, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. This report showed a total of $10,235.00 contributed to all benevolent causes.

The Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion made the following report, which was adopted:

Taking the opinion of the average church member as the standard of what constitutes proper observance of the Sabbath, we must report that the day is well kept by the churches in this Presbytery. But taking the plain teaching of God's Word as the standard, we must report that the day is not rightly observed by the majority of our members. We know that our rapid developments in material things and our new modes of living have of necessity made inroads on the quiet retired manner of former years in keeping the day holy by reading, by prayer, by meditation. Many are taking advantage of these new conditions and are making the day one of common labor for gain. Some present flimsy excuses for their conduct, while hundreds seem to have no conscience in the matter. The masses now regard the Sabbath as a holiday instead of a day for worship and rest. The reports from the churches on family religion are not as encouraging as we have a right to expect from those who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ. The family altar is not erected in many, many of our homes. We are persuaded that one cause of this laxness lies in the fact that many do not believe and do not practice the teachings of the Bible in regard to the Abrahamic covenant. "A home without a family altar is like a house without a roof. There is a semblance of a home, the walls are there, but the inmates are exposed to all the assailing influences of the world, the flesh and the devil." Modern life is substituting the

boarding house and the club for the home in many cases. Apostacy begins in the family, so reformation must begin there. As the family is, so is the church, so is the nation.

R. P. SMITH.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was adopted:

The following churches have made the Every-Member Canvass this year and have contributed as follows:

	Incidental Expenses	Benevolence
Swannanoa	$ 194 00	$ 26 00
Canton	798 00	195 00
Brevard	703 00	42 00
Oak Dale	75 00	48 00
Ora Street	1,375 00	724 00
Slagle Memorial	64 00	59 00
Asheville, First	7,360 00	6,856 00
Black Mt.	827 00	145 00
Montreat	1,186 00	885 00

Your committee would recommend that all the churches adopt the General Assembly's plan of an annual Every-Member Canvass and the use of the duplex envelopes.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Records of Sessions made report criticising every book in the Presbytery, which had been submitted to them for examination. These criticisms were sustained and were written in the books. The report was adopted.

Presbytery receded from regular business for a popular meeting to discuss church problems. This meeting was presided over by Rev. R. P. Smith. During this meeting Presbytery heard an address by Rev. Tilden Scherer, President of King College, and an address by Rev. W. M. Hunter, traveling representative of Stonewall Jackson College, in behalf of the institutions they represent.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery convened at 2:00 P. M. and resumed business.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Church Societies made report, which was adopted, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. This report showed a total membership of women's societies 713, and total contributions of $3,582. Young people's societies membership 202, and contributions $398. Men's and boy's societies membership 26, and contributions $5.00.

The following installation committees were appointed:

To install Rev. John R. Hay at Brevard and Davidson River Churches—Revs. R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis and T. E. Simpson. Time first Sabbath in May.

To install Rev. T. E. Simpson at Hendersonville—Rev. E. L. Siler to preside and preach, Rev. R. P. Smith to charge the people, and Rev. John R. Hay to charge the pastor. Time, fourth Sabbath in May.

To install Rev. Geo. F. Mason at Waynesville—Rev. R. J. Hunter to preside and preach, Rev. R. P. Smith to charge the people, and Rev. W. P. Chedester to charge the pastor. Time, second Sabbath of May.

The report of the Standing Committee on Narrative was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. The narrative shows a healthy state of spiritual life and activity in our bounds, and on the whole, is encouraging.

The Special Committee on Synodical Mileage Fund made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to investigate and report on the advisability of co-operating with the other Presbyteries in a Synodical mileage fund, report that we have looked into this matter and recommend that Presbytery make no change in its present plan.

The Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report, which was adopted:

For this cause our Presbytery is apportioned $214.00, and during the year just ended has paid $363.12, including some offerings for the Assembly's Home and School and the Endowment Fund for Ministerial Relief. Exclusive of these special offerings, our Presbytery has contributed to the regular fund $294.24.

The following churches have exceeded their apportionment for the regular fund: Bethel, Black Mountain, Canton, Montreat, Morrison, Oak Dale, Oak Forest, Slagle Memorial and Ora Street. One church, Bryson City, paid its apportionment in full. The following churches paid less than their apportionments: Asheville First, Brevard, Hendersonville, Mills River, Murphy, Swannanoa, and Waynesville. The following churches paid nothing towards this important cause during the past year: Andrews, Covenanters, Dillsboro, Etowah, Franklin, Hayesville, Hazelwood, Jennie Spier Memorial, Shortoff, Pigeon Gap and Robbinsville.

The receipts for all departments of the work to March 31, 1916, were $117,620.60, as against $108,910.45 the previous year, an increase of $8,710.15.

Aid has been granted to the largest number of candidates ever assisted before in the history of the church. Three hundred and twenty-three have been aided, as against 309 last year. Of this number eleven are young ladies who are preparing for service on the Mission fields at home and abroad. There has been forwarded to candidates $32,233.80, an increase of $1,727.30. Notes have been received from all students for the amount forwarded, payable either in money or in service to the church. Many of the students have expressed their hearty endorsement of the loan plan.

During the year $47,717.50 has been given to 75 invalid ministers, 144 widows, and 21 orphans. This is an increase of $4,282.00 over the amounts remitted to beneficiaries last year. During the year 6 of these ministers and 4 widows have died.

Last December, when the endowment fund of Ministerial Relief was $332,000.00, an elder in one of our North Carolina churches offered to give to this fund $68,000.00, thus making the fund $400,000.00, if the whole church would give twice this amount during the year 1916. Already a liberal response has been made, and the Executive Committee has called upon the church to give every member of every church an opportunity to contribute to this fund on Sunday, April 16, 1916, or the nearest convenient date.

Wonderful progress has been made in the whole church along the lines of Christian Education. Through conferences held from time to time, our educational institutions have been united, plans have been perfected and a great church-wide campaign is being pushed to develop and extend this fundamental work of the church. For the sake of our youth, our church and our land, the Christian college must be saved.

During the past year, one of our own ministers, who has been honorably retired, after a long and useful service to the church, has received through your committee the sum of five hundred dollars, and another minister, living in our bounds, and seeking admission to this Presbytery by letter from Atlanta Presbytery, Rev. W. J. Sechrest, has received from this fund, through your committee, $150.00 for the last six months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In view of the fact that for some years this Presbytery has had no candidates for the ministry, we recommend that our pastors and sessions make unusual effort during the coming year to secure recruits for the gospel ministry.

2. That Presbytery most heartily commend to the liberality of our people the endowment fund for Ministerial Relief, and that our people be encouraged to respond to the challenge to the church given by the generous North Carolina elder.

3. That a column named "Schools and Colleges" be added to our apportionment table and that all our churches be apportioned $2,000.00, so that our members may be given a chance to contribute something regularly to our Christian colleges and schools. We further recommend that the amount thus raised be divided between the schools of our own Presbytery, Davidson College, King College, Union Seminary and Louisville Seminary, in the following proportion: Our own schools two-thirds, the remaining third to be equally divided between the four institutions named.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. SILER, *Chairman.*

The following additional report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received and adopted:

Concerning the letter of inquiry from Geo. H. Gilmer, Synodical Chairman of Schools and Colleges, we recommend that Rev. R. P. Smith be requested to answer the first part of the letter, giving information as to the educational institutions owned and controlled by our Presbytery.

In regard to the control of our educational institutions, we recommend that Presbytery still retain control of its own educational institutions, but that it express its desire and purpose to co-operate with the other Presbyteries in the control and maintenance of any higher institutions of learning now in existence in the Synod, and of any yet to be established.

E. L. SILER, *Chairman.*

The following overture to the General Assembly, introduced by Rev. R. F. Campbell, was adopted:

The Presbytery of Asheville hereby overtures the General Assembly to change the column in Statistical and Systematic Beneficence Report marked "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief" to "Ministerial Education and Relief," for the reason that the column marked "Schools and Colleges" is *Christian Education*, and constant confusion is produced by the present notation.

The following financial report of the Mountain Orphanage, presented by Rev. A. H. Temple, was received and approved:

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1916

Money received	$1,326 67
Cost of food—provisions sent in not included	617 05
Cost of medicine	8 30
Lumber and tin guttering	59 06
Railroad tickets	35 70
Salary of one teacher	58 00
Other expenses	470 01
Total disbursements	1,248 12
Money on hand	78 55

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. TEMPLE.

The Committee on Women's Societies, to whom had been referred the overture of the Asheville Presbyterial, asking advice on the matter of women being permitted to address mixed audiences, presented the following answer, which was adopted:

Respectfully answering the question of the Asheville Presbyterial, we cautiously advise against permitting women to address mixed audiences, and continue a deaf ear to the allurements of the tendency to woman's suffrage.

R. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

The Permanent Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions reported that nothing had come into their hands demanding a report at this time. Report approved.

The Nominating Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to recommend the following:

Moderator next meeting, Rev. R. C. Anderson.

To preach the Presbyterial sermon, Rev. T. E. Simpson, the theme to be chosen by himself.

To take the place of Rev. A. S. Anderson on the Permanent Committees, the following: On Home Mission Committee—T. E. Simpson,

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E. L. SILER, *Chairman.*

The statistical report was read by the Stated Clerk, adopted, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. It will be found attached to these printed minutes.

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THIRD DAY—EVENING

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The report of the committee was adopted and is as follows:

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Asheville Presbytery, while intensely engaged in Home Mission work, has by no means neglected her opportunity to support the Foreign work.

We have with mingled joy and grief given from among our noble women, one who has gone into the heart of Africa.

Our Presbytery has given to the Foreign work the sum total of $2,676.00. Only 21 churches shared in this, and your committe recommends that the non-contributing churches in the Presbytery awake to their high privilege and responsibility and take immediate steps towards contributing something to this important cause.

We also recommend the following for the prayerful and earnest co-operation of God's people in the bounds of this Presbytery:

1. That, in accordance with the recommendations of twelve successive General Assemblies, churches, societies, Sunday-schools, and Sunday school classes be urged to assume definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign work, these definite parts or objects to be assigned by the Nashville Committee upon request, missionary correspondents being also assigned with them, whose letters from the field will sustain and deepen the missionary interest and zeal of the home organizations.

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2. That at least a two hour period of the next meeting of Presbytery be devoted to prayer for and discussion of the great Foreign Mission work of the church, the program and speakers to be arranged and appointed in advance by the Permanent Committee of Foreign Missions.

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The minutes of to-day's session were read and adopted.

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E. L. SILER, *Engrossing Clerk.*

Attest:

E. L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

Correct Copy of the minutes.
Attest: E. L. Siler, Stated Clerk

DIRECTORY OF THE PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Mr. C. C. Lord, Montreat, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. E. L. Siler, Montreat, N. C.
Treasurer—Rev. R. P. Smith, Asheville, N. C.
Trustees of Presbytery—J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison, D. S. Watson.
Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. P. Smith, term expires September, 1916; Rev. E. L. Siler, term expires September, 1917.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Home Missions*—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, T. E. Simpson, T. S. Morrison, J. B. Shope, J. H. McConnell, I. J. Archer.
2. *Foreign Missions*—Geo. F. Mason, H. H. Carson, J. Q. Wallace, Robert Bingham, I. J. Archer.
3. *General Assembly's Home Missions*—A. M. McLauchlin, P. P. Winn, R. F. Campbell, R. B. Fakes.
4. *Bible Cause*—J. Q. Wallace.
5. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—E. L. Siler, W. P. Chedester, R. L. Gash.
6. *Publication and Sunday School Work*—W. H. Davis, John R. Hay, R. P. Smith, J. F. Ramsay, J. Q. Wallace, J. T. Bailey.
7. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—R. P. Smith.
8. *Orphans' Homes*—A. H. Temple, J. H. McConnell.
9. *Church Societies*—R. J. Hunter.
10. *Systematic Beneficence*—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, E. L. Siler, W. H. Davis, T. S. Morrison, H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer, Harland Gudger
11. *Narrative*—Geo. F. Mason, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, W. A. Osborne.
12. *Laymen's Home Mission*—R. L. Gash, I. J. Archer, H. C. Lindsley, S. W. Black. ~~Geo. F. Mason~~, T. E. Simpson
13. *Evangelism*—R. P. Smith, ~~A. S. Anderson~~, I. J. Archer.
14. *Auditing*—T. S. Morrison and J. H. McConnell

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator.
2. *Academic Studies*—P. P. Winn, R. J. Hunter.
3. *Languages, Latin Thesis and Critical Exercise*—W. P. Chedester.
4. *Natural and Exact Sciences*—R. P. Smith.
5. *Mental and Moral Philosophy*—W. P. Chedester.
6. *Ecclesiastical History*—E. L. Siler, R. J. Hunter.
7. *Church Government and Sacraments*—W. H. Davis.
8. *Theology*—R. F. Campbell, P. P. Winn.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	POST-OFFICE
R. F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, First	Asheville, N. C.
R. P. Smith, Ev.		Asheville, N. C.
W. H. Davis, Ev.		Pisgah Forest, N. C.
W. P. Chedester, P.	Hazelwood	Hazelwood, N. C.
A. H. Temple, T.		Balfour, N. C.
R. J. Hunter, S. S.	Canton	Canton, N. C.
" " S. S.	Bethel	Canton, N. C., R. D.
P. P. Winn, T.		Crystal River, Fla.
J. Q. Wallace, S. S	Morrison	Franklin, N. C., R. D.
" " S. S.	Franklin	Franklin, N. C.
" " S. S.	Slagle Memorial	Franklin, N. C., R. D.
~~E. L. Siler, P.~~	~~Montreat~~	~~Montreat, N. C.~~ Dismissed to Fayetteville Pres. 4/3/22
" " P.	Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N. C.
~~A. M. McLauchlin, P.~~	~~Ora Street~~	~~Asheville, N. C.~~ Dismissed to Abingdon Pres. Dec. 18, 1916
F. M. Eversole, F. M.		Chunju, Korea.
E. H. Norwood		Brevard, N. C.
T. J. McConnell, P.	Bryson City	Bryson City, N. C
" " P.	Murphy	Murphy, N. C.
~~Geo. Hudson, F. M.~~		Montreat, N. C.
R. C. Anderson, Pres.		Montreat, N. C.
Edward Mack, D. D., T		Richmond, Va.
John R. Hay, P.	Brevard	Brevard, N. C.
Geo. F. Mason, P.	Waynesville	Waynesville, N. C.
T. E. Simpson, P.	Hendersonville	Hendersonville, N. C.
S. S.	Pigeon Gap	Waynesville, N. C., R.D.
S. S.	Oak Forest	Candler, N. C.
S. S.	Davidson River	Pisgah Forest, N. C.
S. S.	Mills River	Horse Shoe, N. C.
S. S.	Etowah	Etowah, N. C.
S. S.	Oak Dale	Horse Shoe, N. C.
S. S.	Andrews	Andrews, N. C.
S. S.	Robbinsville	Robbinsville, N. C.
S. S.	Jennie Spier Mem.	Barnardsville, N. C.
S. S.	Covenanters	Dillingham, N. C.
S. S.	Swannanoa	Swannanoa, N. C.
S. S.	Dillsboro	Dillsboro, N. C.
S. S.	Shortoff	Shortoff, N. C.
V.	Hayesville	Hayesville, N. C.

J. McLeod Montreat, N.C.

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TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS

Churches	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Synod's Home Missions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Ministerial Education and Relief	S. S. Extension and Publication	Schools and Colleges	Bible Cause	Orphan's Homes	Presbyterial Assessment
Asheville, First	1,500	500	500	1,800	300	150	1,500	100	300	135
Andrews	6	5	5	12	2	2	6	1	2	5
Bethel	16	5	5	20	3	2	16	1	3	6
Black Mountain	25	8	8	30	5	5	25	2	5	10
Brevard	25	9	9	36	8	8	25	2	8	10
Bryson City	35	8	8	32	8	8	35	2	8	10
Canton	40	10	10	40	10	10	40	5	10	10
Covenanters	5	2	2	3	2	1	5	1	2	2
Davidson River	50	8	8	30	10	6	50	6	10	10
Dillsboro	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	2	2
Etowah	4	2	2	4	2	1	4	1	2	2
Franklin	17	7	7	28	3	3	17	2	3	6
Hayesville	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
Hazelwood	10	5	5	10	2	2	10	1	2	4
Hendersonville	100	40	40	160	20	20	100	8	20	25
Jennie Spier Mem'l	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	2
Mills River	15	6	6	14	5	2	15	1	5	8
Montreat	200	40	40	200	30	30	200	8	30	25
Morrison	10	4	4	12	3	2	10	1	3	4
Murphy	15	10	10	16	5	2	15	1	5	8
Oak Dale	6	2	2	5	4	3	6	1	4	3
Oak Forest	15	5	5	8	3	3	15	1	3	4
Ora Street	150	30	30	150	20	15	150	8	20	15
Pigeon Gap	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1
Robbinsville	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
Shortoff	3	2	2	5	2	1	3	1	2	2
Slagle Memorial	12	8	8	12	5	2	12	1	5	5
Swannanoa	12	5	5	10	3	2	12	1	3	6
Waynesville	50	15	15	50	10	10	50	5	10	15
Totals	2,231	746	746	2,699	471	295	2,231	166	471	339

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2 Pres. of Asheville.																									
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																								
R. F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville 1st, P.	13	14	7	100	822	45	867	56	19	544	1735	326	332	1370	880	167	97	747	65	1022	416	9000	15456
W. P. Chedester, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood, P.	3	1	1	1	17	4	21	1	1	221	6	2	4	5		1	1			30		444	145
W. H. Davis, Ev.	Pisgah Forest, N. C.																								
F. M. Eversole, P. M.	Chunju, Korea						70	1	71	1		67	18	4	7	12	4	8	37	5	6	46	20	357	396
John R. Hay, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard, P.*	3	3	1	8	62	18	80	1	4	71	68	7	11	7	1	13	6	6	6	40	26	254	105
" P.	Pisgah Forest, N. C.	Davidson River, P.	4	3	1	7	49	10	59	4	1	56	58	11	12	60	42	25	37	6	6	24		371	427
Geo. Hudson	Montreat, N. C.						24	5	29			17	17	13	13	14		4	8		1	8		156	
R. J. Hunter, S. S.	Canton, N. C.	Canton, S. S.*	5	5	10	22	108	34	136	7	1	75	54	13	20	24	4	7	6	27	1	68	5	704	356
" S. S.	Canton, N. C., R F D	Bethel, S. S.	2	2	2	6	37	5	42	2	1	104	35	4	6	15	4	9	3	2	1	62	3	325	223
Edward Mack, D. D., T.	Richmond, Va.																								
Geo. F. Mason, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville, P.*	5	5	4	8	136	34	170	7	3	86	19	10	15	12	63	1	1	1	1	97	4	325	290
T. J. McConnell, P.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City, P.*	5	5	5	7	42	5	47	2	1	250	226	28	60	156	63	17	15	49	5	5	4	615	768
" P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy, P.	5	5	4	1	21	4	25	1	3														
A. M. McLauchlin, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Ora Street, P.*	5	5	5	7	150	13	150	19		150	256	55	30	324	5	5	34	28	7	72	36	900	296
E. H. Norwood	Brevard, N. C.																								
W. J. Sechrest	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat, P.*	5	5	5	7	89	7	96		1	66	45	10	34	100	20	4	4	2	2	11	1	504	327
E. L. Siler, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Black Mountain, P.	5	5	5	6	48	5	48	4	8	235	80	28	24	108	5	8	6	8	2	14	1	1297	657
" P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Hendersonville, P.*	5	5	5	6	200	57	257	6	8														
T. E. Simpson, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.																								
R. P. Smith, Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																								
A. H. Temple, T.	Balfour, N. C., RFD	Morrison, S. S.	3	1	2	4	47	3	50	7	1	57	9	4	4	13	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	85	253
J. Q. Wallace, " S. S.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin, S. S.*	5	5	5	6	44	10	54	5	1	43	5	5	6	11	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	214	57
" " S. S.	Franklin, N. C.	Sagle Memorial, S. S.	5	5	5	6	49	10	59	2	2	35	14	8	9	14	4	4	4	1	1	5	1	60	4
P. P. Winn, " S. S.	Franklin, N. C., RFD																								
—20	Crystal River, Fla.																								
	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah, S. S.	5	5	5	1	26	4	30	1	1	32	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	3
	Waynesville, N. C., RD	Pigeon Gap, S. S.	5	5	5	6	19	4	23	1	1	36	15	3	5	6	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	100	2
	Candler, N. C., RD	Oak Forest, S. S.	5	5	5	6	30	11	41	2	1	67	7	2	3	12	5	1	2	1	1	5	1	42	16
	Horse Shoe, N. C., RD	Mills River, S. S.	5	5	5	6	29	5	34	2	1	113	7	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	279	33
	Horse Shoe, N. C., RD	Oak Dale, S. S.	5	5	5	6	17	5	22	2	1	65	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	105
	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews, S. S.	5	5	5	6	10	5	15																
	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville, S. S.	5	5	5	6	60	11	71			46	5	3	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	12
	Burnsville, N. C.	Jennie Spier M'l, S. S.	5	5	5	6	62	4	66															182	
	Dillingham, N. C.	Covenanters, S. S.	5	5	5	6	8		8																
	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa, S. S.	5	5	5	6	20		20																
	Dillsboro, N. C.	Dillsboro, S. S.	5	5	5	6	10		10																
	Shortoff, N. C.	Shortoff, S. S.	5	5	5	6																			2
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville, V.	1	1	1	2																			
		—29	90	79	86	208	1911	249	2381	96	41	2403	2909	527	509	2200	725	315	335	866	104	1516	502	10256	19650

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Forty-Second Stated Session
SWANNANOA, N. C.
May 1st, 1917

AND

Adjourned Meeting, Asheville, N.C.
September 12th, 1916

Special Meeting, Knoxville, Tenn.
October 11th, 1916

Pro Re Nata Meeting, Asheville, N.C.
December 18th, 1916
AND
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Forty-First Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

Slagle Memorial Church,
Macon County, N. C., Sept. 5th, 1916.

Asheville Presbytery met at 8 o'clock p.m. and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. L. Siler, at the request of the retiring Moderator, Mr. C. C. Lord, from the text, John 3:16.

Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator, and was led in prayer by Rev. R. C. Anderson.

The roll was called and the following members were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, J. Q. Wallace, E. L. Siler, A. M. McLauchlin, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, Edward Mack, John R. Hay, Geo. F. Mason and T. E. Simpson.

Ruling Elders—D. S. Watson, Asheville First; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; C. C. Lord, Montreat; E. E. White, Black Mountain; A. C. Cagle, Waynesville; T. L. White, Swannanoa; C. A. Lowry (2), Franklin; D. M. Killian (2), Hazelwood; Jno. Evans (2), Hayesville; and Geo. R. McPherson (2), Morrison.

The following *visitors* were present: Dr. J. F. Ramsay, J. H. McConnell, D. L. Jackson, Mrs. R. P. Smith, Mrs. M. F. Miller, from First Church, Asheville; Miss Annie Gash, Davidson River; Clifford Slagle, Andrews, and Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat.

Dr. Chas. Morris, of the Presbytery of Arkansas, was introduced and asked to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. R. C. Anderson was chosen Moderator, and Revs. R. J. Hunter and E. L. Siler were chosen Temporary and Engrossing Clerks, respectively.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

Hours for meeting, 9:15 a.m. to 12 m., 1:30 p.m. to adjourn at will, and 7:30 p.m. to adjourn at will.

The dedication sermon for this church to be preached at 11 a.m. tomorrow,

followed by the communion service. Mr. H. G. Bedinger to preach trial sermon for ordination at 3:30 p.m.

The Presbyterial Sermon to be preached by Rev. T. E. Simpson tomorrow night at 7:30.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator, to meet at 9:15 a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:30 a.m. and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. T. E. Simpson.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—C. C. Lord, R. F. Campbell, R. J. Hunter.
Judicial—A. M. McLauchlin, L. T. Williams, A. C. Cagle.
Records of Presbytery—W. P. Chedester, Geo. F. Mason, D. S. Watson.
Minutes of General Assembly—T. E. Simpson, R. P. Smith, T. L. White.
Auditing—E. E. White, A. C. Cagle.
Leave of Absence—J. Q. Wallace, T. M. Slagle.
Nominations—R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, C. C. Lord.

The following churches were excused for non-attendance at last meeting: Franklin, Swannanoa, and Hayesville. The following were not excused: *Ministers*—E. H. Norwood; *Churches*—Bethel, Murphy, Oak Forest, Mills River, Covenanters, and Shortoff.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod, concerning Synodical Tax, was referred to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

A communication from Rev. R. L. Walkup, Assembly's Secretary of Stewardship, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Stated Clerk, Chairman of the Committee on Printing the Manual, reported that 100 copies of the Manual had been printed and were ready for distribution. The report was received as information and the Committee discharged.

Presbytery then heard from all the churches, represented at this meeting, in a free conference on the State of Religion. The work seems to be in a better condition throughout the Presbytery than at any previous time.

Presbytery took recess until 11 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Presbytery reconvened, and engaged in a dedicatory ceremony, with preaching by Rev. E. L. Siler, at which time this church was dedicated to the glory of God. This was followed by an impressive observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, conducted by Revs. R. P. Smith and Edward Mack.

Presbytery took recess for dinner.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:30 p.m. and received Licentiate H. G. Bedinger by certificate from East Hanover Presbytery. Mr. Bedinger then preached a sermon, which was accepted as a satisfactory part of trial for ordination.

He was then examined on Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government and Sacraments, all of which were sustained as satisfactory. His diplomas from Davidson College and Union Seminary, and Certificate of Licensure by East Hanover Presbytery, were accepted in lieu of examinations on other subjects required by the Book of Church Order.

The examination, as a whole, was then sustained as satisfactory.

The ordination of Licentiate Bedinger was docketed for consideration at an adjourned meeting.

A petition from thirty-six persons residing in West Asheville, desiring to be organized into a Presbyterian Church, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns, it do so to meet at the First Church, Asheville, Sept. 12th, 1916, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Committee on Installation of Pastors at Hendersonville, Waynesville, Brevard and Davidson River made reports which were adopted as follows:

Rev. T. E. Simpson was installed at Hendersonville, May 28th, 1916; Rev. Geo. F. Mason was installed at Waynesville, May 14th, 1916, and Rev. J. R. Hay was installed at Brevard and Davidson River, May 7th, 1917.

Presbytery accepted as satisfactory the excuse of Commissioner W. A. Osborne for failure to attend the closing sessions of the General Assembly.

Rev. E. L. Siler, one of the Trustees of Davidson College, reported that he had attended the sessions of the Board during Commencement, that a large number were in attendance and many matters of importance to the College were transacted. The report was approved.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Rev. G. F. Mason to preach the Presbyterial Sermon on "The Atonement." Rev. A. M. McLauchlin, Alternate.

Rev. J. R. Hay, with S. W. Black, Alternate, for Moderator next meeting.

Rev. R. P. Smith to succeed himself as Trustee of Davidson College.

That Rev. H. G. Bedinger be added to the Home Mission Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that the matter of organizing a church at West Asheville be docketed for consideration at the adjourned meeting Sept. 12th. This Commitee also recommended the adoption of the overture sent to this Presbytery by the Assembly's Campaign Committee on Stewardship, as to holding a conference on Christian Stewardship, and that the time and place be referred to the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence. Adopted.

Swannanoa was chosen as the next place of meeting and Ruling Elder T. L. White, together with the Minister that may then be supplying the church, were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises and Arrangements.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. Report was approved and the Committee was discharged.

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical Report and the Narrative to Synod, which were adopted and ordered forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

The Auditing Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. Report received and the Committee discharged.

The following report of the Committee on Records of Presbytery was received and adopted:

"We have examined the printed Minutes of Presbytery and found them correct and neatly printed and in a convenient form for preservation.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Chmn.
D. S. WATSON."

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING

Presbytery met at 8 o'clock p.m. being called to order by the last Moderator present, Mr. C. C. Lord.

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. T. E. Simpson, from I. Cor. 2:2.

Rev. R. F. Campbell then presided over a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, and short addresses were made by Mr. Bedinger, Revs. R. C. Anderson, Edward Mack, E. L. Siler, and

W. P. Chedester, and Dr. I. J. Archer. A collection for our Orphanages was taken amounting to $16.00.

Presbytery urged the churches to send representatives to the Laymen's Home Mission Convention at Lexington, Ky., next February.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY

Presbytery met at 9:30 and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Dr. Edward Mack.

Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Rev. Edward Mack, D.D., addressed Presbytery in the interest of Union Theological Seminary.

It was ordered that Presbytery stress the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges and use other wise means for the purpose of securing candidates for the ministry.

The Committee on Evangelism made the following report, which was approved:

Since our last report nine protracted meetings have been held in churches within our bounds. As a result of these services about two hundred persons have made a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ and have united with these churches. Other meetings of this kind are already planned for the near future.

"R. P. SMITH, Chmn."

The Committee on Foreign Missions made report which was received and approved and its recommendations adopted as follows:

"First: The co-operation of every church in the October offering for Foreign Missions.

"Second: That every pastor within our bounds be urged to preach a sermon on Foreign Missions one Sunday in October.

"Third: That the last Sunday in October be set aside in all our Sunday Schools as Foreign Mission Day and the program suggested by the Executive Committee be generally used, and that the day be made one of instruction and inspiration for the young people.

"GEO. F. MASON, Chmn."

Presbytery adopted a hearty resolution of thanks for the hospitality extended to us during this meeting, and ordered same read from the pulpit at the next regular service.

The Committee on Bible Cause recommended that all the churches within our bounds remember this great cause in their prayers and sup-

port it with their means. This recommendation was adopted.

Rev. A. M. McLauchlin reported as to his attendance upon the sessions of the General Assembly, as Commissioner. The report was approved and his diligence commended.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made report which was approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had excused certain brethren who were forced to leave before the business was concluded. The report was approved.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned, with singing, prayer and the benediction to meet at First Church, Asheville, Sept. 12th, at 3 o'clock p.m.

R. J. HUNTER, Temporary Clerk.

Attest: E. L. SILER, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 12th, 1916.

The Presbytery of Asheville met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Study of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order and led in prayer by Rev. E. L. Siler, the last Moderator present.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, and E. L. Siler.

Ruling Elders—D. S. Watson, Asheville First; J. P. Wilson, Black Mountain. Ruling Elder E. E. White, of Black Mountain, was present as a visitor and was accorded the privileges of the floor.

Rev. R. P. Smith presented the matter of receiving Mr. J. Frank Hall as a candidate for the ministry, with testimonials.

A special committee consisting of Revs. R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell and E. L. Siler, and Elder E. E. White were appointed to advise Mr. Hall and secure funds necessary to send him to College.

The following Commission was appointed to organize a church at West Asheville and ordain Licentiate H. G. Bedinger as an Evangelist: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, A. M. McLauchlin, R. C. Anderson, T. E. Simpson, E. L. Siler, D. S. Watson with T. S. Morrison, Alternate, E. B. Stimpson with A. P. Burgin, Alternate, and E. E. White.

Time—Oct. 29th, 1916, at 3 p.m. Rev. E. L. Siler to preach the sermon and Rev. R. P. Smith to charge the Evangelist.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, with Rev. T. E. Simpson, Alternate, was appointed to remain over in Knoxville on Sabbath, following the meeting of Synod, and preach in one of the local pulpits.

On recommendation of its Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Presbytery recommended aid for Rev. W. J. Sechrest, in the amount of $300.00 for one year, from the Assembly's Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Mr. James Franklin Hall, Dillingham, N. C., appeared and asked to be received as a candidate for the ministry. After being examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry, he was received as a candidate and his name enrolled.

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Swannanoa next Spring.

E. L. SILER, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING AT SYNOD

October 11th, 1916.

Asheville Presbytery met, pursuant to the direction of the Synod of Appalachia, which authorized this special meeting, in the First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., immediately after the adjournment of Synod, and was called to order and led in prayer by the last Moderator present, Rev. T. J. McConnell.

The following members were enrolled: *Ministers*—T. J. McConnell, John R. Hay, A. M. McLauchlin, R. J. Hunter, Edward Mack, R. F. Campbell and E. L. Siler. *Elders*—H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer and T. S. Morrison.

Rev. J. M. Clark, D.D., was received by letter from the Presbytery of Mangum, and, after a satisfactory examination on experimental religion, and his views touching Theology, Church Government and the Sacraments, it was ordered that his name be enrolled as a member of this Presbytery. He was requested to sign the usual obligations required of ministers, at the first opportunity.

Presbytery then adjourned, subject to the call of the Moderator, during this session of Synod, in case a meeting shall be found necessary.

EUGENE L. SILER, Stated Clerk.

PRO RE NATA MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met in *pro re nata* session, in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 2 o'clock p.m. Dec. 18th, 1916, according to the following call:

"Montreat, N. C., Dec. 5th, 1916.

"On due request Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Dec. 18th, at 2 p.m. to act upon:

"First: Granting a letter of dismission to Rev. J. M. Clark to the Presbytery of Concord.

"Second: Dissolution of pastoral relation between Rev. A. M. McLauchlin and Ora Street Church, Asheville, N.C.

"Third: Dismission of Rev. A. M. McLauchlin to the Presbytery of Abingdon.

"Fourth: Changing date of Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

"R. C. ANDERSON, Moderator."

The Moderator, Rev. R. C. Anderson, called the meeting to order and led Presbytery in prayer.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, A. M. McLauchlin and H. G. Bedinger, and Ruling Elder D. S. Watson, of the First Church, Asheville.

Dr. Charles Morris, of the Presbytery of Arkansas, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The above "call" was read and found in order.

Rev. J. M. Clark was granted a letter of dismission to Concord Presbytery.

The pastoral relation between Rev. A. M. McLauchlin and the Ora Street Church was dissolved, both pastor and church concurring in the request for dissolution, and Rev. Mr. McLauchlin was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Abingdon.

The date of the Spring Meeting of Asheville Presbytery was changed to Tuesday, the first day of May, 1917.

There being no further business the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet at Swannanoa on the above named date.

H. G. BEDINGER, Temporary Clerk.

Attest: E. L. SILER, Stated Clerk.

PRO RE NATA SESSION OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

April 3rd, 1917.

Asheville Presbytery met, pursuant to call, in the Study of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., April 3rd, 1917, at 2:30 p.m. and was called to order by Rev. R. C. Anderson, the Moderator, and led in prayer by Rev. R. J. Hunter.

The following members were noted present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. J. Hunter, Geo. F. Mason, W. J. Sechrest, R. C. Anderson, H. G. Bedinger, T. E. Simpson and E. L. Siler.

Elders—D. S. Watson, First Church, Asheville; E. E. White, Black Mountain; J. C. Blackwood, Ora Street; and J. I. Miller, Montreat.

Rev. A. S. Caldwell, of Concord Presbytery, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray, of Black Mountain, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The following call for this meeting was read and found in order:

"Montreat, N. C., March 21, 1917.

"Asheville Presbytery is hereby called to convene in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday, April 3, 1917, at 2:30 p.m. to consider and conclude the following business, if the way be clear:

"First: To consider the resignation of Rev. E. L. Siler, of the pastorates of Montreat and Black Mountain Churches, dissolve the pastoral relation existing between them and dismiss Brother Siler to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

"Second: To receive Rev. A. S. Caldwell from the Presbytery of Concord and take order for his installation as pastor of Ora Street Church.

"Third: To transact any other business pertaining to either of these matters.

"R. C. ANDERSON, Moderator."

Rev. E. L. Siler tendered his resignation of the pastorates of Montreat and Black Mountain Churches, to take effect May 1st, prox. and asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations and grant him a letter of dismission to Fayetteville Presbytery.

The churches concurring in this request, Presbytery accepted his

resignation and dissolved the said pastoral relations, effective May 1st, prox. and granted him a letter of dismission to Fayetteville Presbytery.

Rev. R. J. Hunter was elected Stated Clerk, *pro tem.*

Rev. A. S. Caldwell was received from Concord Presbytery, after satisfactory examination, and a call from Ora Street Church was found in order and placed in his hands and accepted by him.

Presbytery appointed Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith and H. G. Bedinger a committee to install him as pastor of Ora Street Church on Sunday night, April 22nd, prox. at 8 o'clock. The committee were requested to divide the parts of service between themselves as desired.

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator to meet at Swannanoa, May 1st, at 8 p.m.

E. L. SILER, Temporary Clerk.

Attest: R. J. HUNTER, Stated Clerk, *pro tem.*

Forty-Second Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

SWANNANOA CHURCH, SWANNANOA, N. C.
MAY 1-3, 1917

May 1st, 1917.

Asheville Presbytery met in its forty-second stated session, in the Swannanoa Church, at 8 o'clock p.m. and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. R. C. Anderson, from Deut. 3:25,26.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the retiring Moderator.

The roll was called and the following members were noted present:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis (2), W. P. Chedester, A. H. Temple, R. J. Hunter, J. Q. Wallace, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, John R. Hay, Geo. F. Mason (2), H. G. Bedinger, A. S. Caldwell.

Ruling Elders—D. M. Hodges, Asheville, First; W. H. Cole (2), Hazelwood; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; C. C. Lord, Montreat; S. W. Black, Bryson City; John H. Dillard, Murphy; H. C. Lindsley (2), Waynesville; Dr. A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; R. L. Gash, Davidson River; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; W. A. Osborne (2), Oak Dale; W. E. Davidson, Swannanoa; W. H. McMurray, Black Mountain.

The following Deacons were present: W. D. Patton, Swannanoa; M. W. Bell, Murphy; George Stillman, Andrews.

Rev. E. A. Sample, of Suwanee Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. John R. Hay was elected Moderator, Rev. H. G. Bedinger, Stated Clerk, to fill the vacancy made by the dismissal of Rev. E. L. Siler to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Rev. W. P. Chedester, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

1. That Presbytery meet each morning at 9 o'clock, and that the first half hour be spent in devotional exercises; that Presbytery take recess from 12 to 2:30 p.m. for lunch, and from 5 to 8 p.m. for supper, reassembling at 8 p.m. and adjourning at will.

2. That the doctrinal sermon be preached by Rev. Geo. F. Mason, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be celebrated immediately after the sermon.

3. That on Wednesday evening a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held.

CHAS. MORRIS,
W. E. DAVIDSON,
Committee.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, to meet at 9 a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. A. Sample, of Suwanee Presbytery.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of Presbytery and called meetings since was omitted.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and adopted.

Revs. W. H. Davis and Geo. F. Mason, and Ruling Elders H. C. Lindsley, W. H. McMurray and W. H. Cole, appeared and were enrolled.

The following were excused for non-attendance at last meeting: Revs. W. H. Davis and A. H. Temple. Revs. E. H. Norwood and W. J. Sechrest were unexcused.

The following churches were not excused for non-representation at last meeting:

Bethel, Canton, Ora Street, Bryson City, Murphy, Brevard, Oak Forest, Davidson River, Oak Dale, Covenanters and Shortoff.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—R. C. Anderson, H. A. Osborne, J. Q. Wallace.
Judicial—R. F. Campbell, J. H. Dillard, W. E. Davidson.
Records of Sessions—T. J. McConnell, A. H. Temple, R. L. Gash, W. H. McMurray, H. C. Lindsley.
Minutes of Synod—Geo. F. Mason, S. W. Black, T. M. Slagle.
Leave of Absence—R. J. Hunter, A. H. Morey.
Nominations—R. P. Smith, D. M. Hodges, W. H. Cole.
Systematic Beneficence—A. S. Caldwell, C. C. Lord, M. M. Brittain.

A communication from Rev. Edward Mack, D.D., was received. He was excused from attendance on this meeting.

A communication from Rev. E. H. Norwood concerning absence

was referred to Committee on Leave of Absence.

A communication from the Executive Committee of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from President Tilden Scherer, of King College, regarding change of date for offering for Schools and Colleges was referred to Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief concerning the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on that cause.

A communication from the Presbytery of New York concerning Organic Union was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Charles Morris, D.D., presented a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Arkansas to Asheville Presbytery and upon examination was received.

The calls of the Swannanoa and Mills River Churches for the pastoral services, respectively, of Dr. Charles Morris and Rev. W. S. Hutchinson were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Licentiate G. A. Nickles presented a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of South Carolina to Asheville Presbytery and upon examination he was received.

The Commission appointed to organize a church at West Asheville and to ordain Licentiate H. G. Bedinger as an Evangelist reported that these duties were performed on October 29th, 1916, according to the Book of Church Order. The report was adopted.

In order to expedite business, the Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate men to fill vacant places on Permanent Committees.

The report of Rev. A. H. Temple, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Orphans' Homes, showing the economical management and special needs of the Mountain Orphanage and the Maxwell Home and School, was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report, which was adopted:

Rev. George F. Mason to preach the doctrinal sermon at 11 o'clock.

Rev. R. P. Smith to preside at the Communion Service, assisted by Rev. R. F. Campbell and Elders T. M. Slagle, Dr. A. H. Morey, D. M. Hodges, and S. W. Black.

A discussion on Systematic Beneficence and Evangelism was made a Special Order of the Day for 2:30 p.m.

Presbytery suspended business at 10:50 a.m. in order to take up regular order of Presbytery for doctrinal sermon and communion, and after reassembling take recess at 4 p.m. for the purpose of giving Standing Committees an opportunity to attend to their business.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery met at 2:30 p.m.

The Conference on the Every Member Canvass and Evangelism was conducted by Rev. R. P. Smith.

Presbytery took recess until 8 p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING

Presbytery met at 8 p.m.

Rev. R. F. Campbell presided over a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, and as Chairman of the Home Mission Committee made the following report and recommendations:

Your Committee records with gratitude the blessing of God during the year on the work committed to our hands.

All of the fields have been supplied with preaching for at least a part of the year, except Dillsboro and Shortoff. Since Sylva has been made the County Seat of Jackson County, the population at that point has been steadily increasing, and your Committee is contemplating the establishment of work there in the immediate future

The reports from the various fields show gratifying progress, on the whole, in additions to membership and in the activity and liberality of the churches.

Rev. Henry G. Bedinger, who entered on his work as Assistant Superintendent, June 1, 1916, has been kept very busy supplying the vacant churches and building up the work at West Asheville, in addition to aiding Dr. R. P. Smith in his office work. Under Mr. Bedinger's faithful and efficient leadership, a new Church has been organized in West Asheville with forty members and a flourishing Sunday School. One of the most beautiful lots in the town has been purchased, and a temporary building has been erected, which meets the present needs fairly well. Mr. Bedinger's time is so taken up with evangelistic work at this and other points that we are again face to face with the need of making provision to relieve Dr. R. P. Smith of a part of his heavy burden.

Our Schools and Orphanages are all in a flourishing condition, but greatly in need of better equipment. Your Committee a few weeks ago sent out an appeal to the churches to contribute $3,000.00 for this purpose, and the Treasurer reports that about one-half of this amount has been subscribed.

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the churches be urged to contribute as soon as possible the balance needed for the equipment of our Schools and Orphanages.

2. That the Committee be authorized to make the best arrangement it can to relieve Dr. Smith of a part of his heavy work.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Short addresses on Home Mission topics were made by Revs. H. G. Bedinger, R. P. Smith, R. C. Anderson, and Deacon M. W. Bell.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was approved, and the recommendations adopted.

A collection for this cause was taken amounting to $24.50.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. S. Caldwell.

Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

A communication from the Auditing Committee contained the following report and recommendation:

We, the undersigned Auditors appointed by Presbytery to audit the books of Rev. R. P. Smith, Treasurer, have audited the books and find them correct with a balance of $571.79 on hand. The bank-book, however, shows a greater amount, and this is due to the fact that some churches send remittances to Mr. Smith after April 1st and insist that he enter them in the March business, which makes it impossible to audit the books correctly on April 1st.

We, as your Auditing Committee, recommend that you instruct Rev. R. P. Smith that in future he close the books for the year on April 10th instead of on April 1st; that does not mean, however, that any April business is entered, but this is done in order to take care of the churches some distance from Asheville and who are unable to get their funds to Mr. Smith by April 1st, but who, of course, want their amounts put in March business, as the year closes April 1st. This will simply give Mr. Smith ten more days in which to make all these entries, then the Auditing Committee on April 10th can take the books and properly audit them.

T. S. MORRISON,
J. H. MCCONNELL.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Home Mission Committee recommended that the minutes of that body be brought to the meetings of Presbytery, that they may be examined by any one interested. Adopted.

Rev. T. J. McConnell tendered to Presbytery his resignation of the pastorate of the Murphy Church.

Presbytery authorized the Committee on Sessional Records to accept the Report of Sessions where the record shows that there was a devotional exercise connected therewith, even if no specific mention of prayer be made.

Presbytery resolved to put forth increased efforts in the work of Evangelism and instructed the Home Mission Committee to arrange for meetings in all of the churches and to call upon the ministers of the Presbytery to conduct them. A number of ministers volunteered their services for these meetings and an Elder subscribed to a fund for the expenses of this work.

The Judicial Committee reported through its Chairman, Rev. R. F. Campbell, that it had no business and was discharged.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee finds that the following ten churches of the Presbytery have conducted an Every Member Canvass during the past year: Asheville First Church, Brevard, Canton, Franklin, Hendersonville, Montreat, Ora Street, Slagle Memorial, Swannanoa, and West Asheville.

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the Presbytery of Asheville call attention of all of its ministers to the importance of preaching frequently on the Scriptural Doctrine of Life as a Stewardship—all that we are and have being held in trust for the service of God.

2. That the Presbytery heartily commends the Every Member Canvass to all of its churches, supplemented by special appeals from the pulpit for special needs and important causes of beneficence.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Dr. Campbell presented his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions, and requested that the Committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate a man to fill the vacancy. His resignation was accepted and his request granted.

The Committee on Records of Sessions made report that they had examined all of the books which had been submitted to them, and that they had written their criticisms in the books. These criticisms were read to Presbytery and sustained. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Church Societies made report, which was adopted, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. This report showed a total membership of women's societies 813, and total contributions $3,326.00. Young people's societies membership 220, and

contributions $123.00. Men's and boy's societies membership 170, and contributions $15.00. The unusual difference noted in the large membership and small contribution of the last named societies is due to the fact that one large society has just been organized.

Presbytery ordered that a Committee be appointed to reapportion to the churches the amounts to be raised for the various beneficent causes, this Committee to consist of Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. H. G. Bedinger and Ruling Elder C. C. Lord.

Presbytery ordered that funds which had been sent in for Schools and Colleges undesignated be divided equally between the Synodical Colleges, King College and Stonewall Jackson College.

Presbytery requested the churches to give their representatives at Presbytery an opportunity to report upon the proceedings of the meeting, in order that the people generally might become better acquainted with the workings of that body.

Presbytery took recess until 11 o'clock.

Presbytery reconvened and the order of the day was taken up.

A Conference on Foreign Missions was held, Rev. Geo. F. Mason, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee, presiding.

The Chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee made the following report:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report. While we have been and must continue to be for some years to come a distinctively Home Mission Presbytery we cannot forget that the great cause of our beloved Southern Presbyterian Church from the beginning of her separate existence has ever been Foreign Missions, and our fidelity to the great head of the Church demands that no urgency of need, however insistent at home, shall diminish our active zeal and interest in the world-wide enterprise of the Church. This work has been made sacred to us by the presence of one of our choicest workers now in the heart of Africa. Tidings from the Executive Committee at Nashville indicate that never in the history of our Church have there been so many evidences of the abundant blessing of God as during the past year. Reports from all our fields indicate that 5,256 souls have been received into the Kingdom during the year just closed. This is 1,488 more than the number of accessions reported last year and 1,197 more than the largest number any preceding year.

The total of receipts during the year is $570,856.00 against $527,666.00 last year, showing an increase of $43,191.00.

While there is nothing in these results to exalt us unduly, there is much to encourage and bid us thank God and take courage. In our own Presbytery we have contributed a total of $2,171.00 from twenty-three churches. Six churches failed to make any contribution. Last year we gave from all sources $2,676.00 from twenty-one churches. This is a decrease of $505.00.

The following recommendations are presented for your consideration:

1. That a time be fixed for considering Foreign Missions at the Fall, as well as at the Spring, meeting of Presbytery.

2. That as far as possible Church Societies, Sunday Schools and individuals be urged to assume definite part of Foreign Mission work as their own responsibility.

3. That our people be encouraged to form Mission Study Classes, especially at this time, for the study of Africa. (We are peculiarly fortunate in the new text-book for the year: "The Lure of Africa," by Francis L. Patton; for mixed classes and for young people, "An African Trail," by Jean K. McKenzie; for classes composed exclusively of women, "African Adventures," also by Jean K. McKenzie).

4. That every Sunday School be urged to adopt the seven years plan of education as put forth by the Foreign Mission Committee and approved by the General Assembly. To co-operate in the campaign for the Congo Mission this year.

5. That the Presbytery request the Foreign Mission Committee at Nashville to visit our churches of the Presbytery under the direction of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. MASON, Chairman.

Short addresses emphasizing the importance of this cause were made by Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. R. P. Smith, and others.

The report was received and its recommendations adopted *seriatim*.

Presbytery ordered that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions write letters of greeting from the Presbytery to Rev. F. M. Eversole, Chunju, Korea, and to Mrs. R. D. Bedinger in Africa, and that they be requested to write letters to be read at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until 2 p.m.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p.m.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report, which was adopted:

Rev. Henry H. Sweets, Secretary of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, reports a great year's work and expresses thanks to God and the Church for this blessing.

The receipts in all departments of this Committee for the year were $285,465.56 as against $117,603.50 for the preceding year. The great increase is due largely to the special effort to increase the endowment of Ministerial Relief, with the result that the fund for that cause now totals $543,651.53.

The General Assembly earnestly calls upon the Presbyteries to make the

occasion of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation a season for increasing interest in the work of equipping and endowing our Educational Institutions. Asheville Presbytery is called upon to contribute liberally in the campaign for the colleges of the Synod of Appalachia, King College and Stonewall Jackson College.

The following is the Treasurer's Report, which was approved by the Auditing Committee in the above report:

Causes	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Foreign Missions	$ 2,296.60	$ 2,296.60	.....
Presbytery's Missions	4,302.50	4,302.50	.....
Ministerial Education and Relief	1,643.96	1,643.96	.....
Assembly's Missions	830.30	730.30	$100.00
Synod's Missions	742.00	542.00	200.00
Sunday School Extension	249.01	249.01	.....
Bible Cause	173.04	173.04	.....
Orphanages	2,985.04	2,945.04	40.00
Industrial Schools	4,718.57	4,318.57	400.00
Miscellaneous	2,627.60	2,527.60	100.00
Contingent Fund	289.53	289.53	.....
Total	$20,858.15	$20,018.15	$840.00

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work made report, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. This report showed a total Sabbath School membership of 2,467 and a total of funds contributed of $2,133.00.

The Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion made the following report, which was adopted:

In the matter of Sabbath Observance, we find conditions about the same as they were when we made our report a year ago. Already demoralization is following in the footsteps of war and it behooves us to warn the people often as to their duty in Sabbath Observance.

There is no more vital subject that can be considered by the Church than that of Family Religion. Some one has well said: "The family is the foundation of the Church as well as of the State. The character of the family settles the question as to the character of the Church and State. If religion is found in the family it will be found in the Church. If it is lacking in the family, it will be lacking in the Church. It is, therefore, distinctly the duty of every Christian to use his utmost effort to establish and to cultivate religion in the family. This is pre-eminently the duty, as it is the privilege, of the father and mother. Besides the training individually of each child, the whole family should daily be led in family worship by the father."

The records show that only a small per cent of our families have the family altar in their homes.

R. P. SMITH, Chairman.

The Permanent Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations submits the following report:

1. For Moderator of the next meeting, S. W. Black; Alternate, Rev. Geo. F. Mason.

2. That Rev. H. G. Bedinger take all places on Committees made vacant by the resignation of Rev. E. L. Siler.

3. That Rev. John R. Hay preach the doctrinal sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery.

4. That Rev. T. J. McConnell be made Chairman of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work.

5. That Rev. R. J. Hunter be made Chairman of General Assembly's Home Missions.

6. That Rev. John R. Hay be elected Trustee of Davidson College in the place of Rev. E. L. Siler, resigned.

7. That Rev. J. Q. Wallace be made Chairman of Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion in place of Rev. R. P. Smith, resigned.

R. P. SMITH, Chairman.

The following financial report of the Mountain Orphanage for the year ending March 31, 1917, was presented and adopted:

Money received	$1,500.86
Money disbursed	1,290.61
Balance on hand	$ 210.25

Children at present in institution, 40; 19 boys and 21 girls.

A school session of nine months was given them with Mrs. Bertha Fry and Prof. J. W. Reid as teachers.

The average table support for each child was $21.00, and provisions were sold amounting to $354.26.

A. H. TEMPLE.

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following recommendations:

1. That the Calls of the Swannanoa and Mills River Churches for the pastoral services respectively of Rev. Charles Morris, D.D., and Rev. W. S. Hutchinson be approved and placed in their hands.

2. That the following resolutions adopted at an informal conference of Home Mission Workers at Lexington, Ky., be approved:

"That the General Assembly be overtured by the Presbyteries to print in the Assembly's Minutes the names of all the Presbyterial, Synodical, and Assembly Chairmen of Home Missions, with their addresses; also the name of the Chairman of Evangelism of each Presbytery.

"That every Home Mission Committee start in its own Presbytery a campaign for adequate living salaries for all their ministers, working in the Home Mission fields."

3. That the request from Dr. Scherer to combine two dates, making May 27th, 1917, a day for special emphasis on Schools and Colleges and an offering taken for that cause, be granted.

4. That no action be taken in regard to the request of the Presbytery of New York that this Presbytery overture the General Assembly to appoint a Committee to confer with a similar committee from the General Assembly, U.S.A., in regard to Organic Union.

The first three items of this report were adopted.

In regard to the last, Presbytery ordered the request granted, but with the statement that in so doing the Presbytery does commit itself on the question.

The report of the Standing Committee on Narrative was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. The narrative shows that attendance upon services, the support of the gospel, and interest in the work of the church generally are good; the Sabbath is fairly well observed; there is some worldly conformity; family worship and the training in the home of children in the Scriptures and Catechisms of the Church are sadly neglected. Not much effort is reported to secure recruits for the ministry.

The following Installation Committee was appointed:

To install Rev. Charles Morris at Swannanoa: Revs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, and H. G. Bedinger. Division of the parts and time to be decided by the Committee.

Brevard was chosen as place for next meeting, September 25th, 1917.

The Committee on Synod's Minutes reported that a copy of these Minutes had been examined and finding nothing requiring special attention asked to be discharged. Report adopted and request granted.

The Statistical Report having been read was adopted and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. It will be found in the minutes of that body.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows:

Minister—Geo. F. Mason; Alternate, John R. Hay.
Elder—S. W. Black; Alternate, W. H. White.

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

The Presbytery of Asheville tenders to the members of the Swannanoa Church and the people of this community most hearty thanks for their bountiful hospitality; and prays that God's blessing may rest on this Church and on all the homes in which we have been entertained.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. A. S. Caldwell at Ora Street on May 13th, reported that the duty had been performed. Adopted.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned, with singing, prayer, and the benediction, to meet at Brevard, Sept. 25th, 1917, at 8 p.m.

W. P. CHEDESTER,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest: H. G. BEDINGER,
Stated Clerk.

DIRECTORY OF THE PRESBYTERY

Moderator—John R. Hay, Brevard, N.C.
Stated Clerk—H. G. Bedinger, West Asheville, N.C.
Treasurer—R. P. Smith, Asheville, N.C.
Trustees of Presbytery—J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison, D. S. Watson.
Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. P. Smith, term expires September, 1917; and Rev. John R. Hay, term expires September, 1918.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. *Home Missions*—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, T. E. Simpson, T. S. Morrison, J. B. Shope, J. H. McConnell, I. J. Archer, H. G. Bedinger.
2. *Foreign Missions*—Geo. F. Mason, H. H. Carson, J. Q. Wallace, Robert Bingham, I. J. Archer.
3. *General Assembly's Home Missions*—R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, R. F. Campbell, R. B. Fakes.
4. *Bible Cause*—J. Q. Wallace.
5. *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—H. G. Bedinger, W. P. Chedester, R. L. Gash.
6. *Publication and Sabbath School Work*—W. H. Davis, John R. Hay, R. P. Smith, J. F. Ramsay, J. Q. Wallace, J. T. Bailey.
7. *Sabbath and Family Religion*—J. Q. Wallace.
8. *Orphans' Homes*—A. H. Temple, J. H. McConnell.
9. *Church Societies*—R. J. Hunter.
10. *Systematic Beneficence*—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, H. G. Bedinger, W. H. Davis, T. S. Morrison, H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer, Harland Gudger.
11. *Narrative*—Geo. F. Mason, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, W. A. Osborne.
12. *Laymen's Home Missions*—R. L. Gash, I. J. Archer, H. C. Lindsley, S. W. Black.
13. *Evangelism*—R. P. Smith, I. J. Archer.
14. *Auditing*—T. S. Morrison, T. J. McConnell.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. *Experimental Religion*—The Moderator.
2. *Academic Studies*—P. P. Winn, R. J. Hunter.
3. *Languages, Latin Thesis and Critical Exercise*—W. P. Chedester.
4. *Natural and Exact Sciences*—R. P. Smith.
5. *Mental and Moral Philosophy*—W. P. Chedester.
6. *Ecclesiastical History*—R. J. Hunter, H. G. Bedinger.
7. *Church Government and Sacraments*—W. H. Davis.
8. *Theology*—R. F. Campbell, P. P. Winn.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	POSTOFFICE
R. F. Campbell, D.D., P.	Asheville First	Asheville, N.C.
R. P. Smith, D.D., Ev.		Asheville, N.C.
W. H. Davis, Ev.		Pisgah Forest, N.C.
W. P. Chedester, S.S., Ev.		Asheville, N.C.
A. H. Temple, T.		Balfour, N.C.
R. J. Hunter, S.S.	Canton	Canton, N.C.
R. J. Hunter, S.S.	Bethel	Canton, N.C., R.D.
P. P. Winn, T.		Crystal River, Fla.
J. Q. Wallace, S.S.	Morrison	Franklin, N.C., R.D.
J. Q. Wallace, S.S.	Franklin	Franklin, N.C.
J. Q. Wallace, S.S.	Slagle Memorial	Franklin, N.C., R.D.
F. M. Eversole, F.M.		Chunju, Korea.
E. H. Norwood		Brevard, N.C.
T. J. McConnell, P.	Bryson City	Bryson City, N.C.
R. C. Anderson, Pres.		Montreat, N.C.
Edward Mack, D.D., T.		Richmond, Va.
John R. Hay, P.	Brevard	Brevard, N.C.
John R. Hay, P.	Davidson River	Pisgah Forest, N.C.
Geo. F. Mason, P.	Waynesville	Waynesville, N.C.
Geo. F. Mason, S.S.	Hazelwood	Hazelwood, N.C.
T. E. Simpson, P.	Hendersonville	Hendersonville, N.C.
H. G. Bedinger, Ev.	West Asheville	West Asheville, N.C.
A. S. Caldwell, P.	Ora Street	Asheville, N.C.
Chas. Morris, D.D., P.	Swannanoa	Swannanoa, N.C.
———— S.S.	Montreat	Montreat, N.C.
———— S.S.	Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N.C.
———— S.S.	Murphy	Murphy, N.C.
———— S.S.	Pigeon Gap	Waynesville, N.C., R.D.
———— S.S.	Mills River	Mills River, N.C.
———— S.S.	Etowah	Etowah, N.C.
———— S.S.	Oak Dale	Horse Shoe, N.C.
———— S.S.	Andrews	Andrews, N.C.
———— S.S.	Jennie Spier Memo.	Barnardsville, N.C.
———— S.S.	Covenanters	Dillingham, N.C.
———— S.S.	Dillsboro	Dillsboro, N.C.
———— S.S.	Shortoff	Shortoff, N.C.
———— V.	Hayesville	Hayesville, N.C.
———— S.S.	Oak Forest	Candler, N.C.

TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Synod's Home Missions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Ministerial Education and Relief	S. S. Extension and Publication	Schools and Colleges	Bible Cause	Orphanages	Presbyterial Assessment
Asheville, First	1500	500	500	2000	300	150	1000	100	300	135
Andrews	10	5	5	15	3	2	6	1	3	6
Bethel	10	5	5	15	3	2	6	1	3	6
Black Mountain	20	8	8	30	5	5	10	2	5	10
Brevard	25	9	9	36	8	6	10	2	8	10
Bryson City	25	10	10	35	8	8	12	2	8	10
Canton	35	10	10	45	10	10	15	5	10	10
Covenanters	3	2	2	5	2	1	2	1	2	2
Davidson River	25	10	10	30	8	5	15	4	8	10
Dillsboro	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	2	2
Etowah	4	2	2	4	2	1	4	1	2	2
Franklin	15	7	7	25	3	3	10	2	3	7
Hayesville	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
Hazelwood	8	5	5	10	2	2	4	1	2	4
Hendersonville	75	30	30	125	15	12	25	6	15	25
Jennie Spier Memorial	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	2
Mills River	12	5	5	15	5	2	5	1	5	8
Montreat	150	35	35	175	20	15	50	8	20	25
Morrison	10	4	4	15	3	2	5	1	4	5
Murphy	12	8	8	17	4	2	8	1	5	8
Oak Dale	5	2	2	8	3	3	4	1	3	3
Oak Forest	8	4	4	12	3	2	5	1	3	4
Ora Street	25	12	12	40	8	6	15	5	10	15
Pigeon Gap	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1
Shortoff	3	2	2	5	2	1	3	1	2	2
Slagle Memorial	12	8	8	15	5	2	8	1	5	5
Swannanoa	12	6	6	17	4	3	5	1	4	6
Waynesville	40	12	12	50	10	6	20	4	8	17
West Asheville	10	5	5	14	3	2	2	1	4	5

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Pro Re Nata Meeting

Asheville Presbytery met in pro re nata session, in the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, at 4 o'clock p. m., July 17th, 1917, according to the following call:

"Brevard, N. C., July 6th, 1917.

"The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met Asheville Presbytery is called to meet at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, July 17th, at 4 p. m., to examine and ordain Licentiate G. A. Nickles as an Evangelist, if the way be clear, and to transact any other business pertaining thereto.

"JOHN R. HAY, Moderator."

The last Moderator present, Rev. R. C. Anderson, called the meeting to order and Rev. T. E. Simpson led in prayer.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. C. Anderson, T. E. Simpson, Chas. Morris, H. G. Bedinger.

Ruling Elders—W. H. McMurray, H. M. Sloan.

Mr. Nickles was then examined on Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government, and Sacraments; all of which examinations were sustained as satisfactory. His diplomas from the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary, and his Certificate of Licensure from the Presbytery of South Carolina were accepted in lieu of examinations in the other subjects required by the Book of Church Order.

A sermon by Mr. Nickles, as a part of trial completing his examination, and the ordination were docketed for an adjourned meeting to be held in the Black Mountain Church, Sunday, July 29th, at 11 a. m.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet as specified above.

H. G. BEDINGER, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Asheville met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Black Mountain Church, on July 29th, 1917, at 11 a. m., and was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. R. C. Anderson, and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. C. Anderson, W. P. Chedester.

Ruling Elders—J. P. Wilson and E. E. White.
both of Black Mountain; J. H. McConnell of Asheville, First.

Rev. J. A. Wilson of Pee Dee Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. W. P. Chedester was elected Temporary Clerk.

Licentiate G. A. Nickles preached a sermon as part of his examination for ordination as Evangelist from the text, Mark 11:22. This part of his examination was received as satisfactory and his examination approved as a whole. He was then ordained as an Evangelist by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery and prayer.

Rev. R. C. Anderson charged the Evangelist, and declared him inducted into that office.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. Wilson.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Temporary Clerk.

Attest:

H. G. Bedinger, Stated Clerk.

Forty-Third Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

Brevard, N. C., Sept. 25th, 1917.

Asheville Presbytery met at 8 o'clock p. m. and was opened with a sermon by Rev. H. G. Bedinger, at the request of the retiring Moderator, Rev. John R. Hay, from the text, Eph. 6:12, 13.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the retiring Moderator.

The roll was called and the following members were present and enrolled:

Ministers—W. H. Davis (2), W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, E. H. Norwood, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, John R. Hay, Geo. F. Mason, T. E. Simpson (2), H. G. Bedinger, A. S. Caldwell (2), Chas. Morris.

Ruling Elders—J. H. McConnell, Asheville First, S. W. Black, Bryson City; A. B. Riley, Brevard; W. E. Deaver, Davidson River; R. J. Brown, Waynesville; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; J. R. Wilson (2), Hendersonville; T. L. White, Swannanoa; C. C. Lord, Montreat; J. P. Wilson, Black Mountain; J. H. Dillard, Murphy; W. A. Osborne, Oak Dale.

The following Deacons were present: H. J. Olive, Asheville, First; T. S. Wood, Brevard; R. P. Freeze, Hendersonville.

Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of the Brevard Methodist Church, was introduced to Presbytery.

Ruling Elder—S. W. Black was chosen Moderator, and Revs. W. P. Chedester and H. G. Bedinger were chosen Temporary and Engrossing Clerks, respectfully.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report, which was adopted:

Hours for meeting, 9:00 a. m. to 1 p. m.; 2 p. m. to adojurn at will, 7:45 p. m. to adojurn at will.

The doctrinal sermon to be preached at 11:00 a. m. tomorrow and followed by a communion service.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Geo. F. Mason, to meet again at 9:00 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9 a. m. and engaged in devotional exercises led by Rev. R. J. Hunter.

The Minutes of an adjourned meeting at Black Mountain, July 29th, last, and those of the previous day were read and adopted.

The following ministers were excused for non-attendance at the last meeting: P. P. Winn and T. E. Simpson.

The following churches were not excused: Canton, Morrison, Franklin, Brevard, West Asheville, Ora Street, Covenanters, Hayesville, Oak Forest.

The Stated Clerk was ordered by Presbytery to write to each of these churches and request it to send a representative to the next meeting or offer a good reason for non-representation.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—T. J. McConnell, Geo. F. Mason, D. M. Killian.

Records of Presbytery—John R. Hay, P. P. Winn, W. H. Osborne, I. J. Brown.

Minutes of General Assembly—G. A. Nickles, J. B. Riley.

Leave of Absence—R. J. Hunter, J. H. McConnell, J. P. Wilson.

Nominations—R. C. Anderson, Chas. Morris, C. C. Lord.

A notice of the approaching meeting of Synod, Oct. 16th, next, was read before Presbytery.

A communication was received from Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., greeting the brethren of Presbytery and asking to be excused from attending this meeting. He was excused.

A communication from the General Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions was referred to Presbytery's Permanent Committee on that cause.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly in regard to the ratification of proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A call from the Oak Dale church for the pastoral services of Licentiate W. S. Hutchinson was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the General Assembly's Executive Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was referred to Presbytery's Permanent Committee on that cause.

Rev. I. E. Wallace was granted the privilege of addressing Presbytery in regard to King College at the opening of the afternoon session.

Rev. R. C. Anderson was granted fifteen minutes in the afternoon session to present the cause of Montreat.

Rev. H. G. Bedinger was granted ten minutes at the opening of the night session to present the plan for Food Conservation through the voluntary services of commissions in the church.

Presbytery then engaged in a service of worship. Rev. G. A. Nickles preached a sermon on the text, Phil. 2:5 and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p. m.

Rev. I. E. Wallace addressed Presbytery in behalf of King College.

Rev. R. C. Anderson addressed Presbytery in regard to Montreat.

Rev. R. J. Hunter then presided over a Free Conversation on the State of Religion in the Presbytery.

The Standing Rule of Presbytery calling for a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions on Wednesday evening was set aside and a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was set for that hour.

Rev. P. P. Winn reported on the work and needs of Crabtree. The needs of the field were referred to the Home Mission Committee.

Presbytery took recess until 7:45 p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING

Presbytery reconvened at 8 p. m.

A plan for Food Conservation as suggested by a voluntary commission of the General Assembly under the direction of Mr. Hoover was presented by Rev. H. G. Bedinger.

Rev. Geo. F. Mason presided at a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions and read the committees report on that cause as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions in rendering its report would remind the Presbytery of the advanced step taken at the Spring meeting by which an hour is to be set apart for the consideration of this sacred cause of our beloved church. Although a distinctively Home Mission Presbytery, our interest in the foreign work has been made more keen in recent years than ever before by the presence of two of our chosen workers now in the foreign parish. Your committee records with great joy that in the face of most appalling world conditions ever known, our Foreign Mission work has gone forward with unabated zeal and success.

Never before in the history of our work has there been so large an ingathering of souls or the work on so hopeful a financial basis. The number received in the church after careful sifting and testing, multitudes of these from the depths of pagan darkness, was 5,256, being a third more than ever previously reported, and representing an average of 47 converts for each ordained missionary. But for the extraordinary world conditions by which the expense of missionary

support, of ocean travel and other parts of our work far beyond the normal, we should not only have paid for last year's work, but would have had a surplus of at least $120,000 to apply on former deficits. The total foreign gifts of our living members was $570,856. Yet these have not kept pace either with the increased membership of our church at home or the increasing cost of our irrisistably expanding work in the lands beyond. Last year 21 missionaries were added to our force and 11 withdrew from it,—one by resignation and 10 by deserved promotion from the great head of the church Himself. Your committee reminds the Presbytery that the Kansas City, Orlando, and Birmingham Assemblies have reaffirmed our church's solemn obligation to raise $1,000,000 a year necessary to meet all the needs of our foreign parish. At the present rate of increase it will take 25 years to reach this goal.

We recommend:

"First: That our Presbytery adopt as its Foreign Mission goal for the current year a worthy offering in every church in our bounds, the next Assembly's Minutes to show no blanks under this head in Presbytery's report.

Second: That all our churches be urged to take vigorous action to secure the co-operation of all our churches in the October offering for the Foreign Missions Cause, and the preaching if possible of a Foreign Mission sermon by all of our pastors during the month of October.

Third: That the last Sunday in October be set apart in every Sunday School as Foreign Mission Day, for inspiration and instruction of our young people.

GEO. F. MASON, Chairman.

Dr. J. R. Wilkinson, of the Elizabeth Blake Hospital, Soochow, China, then delivered a Foreign Mission address.

The report of the committee was received and its recommendations adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9 a. m. and the last Moderator present, Rev. John R. Hay presided. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. S. Hutchinson.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

A communication from Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., was referred to the Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions.

The Permanent Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following report:

First: For Moderator of next meeting, Rev. T. E. Simpson; Alternate, Rev. G. A. Nickles.

Second: That Rev. R. C. Anderson be elected Trustee of Davidson College in place of Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., whose term has expired.

Third: That Rev. Chas. Morris, D. D., preach the doctrinal sermon at next meeting of Presbytery.

R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following recommendations:

First: That the call of the Oak Dale church for the pastoral services of Licentiate W. S. Hutchinson, be referred back to Presbytery until Mr. Hutchison becomes a member of Asheville Presbytery.

Second: That the General Assembly's proposed amendment to the Rules of Discipline, Chapter XII, Gen. Par. 235, (Minutes of General Assembly, pages 69, 70), be approved.

T. J. McCONNELL, Chairman.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made report which was approved

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report, which was adopted:

The Chairman of the General Assembly's Executive Committee on Christian Education and Relief reports that for the first time in its history it closed its books with an overdraft, which amounts to $12,980. He urgently requests that these causes he clearly presented in our churches, Sabbath Schools and societies, and that liberality in giving to them be encouraged. The General Assembly asks for $165,000 for these causes this year. To this end Presbytery is asked, in addition to encouraging gifts to these causes during the months of December and April, to set apart the Sabbath nearest Christmas of each year to be observed in their interest and suitable programs will be furnished by the Committee; also, to observe Sunday, Feb. 24th, 1918, and the preceding week, as a season of prayer for Schools and Colleges and for the youth gathered in them.

Your committee recommends that these requests be granted.

W. P. CHEDESTER.

Presbytery requested the Home Mission Committee to communicate with the Murphy and Hazelwood churches and ask them to concur in the severing of their pastoral relationship with Res. T. J. McConnell and W. P. Chedester, respectfully, and to report to Presbytery at its meeting at Synod.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College is as follows:

Rev. R. P. Smith was unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees in May, 1917. Rev. John R. Hay was present at all of its sessions.

JOHN. R. HAY.

The request of Rev. A. H. Temple and E. H. Norwood that they be excused for non-attendance upon Presbytery were granted.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had excused certain brethren who were forced to leave before business was concluded. The report was approved.

The Committee on the General Assembly's Home Missions made the following report:

Your Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions calls the attention of Presbytery to a communication from the Chairman of this cause pointing out the needs of the work and requesting:

1. That pastors and sessions co-operate in seeing that every church in our bounds be enlisted in this cause.

2. That the churches of this Presbytery observe Home Missions week, November 18th.-25th.

3. That Presbytery engage in intercessory prayer for the men on the far flung battle line, and in behalf of the Committee in its increasing obligations.

4. That Presbytery promptly inform the Secretaries of changes which are constantly occuring in its Standing Committees, and that Presbytery consult with the Executive Committee and give them the privilege of assisting in securing chairmen who will consent to serve permanently as Assembly's Home Missions Chairmen so as to keep in close touch with the Home Missions office and the needs of the work.

Your committee recommends that these requests be granted.

R. J. HUNTER, Chairman.

Presbytery approved the report and adopted the recommendations seriatim, except the last request in regard to allowing the Executive Committee to assist in nominating chairmen.

The report of Presbytery to Synod was read by the Stated Clerk, adopted, and ordered forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

The Committee on records of Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted:

We have examined the printed Minutes of Asheville Presbytery, September 5th, 1916; May 1st, 1917; September 12th, 1916; October 11th, 1916; December 18th, 1916, and April 3rd, 1917, and find them neatly printed and in convenient form for preservation.

P. P. WINN, Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman of Presbytery's Home Missions Committee, Rev H. G. Bedinger made a brief statement of the healthy condition of the work as a whole both in the Schools and Orphanages and in Evangelistic work. A collection was taken for the cause of Presbytery's Home Missions amounting to $25.

West Asheville was chosen as the place for the next regular meeting.

Presbytery ordered that when it adjourn it do so to meet at Synod at Abingdon, Va., to receive Licentiate W. S. Hutchinson from the Presbytery of Congaree, and to consider the calls of the Mills River and Oak Dale churches for his pastoral services.

The following vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote and ordered read at the next regular service in the church:

The Presbytery of Asheville tenders to the pastor and members of the Brevard church and the people of the community, most hearty thanks for their bountiful hospitality; and prays God's richest blessings upon them.

The minutes of the day's session were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and the benediction to meet at Synod, October 16th-20th.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Temporary Clerk.

Attest:.

H. C. Bedinger, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT SYNOD

October 17th, 1917.

Asheville Presbytery met, pursuant to adjournment, at 12 M., in the Sinking Spring Presbytery Church, Abingdon, Va., and was called to order and led in prayer by the last Moderator present, Rev. R. C. Anderson.

The following were noted present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, R. C. Anderson, T. J. McConnell, H. G. Bedinger, Edward Mack, Geo. F. Mason, G. A. Nickles.

Ruling Elders—T. S. Morrison, Asheville, First; A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; E. E. White, Black Mountain; C. C. Lord, Montreat.

The Committee appointed by Presbytery at the Spring meeting to install Rev. Chas. Morris as pastor at the Swannanoa Church reported that providential reasons this duty had not been performed. The report was received and the Committee was discharged.

Presbytery then appointed a Commission to install Dr. Morris as pastor of the Swannanoa Church. The Commission to consist of—Revs. R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, R. C. Anderson, G. A. Nickles, A. S. Caldwell, H. G. Bedinger and Elders T. S. Morrison, C. C. Lord and E. E. White. Division of parts and time to be decided by Commission.

The Home Mission Committee recommended that Dr. Morris act as Stated Supply for the Murphy Church half of his time. The recommendation was adopted.

The attention of Presbytery was called to the fact that the pastoral relationships of Revs. W. P. Chedester and T. J. McConnell to the Hazelwood and Murphy churches, respectively, had never been dissolved, although they had ceased to labor in those fields, at the direction of the Home Mission Committee. The Home Mission Committee reported that according to the direction of Presbytery at the Fall meeting, 1917, they had requested these churches to concur in dissolving these relationships, and sufficient time having elapsed without a reply, and Mr. Chedester and Mr. McConnell being willing, the Presbytery dissolved the relationships.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

H. G. BEDINGER, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING AT SYNOD

October 18th, 1917.

Asheville Presbytery met at the call of the last Moderator present at 11 a. m., October 18, 1917, at Synod, was called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer.

The following were noted present and enrolled: R. C. Anderson.

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. J. Hunter, R. C. Anderson, G. A. Nickles, Geo. F. Mason.

Ruling Elders—A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; C. C. Lord, Montreat; E. E. White, Black Mountain.

Licentiate W. S. Hutchinson was received upon certificate from the Presbytery of Congaree.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns, it do so to meet at the First Church, Asheville, October 26th., at 3:30 p. m., to examine Mr. Hutchinson for ordination and to arrange for his ordination and installation as pastor of the Mills River and Oak Dale churches.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

ADJOURNED MEETING, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

October 20th., 1917.

The Presbytery of Asheville met, pursurant to adjournment, in the Study of the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, at 3:30 p. m., was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. R. P. Smith, and led in prayer by Rev. A. S. Caldwell.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, Chas. Morris, A. S. Caldwell, G. A. Nickles, H. G. Bedinger.

Ruling Elder—J. H. McConnell

The calls of the Mills River and Oak Dale churches for the pastoral services of Licentiate W. S. Hutchinson were found in order placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

Mr. Hutchinson was then examined on Experimental Religion, Church government and Sacraments, and Theology, all of which were sustained as satisfactory. His diplomas from University of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary, and his Certificate of Licentiate from Presbytery of Congaree were accepted in lieu of examinations on the other subjects required by the Book of Church Order.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Hutchinson: R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester, T. E. Simpson, A. H. Temple, A. H. Morey, with J. H. Burgin, Alternate, and H. H. Carson, with W. A. Osborne, Alternate.

Time—November 25th., 1917; at Mills River at 11 a. m., to ordain and install, and at Oak Dale at 3:30 p. m., to install. Division of parts left to the commission.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Chas. Morris.

H. G. BEDINGER, Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMISSION

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to install Rev. Chas. Morris, D. D., as pastor of the Swannanoa Church, met at this church, Sunday, November 11th., at 3 p. m., and was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. R. P. Smith, and opened with prayer by Rev. R. C. Anderson.

The following were present: Revs. R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, R. C. Anderson, G. A. Nickles, A. S. Caldwell, H. G. Bedinger and Elders T. S. Morrison, C. C. Lord and E. E. White.

Rev. G. A. Nickles preached a sermon from text, Acts 13:22.

Finding that due notice of the congregational meeting had been given, Dr. Morris was duely installed as pastor according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., charged the pastor.

Ruling Elder T. S. Morrison charged the people.

Rev. R. P. Smith, Chairman of the Commission, declared Dr. Morris regularly installed as pastor, and the Commission adjourned with prayer.

H. G. BEDINGER, Stated Clerk.

(This report is to be made at the Spring meeting of Presbytery, 1918.)

REPORT OF COMMISSION

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to ordain Licentiate W. S. Hutchinson and to install him pastor of the Mills River and Oak Dale churches met at the Mills River Church on Sunday morning, November 25th., 1917.

The following were present—R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, W. P. Chedester and Elders W. A. Osborne, J. H. Burgin and Dr. A. H. Morey. Mr. Hutchinson preached a sermon from the text, Num. 32:6, which was sustained as a part of trial and his examination as a whole was sustained. The Commission then proceeded to ordain him to the gospel ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer. R. P. Smith presided, propounded the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the people. W. H. Davis charges the pastor.

The Commission met in the afternoon at the Oak Dale church.

Present—R. P. Smith, T. E. Simpson, W. H. Davis, A. H. Temple, W. P. Chedester and Elder W. A. Osborne and Dr. A. H. Morey. A sermon was preached by T. A. Simpson from the text from I Sam. 4:21. R. P. Smith presided and propounded the constitutional questions, A. H. Temple and A. H. Morey delivered charges to the congregation and W. P. Chedester charged the pastor.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. P. CHEDESTER, Temporary Clerk.

Forty-Fourth Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

WEST ASHEVILLE CHURCH

APRIL 23, 1918

Asheville Presbytery met at 8 o'clock p. m., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. T. J. McConnell from the text Nehemiah 4:6, at the request of the retiring Moderator, Hon. S. W. Black. Presbytery was called to order by the retiring moderator, and was led in prayer by the Rev. T. J. McConnell.

The Roll was called and the following members were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, A. H. Temple, R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, J. Q. Wallace, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, Geo. F. Mason, A. S. Caldwell, Charles Morris, G. A. Nickles, W. J. Sechrest and W. S. Hutchison.

Ruling Elders—D. S. Watson, A. H. Osborne, J. T. Bailey, C. M. Sinyard, D. M. Killian, A. G. Randolph, C. L. Kizer, J. C. Blackwood, T. L. White, I. J. Archer, J. H. Dillard, A. P. Burgin, T. D. Brittain, R. L. Prevost, W. H. McMurray.

Visitors—The Rev. J. H. Grouver, of the U. S. A. Church; the Rev. G. W. Belk, of Mecklenburg Presbytery; the Rev. H. Y. Leeper, of the U. P. Church, and Dr. Scherer, of King College.

The Rev. G. A. Nickles was chosen Moderator and Revs. W. S. Hutchison and R. J. Hunter were chosen temporary and engrossing clerks, respectively.

The committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

Hours for meeting, 9:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. to 2:00 p. m., to adjourn at will; 8:30 p. m., to adjourn at will. The Presbyterial sermon

to be preached at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday, followed by the communion service.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, to meet at 9:00 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:00 a. m. and engaged in Devotional Exercises, conducted by Rev. P. P. Winn.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Mills and Overtures—I. J. Archer, R. F. Campbell, W. H. McMurray.

Judicial—W. H. Davis, R. P. Smith, J. H. Dillard.

Minutes of Synod—P. P. Winn, A. G. Randolph.

Records of Sessions—A. S. Caldwell, J. Q. Wallace, J. C. Blackwood, C. L. Kizer.

Auditing—D. S. Watson, J. H. Burgin.

Leave of Absence—Charles Morris, T. D. Brittain.

Narrative—Geo. F. Mason.

Nominations—R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, D. M. Killian.

Systematic Beneficence—P. P. Winn, T. J. McConnell, C. M. Sinyard.

The following churches were not excused for non-attendance at last meeting: Bethel, Canton, Morrison, Franklin, Slagle Memorial, Mills River, Covenanters, Shortoff, Hayesville, Oak Forest.

The call of the Murphy Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Charles Morris was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was ordered that Revs. W. P. Chedester, T. E. Simpson and H. G. Bedinger be excused from attendance on this meeting, and that each be granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery till the next regular meeting.

A communication from Rev. R. L. Walkup was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Davidson College was referred to the trustees of Davidson College.

A communication from Dr. H. H. Sweets was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A report of commissions to install Dr. Charles Morris as pastor of the Swannanoa church and Rev. W. S. Hutchison as pastor of the Mills River and Oakdale churches was read and approved.

The Rev. R. P. Smith, Treasurer of Presbytery, submitted his report, which was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Dr. Charles Morris preached the Presbyterial Sermon, from the text Matt. 16:16.

This was followed by an impressive observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, conducted by the Revs. W. H. Davis and R. F. Campbell.

Recess was taken till 2:00 p. m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 o'clock p. m. and was led in prayer by Rev. T. J. McConnell.

The report of Rev. A. H. Temple, chairman of the permanent Committee on Orphans' Homes, showed the careful and economical management of the Mountain Orphanage.

The Rev. W. J. Sechrest presented his excuse for non-attendance on last meeting, which was sustained and his name enrolled.

The permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report, which was adopted. Your Committee recommends that the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to disburse all undesignated funds that come into his hands according to the following percentage table: Foreign Missions, 25 per cent; Assembly's Home Missions, 10 per cent; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, 5 per cent; Publication and Sunday School Extension, 3 per cent; Bible Cause, 1 per cent; Synod Home Missions, 10 per cent; Presbytery's Home Missions, 30 per cent; Schools and Colleges, 10 per cent; Orphans' Homes, 6 per cent.

Dr. R. F. Campbell introduced a report on the three million dollar fund for benevolences, showing that the minimum sum which Presbytery should contribute was $16,107.00, which was adopted.

It was ordered that an addition of 10 per cent be added to the contingent fund of each church to meet the increase in the cost of everything to which this fund is applied.

The Auditing Committee reported the books of the Treasurer neatly kept and balanced, which was adopted.

Dr. R. F. Campbell introduced a resolution which was adopted and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville, appreciating the great importance of the evangelistic efforts now being put forth by our church, would respectfully overture the General Assembly to place this work on a basis worthy of the cause and the men engaged in it. First—By placing the work under the care of a Committee on Evangelism. Second—That it be made part of the duty of the committee to aid the Evangelist in securing invitations to hold meetings, thus relieving them of the embarrassment of making personal appeals for opportunities to perform the work to which they have been called. Third—that it be made part of the duty of this Committee, under the direction of the General Assembly, to provide a reasonable competency for the Evangelist; that they, being relieved of the necessity of raising their own salaries, may visit weak churches as well as strong, and that the collections taken by them may be turned into the general fund for the support of the work.

Recess was taken till 8:30 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING

Presbytery met at 8 o'clock p. m., being called to order by the Moderator.

The order of the day was taken up, and Rev. R. F. Campbell presided over a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions.

Rev. G. W. Belk preached a sermon on the Doctrine of the Atonement.

Rev. R. P. Smith gave a stirring account of the favor and blessings of God on Orphans' Homes.

Dr. Scherer of King College gave an encouraging report on the progress of the work and plans of Synod College.

Canton was chosen as the next place of meeting and J. T. Bailey and R. J. Hunter were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. R. P. Smith and Elder A. P. Burgin were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. G. A. Nickles and J. T. Bailey alternates.

A resolution was adopted by unanimous vote that it is the sense of this body that there be no interruptions in the meetings of the various courts of the Church of the Living God.

It was ordered that the collection this evening be given to the West Asheville Church as the beginning of a building fund.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was approved and the recommendations adopted, viz.:

All the fields have been supplied with preaching, at least part of the year, except Dillsboro and Shortoff. Encouraging progress is being made. Receipts of funds for Sustenation, $3,044.28; for Maxwell and Morrison Schools, $4,398.04; for Orphans' Homes, $3,187.67.

First—We recommend that churches receiving aid from Home Mission funds be urged to press toward self-support as rapidly as possible.

Second—That our Schools and Orphans' Homes be commended to the prayers and liberality of our people.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 a. m. and engaged in Devotional Exercises, conducted by Rev. A. S. Caldwell.

Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

Dr. Edward Mack was excused for non-attendance.

The resignation of Rev. H. G. Bedinger as Stated Clerk was accepted and Rev. R. J. Hunter was elected Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following recommendations:

First—That the call of the Murphy Church for the pastoral services of Dr. Charles Morris be approved and placed in his hands.

Second—That the recommendations of R. L. Walkup be accepted.

Both items were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education and Ministerial Relief was adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands. Report was adopted.

The Committee on Records of Sessions recommended that the records of sixteen churches be approved without criticism. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath Schools made report, which was adopted and ordered forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, one of the trustees of Davidson College, reported that the college is doing exceedingly well, considering the trying conditions of the war and the demands the war is making upon the young men of this nation. He recommends that we place on record our appreciation of the excellent work that Davidson College is doing, and that the institution be commended to our churches for prayer, encouragement and hearty support.

The Committee on Church Societies made report, which was adopted. This report showed that fourteen women's societies with a membership of 584 contributed $5,274.00, and ten young people's societies with a membership of 247 contributed $410.00. The Committee was confident that all societies did not send in reports.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that only two of the brethren had asked for leave. Report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence made, received and adopted, seventeen churches giving to all causes $17,035.00.

The report of the Committee on Narrative was adopted. The narrative shows morning services well attended; scarcely any improvement in the observance of family worship. There is commendable liberality in supporting the Gospel. Not much effort is made to secure recruits for the ministry.

The Committee on nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

First—For Moderator of the next meeting, Prof. A. G. Randolph; Alternate, Rev. Charles Morris, D. D.

Second—That Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery; Alternate, Rev. J. Q. Wallace.

Third—That Rev. R. J. Hunter and Rev. G. A. Nickles take the places on the Home Mission Committee made vacant by the absence of Rev. H. G. Bedinger and Rev. T. E. Simpson.

Fourth—That Rev. W. S. Hutchison be made chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Fifth—That Rev. T. J. McConnell be made chairman of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Sixth—That Rev. P. P. Winn be made chairman of the Committee on Church Societies.

Seventh—That Revs. G. A. Nickles, R. C. Anderson, Charles Morris and Mr. W. H. McMurray shall be the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Eighth—That Rev. G. A. Nickles shall take the place of Rev. W. P. Chedester, and Rev. W. S. Hutchison the place of Rev. H. G. Bedinger on Committes on Examinations.

Ninth—That Rev. W. S. Hutchison be chairman of permanent Committee on Narrative.

R. P. SMITH, Chairman.

The report of the permanent Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion was received and adopted.

The permanent Committee on Evangelism made report, which was adopted. This report showed that fourteen special evangelistic meetings were held, much good was done and a goodly number added to the churches. The Committee recommended that a similar campaign be carried on this Summer and our ministers should now volunteer for such services.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made report, which was adopted. This report called the attention of Presbytery to the recommendations of Synod's Committee on Evangelism, to the recommendations of Synod's Committee

on Auditing and to the report of Synod's Committee on Bible Cause.

The Rev. Geo. F. Mason requested that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Waynesville Church be dissolved, which was granted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report:

We recognize the goodness of God and His abundant blessings on the great department of our Church's work, in the face of difficulties in every department of life. Our Executive Committee at Nashville has manifested such faith and courage as to demand our highest praise and approbation. The hearts of our people have been opened, and there is a substantial increase in receipts, not enough, however, to meet the deficits of other years. It is our hope and belief that this deficit will be completely extinguished by April 1, 1919.

The total additions are 5,972, being 716 more than last year.

The largest ingathering has been in the church connected with our African Mission.

The total expense for the year's work was $677,564.00, being $116,706.00 increase over the preceding year's work.

The total receipts for the year were $620,331.00, nearly $80,000 more than the previous year. Yet, with the immensely increased cost of the year's work, there is left a deficit of $57,234.00, which makes a total debt, April 1, 1918, of $128,131.00.

We recommend, That pastors and workers urge the organization of classes for the study missions;

That more missionary instruction be given in the Sunday schools;

That the seven years' plan be approved;

That churches assume definite obligations for missionary support;

That the Foreign Missionary Committee be requested by Presbytery to send a missionary to visit the churches—when convenient.

GEO. F. MASON, Chairman.

The Rev. Charles Morris, D. D., was appointed chairman of the permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

A vote of thanks was extended to the congregation of the West Asheville Church, and was ordered printed in the daily papers for the benefit of the friends of the church.

The Minutes of today's session were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned, with singing, prayer and the benediction, to meet at Canton, September 17th, 1918, at 8:00 p. m.

W. S. HUTCHISON,
R. J. HUNTER, S. C.

Forty-Fifth Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

Canton, N. C., September 17th, 1918.

Asheville Presbytery met at 8:00 o'clock p. m., and was opened with prayer and an address on Foreign Missions by Dr. W. D. Reynolds of Norfolk Presbytery, at the request of the last Moderator present, Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D. Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by Dr. R. C. Anderson.

The roll was called and the following members noted present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, A. S. Caldwell, Charles Morris, W. J. Secrest.

Ruling Elders—Geo. H. Wright, A. V. Haliburton, H. A. Osborne, A. C. Cagle, J. F. Goodman, A. P. Burgin, T. L. White, C. C. Lord.

Representing Asheville First Church, Canton, Bethel, Waynesville, Hendersonville, Ora Street, Swannanoa and Montreat.

The following visitors were present:

Dr. W. D. Reynolds, Dr. W. M. Sikes and P. N. Gresham.

Dr. Charles Morris was chosen Moderator and C. C. Lord and R. J. Hunter were chosen Temporary and Engrossing Clerks, respectively.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted:

Hours for meeting, 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m.; 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.; 8:00 p. m., to adjourn at will. Preaching each day at 11:00 a. m.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, to meet at 9:00 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:00 a. m. and engaged in Devotional Exercises, conducted by Rev. T. J. McConnell. The

minutes of the last stated session and all intervening meetings were read and adopted. The Revs. Hugh H. Hudson of Abingdon Presbytery and Dr. W. M. Sikes of Concord Presbytery and Dr. W. D. Reynolds of Norfolk Presbytery were introduced and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The following members were excused for non-attendance on this session: Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., J. Q. Wallis, W. P. Chedester, T. E. Simpson, John R. Hay and G. A. Nickles.

The following members were granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the next stated session: Revs. W. P. Chedester, T. E. Simpson, John R. Hay and G. A. Nickles.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. R. P. Smith, T. L. White.

Judicial Committee—Rev. R. F. Campbell, J. T. Bailey.

Records of Presbytery—Rev. A. S. Caldwell, Geo. H. Wright, A. V. Haliburton.

Minutes of General Assembly—Rev. T. J. McConnell, V. M. Killian.

Auditing Committee—Rev. T. J. McConnell.

Leave of Absence—Rev. R. J. Hunter, J. T. Bailey.

Nominations—Rev. R. P. Smith, Rev. R. C. Anderson, C. C. Lord.

A special committee for considering a communication from Charles A. Roland relative to a Laymen's meeting October 29th was appointed as follows: Rev. R. F. Campbell, A. P. Burgin, J. F. Goodman.

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. M. Sikes, at the request of Dr. Campbell. Following the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Revs. T. J. McConnell and T. P. Winn presiding. Recess was taken until 2:00 p. m.

The Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p. m.

The Rev. Geo. F. Mason was granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Macon.

The report of the special committee on Laymen's conference was adopted as follows:

First—That on Sunday, November 10th, pastors shall stress the responsibility of Laymen to the Church. In the afternoon, conferences shall be held throughout the Presbytery and the Laymen shall be the principal speakers.

Second—The following ministers shall execute the plan in the churches assigned:

To Dr. Charles Morris—Swannanoa, Black Mountain, Montreat.
To W. S. Hutchinson—Hendersonville, Mills River and Oakdale.
To W. H. Davis—Brevard and Davidson's River.
To J. Q. Wallis—Morrison, Slagle Memorial and Franklin.
To R. J. Hunter—Waynesville, Hazelwood, Canton and Bethel.
To T. J. McConnell—Murphy, Andrews and Bryson City.
To P. N. Gresham—Ora Street, Asheville First and West Asheville.

Third—That P. N. Gresham act as General Chairman to direct the conferences.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their attendance on the sessions of the meeting at Durant, Okla., May 16th, 1918, and presented items of expense. The report was approved and Commissioners' diligence commended.

Montreat was chosen as the next place for regular meeting and the time was fixed for Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, April 22nd, 1919.

The Rev. R. C. Anderson and C. C. Lord were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises and arrangements for the next meeting.

Presbytery resolved to unite all pastors and stated supplies, together with gifted laymen, as a working force for the Christian work of the Presbytery to be directed by Dr. R. P. Smith.

The Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., was received by certificate from Concord Presbytery and after a satisfactory examination his name was enrolled.

Presbytery took recess until 8:00 p. m..

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

Presbytery convened at 8:00 p. m. and engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, Dr. R. F.

Campbell, chairman, presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. Hugh H. Hudson and Dr. R. P. Smith. A collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $120.00.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly brought to the attention of the Presbytery the inadequacy of pastors' salaries, and the necessity of a more careful and constant oversight of the candidates for the ministry.

The Rev. P. P. Winn was granted evangelistic power in Northern Haywood to receive members into the churches.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow at 9:00 a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presgytery reconvened at 9:00 a. m. and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. C. Anderson. Minutes of previous day were read and adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that the call of the West Asheville church for the services of Licentiate P. N. Gresham were in order and recommended that Presbytery proceed to examine Mr. Gresham for ordination. The examination and parts of trial proving satisfactory, order was taken for his ordination and installation. Time: November 17th, 1918 at 3:00 p. m. The Rev. R. C. Anderson to preside and propound the constutional questions, Dr. R. F. Campbell to charge the Pastor and Dr. R. P. Smith to charge the people. Other members of the commission are Rev. R. S. Caldwell, A. P. Burgin, Geo. Wright and C. C. Lord.

The Rev. A. H. Temple was granted a certificate of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of Asheville Presbytery to the Synod of Appalachia was read and adopted.

The name of James Franklin Hall was dropped from the list of Candidates for the ministry.

The pastoral relation between Rev. T. E. Simpson and the Hendersonville church was dissolved, both pastor and church concurring in the request for the dissolution.

Presbytery took recess for lunch.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery met and resumed business at one o'clock.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted.

Rev. R. F. Campbell to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, the Rev. P. N. Gresham, alternate. Rev. W. S. Hutchinson with A. P. Burgin, alternate for Moderator next meeting. Rev. R. P. Smith to take the place of G. A. Nickles on the Committee for Schools and Colleges.

Presbytery adopted a vote of thanks to pastor and people of the Canton church for generous hospitality and splendid entertainment. Also the many Christian courtesies shown the Presbytery during its sessions in Canton and ordered same to be read from the pulpit at the next regular service.

The minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and a benediction, to meet at Montreat, April 22nd, 1919 at 8:00 p. m.

C. C. LORD, Temporary Clerk.
R. J. HUNTER, Stated Clerk.

Forty-Sixth Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

Montreat, N. C., April 22nd, 1919.

Asheville Presbytery met at 8:00 o'clock and was opened with a sermon by the Retiring Moderator, Dr. Chas. Morris.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by Dr. Charles Morris, the roll was called and the following members noted present and enrolled.

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis, R. J. Hunter, J. Q. Wallis, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, Edward Mack, John R. Hay, Charles Morris, W. S. Hutchinson, W. M. Sikes, J. F. Ligon, Anton Ver Hulst.

Ruling Elders—J. D. Murphy, Asheville First; E. W. Blythe, Brevard; J. F. Justice, Bethel; Thomas Furness, Canton; E. E. White, Black Mountain; S. W. Black, Bryson City; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; J. I. Miller, Montreat; A. W. Osborne, Oakdale; P. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; W. E. Davidson, Swannanoa; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville; A. H. Maury, Hendersonville.

The following visitors were present: A. H. Hawkins, Hendersonville; M. W. Bell, Murphy; J. C. Dickson, Canton; A. V. Haliburton, Canton; C. A. Hildebrand, Canton.

Rev. W. S. Hutchinson was chosen Moderator and Rev. John R. Hay, Temporary Clerk.

Dr. R. B. Willis, of the Presbytery of Washburn; Rev. Anton Ver Hulst, of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and Rev. J. H. Rosenburg, of the Presbytery of Nashville, were introduced and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The following members were excused for non-attendance on this meeting: Rev. Geo. F. Mason, P. N. Gresham, H. G. Bedenger, T. E. Simpson and W. P. Chedester.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted:

Hours for meeting: 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m., 2:00 p. m., to adjourn at will, and 8:00 p. m., to adjourn at will.

The Presbyterial Sermon will be preached tomorrow at 11:00 a. m. by Dr. Edward Mack, followed by the Communion service.

By special order the Rev. J. H. Rosenburg addressed the Presbytery in the interest of the Evangelization.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:30 a. m. and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, Rev. W. S. Hutchinson. The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted. The communication from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg with an invitation to attend the fiftieth anniversary celebration at Steele Creek Church, October 19th, 1919, was adopted, and the following committee was appointed to take part in the celebration: Rev. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Davis and R. J. Hunter.

The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. A. S. Caldwell and the Ora Street Church were dissolved and he was granted permission to labor without the bounds of presbytery until the next stated meeting.

A call from the Waynesville church for the pastoral services of Dr. W. M. Sikes was found in order and placed in his hands. He was granted permission to hold the call until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The commission appointed to ordain and install the Rev. P. M. Gresham Pastor of West Asheville Church reported the duty performed December 15th, 1918, at 3:00 P. M., the report was adopted.

The Rev. Anton Ver Hulst was received by letter from the Presbytery of Arkansas. After a satisfactory examination, it was ordered that his name be enrolled. A call from Montreat church was found in order and placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following committee was appointed to install him as pastor, May 25, 1919. The Rev. John R. Hay, R. C. Anderson and Elder W. H. McMurray.

The Rev. J. F. Ligon was received by letter from Enoree Presbytery, after satisfactory examination his name was ordered enrolled, a call from Hendersonville church was found in order, placed in his hands and accepted. The following committee was appointed to install him as pastor, May

11th, 1919: Rev. R. P. Smith, John R. Hay, and Elder T. S. Morris.

The Rev. R. P. Winn was excused from non-attendance on this session and granted permission to labor without our bound until next stated meeting.

The Rev. E. H. Norwood was excused from non-attendance on this session and the following committee was appointed to discover the status of his relations to Presbytery and report their findings to the next regular meeting: The Rev. W. S. Hutchinson, R. J. Hunter and Dr. Chas. R. Morris.

It was ordered that the printing of our Presbytery Paper, "Our Mountain Work," be resumed at once.

Presbytery suspended business at 10:50 A. M. to take the regular order of Presbytery. The Doctorial Sermon and Communion.

Recess was taken until 2:00 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Presbytery met at 2:00 P. M. A call from Murphy church for the Pastoral service of Dr. Charles Morris was found in order and placed in his hands.

The following churches were not excused for non-representation at last meeting: Brevard, Davidson's River and Bryson City.

The following appeared and were enrolled:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report which is adopted:

That in response to a resolution of the Assembly on urgent need of increase in pastors' salaries, our Presbytery shall take immediate steps to bring relief to our ministers, sore beset by increase in cost of living without a corresponding increase in salaries, by urging this fact upon the attention of the churches.

Second—That the overture sent down by the assembly relating to the reception of candidates for the ministry be answered in the affirmative.

The following overture was adopted and ordered sent to the general assembly:

First—The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly of our Church now to undertake the propagation of the Gospel among God's people in Israel.

Second—The Presbytery of Asheville does request that the work which is now being carried on by the Rev. Jacob H. Rosenberg, a minister of our Church, be taken over by the Assembly, so that he and his helpers may give their entire time to the spiritual work.

Third—In view of the fact that the field, people and methods of work are peculiar and distinct, we urge the General Assembly to create a separate department for the evangelization of the Jews within the bounds of our church.

The following overture was introduced by Dr. Campbell and adopted:

Whereas there is a conviction on the part of many persons that the Fall meeting of Presbytery is superfluous and entails an unnecessary expenditure of time and money, therefore, the Presbytery of Asheville hereby respectfully overtures the Generale assembly to send down to the Presbyteries for their approval a prepared amendment to the form of government Chapter 5, Section 4, Paragraph 8, so as to read as follows: "The Presbytery shall meet at least once a year on its own adjournment, etc."

Presbytery took recess until 8:00 P. M.

Presbytery met at 8:00 P. M. and engaged in a popular meeting on Home Missions presided over by Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, who made the following report:

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that notwithstanding the influenza and the war, the past year has been one of the best we have had in our work. Our Treasurer has received the following sums for the three departments of the work committed to our charge: For Sustenation, $5,145.89; for Industrial Schools, $5,432.63; for Orphanages, $5,027.24.

We regret to report the burning of our barn at the Maxwell Home, entailing a loss of $1,200.00.

We recommend: First—That churches receiving aid from Presbytery for support of their pastors make every possible effort to advance toward self-support.

Second—That our schools and orphanages be commended to the liberality of all our churches, Sunday schools and church societies.

Third—That a committee consisting of Revs. R. P. Smith, John R. Hay and J. R. Ligon be sent to Highlands to investigate conditions as bearing on the resumption of our work by our church in that community.

Fourth—That a committee consisting of Rev. R. J. Hunter, Mr. J. H. Dillard and Mr. W. M. Bell be appointed to visit Hayesville to con-

sider a proposition to purchase our church property at that place, and that the committee be authorized to act according to their best judgment as to the sale of the property and report to the Home Mission Commitee.

Short addresses on Home Mission Topics were made by Rev. W. M. Sikes, J. R. Hay, R. P. Smith, Edward Mack, J. T. Wallis, T. J. McConnell, W. S. Hutchinson and D. M. Killian.

The report of the home Mission Committee was approved and recommendedations adopted.

A collection was taken to rebuild the barn at Maxwell Home, amounting to $80.28.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow at 9:00 A. M.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by R. F. Campbell, D. D. The minutes of previous days senates were read and adopted.

The Rev. Tildon Scherer, D. C., President of Kings College, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as corresponding member.

Dr. Edward Mack was heard in the interest of Union Theological Siminary.

Dr. Scherer addressed Presbytery and interest of Kings College and Stonewall Jackson College.

Dr. Campbell's resolution on "Montreat Foundation" was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

"In the opinion of the Asheville Presbytery, the time has come to go forward in the improvement and the development of the Montreat foundation and its equipment in order that its beneficent influence may be more continuously and widely extended, and in order that it may be better enabled to serve the agencies of the Church, and with this purpose and end in view, Asheville Presbytery, realizing that this grat property has been donated to the Church and is now held by Trustees for the Church, that the Church at large should be given the opportunity and privilege of furnishing the necessary funds to properly equip and improve this great property so fraught with the good of the Church at large. The Presbytery therefore recommends that the President, Rev. R. C. Anderson, proceed at once to take such action in reference to bringing this matter before the approaching meeting of

the General Assembly at New Orleans as shall in his judgment be wise and prudent. Asheville Presbytery, therefore, earnestly requests the Church at large to furnish sufficient funds to properly equip this great foundation, which has been and will continue to be such an effective agency in the activities of the Church. We trust the Assembly will give its unqualified endorsement to this movement for the raising of the necessary funds to properly equip this great foundation, now owned by the Southern Church, and held by Trustees for the Church. Be it further ordered by the Presbytery that the Commissioners of the Asheville Presbytery attending the General Assembly at New Orleans earnestly endeavor to procure the endorsement of the General Assembly to the foregoing resolution."

Report of the Committee on Records was received and adopted.

The Orphans Committee reported that the Treasurer's books had been audited by the Permanent Committee on Auditing. The report was adopted.

Presbytery took recess until 11:00 o'clock.

Presbytery reconvened at 11 o'clock and the order of the day was taken up. The conference on Foreign Missions was held, Dr. Charles Morris, Chairman, of the Foreign Missions Committee, presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. Morris, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Campbell, and ruling elders, W. A. Osborne and Dr. A. H. Mauray.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report which was adopted:

The Committee finds that of the nineteen churches reporting for Presbytery, fourteen conducted and every member canvassed. In the progressive campaign to raise $3,500,000, most of the churches have gone over the top and the rest have approximated their quotas. Your Committee would recommend that Presbytery urge every church to adopt the envelope system and conduct the annual "Every Member" canvass.

The Committee on Publication and Sunday School work made a report which was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Narrative was adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

The Permanent Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

For Moderator at the next meeting, the Rev. Anton Ver Hulst.

To preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the next meeting of the Presbytery, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D.

The report of Church Societies and the statistical report were adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

Presbytery took recess until 1:00 P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

The Presbytery met at 1:00 P. M. and engaged in prayer led by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly which resulted as follows:

Ministers—Rev. John R. Hay, alternate, Rev. W. S. Hutchinson.

Elders—Judge J. D. Murphy, alternate, Dr. A. H. Mauray.

The Committee on Leave of absence reported they had excused certain members who were compelled to leave. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee would recommend that Presbytery endorse the Inter-Church Movement and use its best efforts to promote it.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made a report which was adopted:

First—That this Presbytery has received from this fund $1,200.00 per year.

Second—That Presbytery give its full endorsement of the "three-year program."

Third—That the churches pray without ceasing to the Lord of the Harvest for a larger number of capable ministers and that Presbytery immediately engage in prayer for the families of ministers and candidates for the ministry who have given their lives in the service of their country. Dr. Charles Morris lead in the prayers.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was received and approved.

Hendersonville was chosen as the next place of meeting. The Standing rule was suspended and the time of meeting is to be decided by agreement of Dr. Edward Mack and the stated clerk.

The Rev. J. F. Ligon, R. P. Smith and Dr. A. H. Mauray were appointed a committee on Devotional Eexercises and arrangements.

The pastor and the session of the Montreat Church were appointed a committee to seek to provide ministers to supply vacant churches and to do Evangelistic work during the summer.

Presbytery adopted a hearty resolution of thanks for the hospitality extended to us during this meeting and ordered same read from the pulpit at the next regular service.

The Minutes of today's session were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer and a benediction, to meet in Hendersonville at a time to be appointed by the stated clerk.

JOHN R. HAY, Clerk Pro tem.

Pro Re Nata Meeting

Asheville Presbytery met pursuant to call in the study of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., May 15th, 1919, at 2:30 P. M., and was called to order by Rev. R. P. Smith and was led in prayer by Rev. W. P. Chedester.

The following members were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. W. P. Chedester, and Rev. R. J. Hunter.

Elders—E. E. White, Black Mountain, and T. L. White, Swannanoa.

The following call was read and found in order:

Upon due request Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Church, Asheville, May 15th, at 2:00 p. m., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

First—To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Dr. Charles Morris and the Swannanoa church.

Second—To grant Dr. Morris permission to accept a call from the Murphy church.

Third—To transact any other business pertaining to the above matters.

The Swannanoa Church, concurring with the request of Dr. Morris, the pastoral relation was dissolved, and Dr. Morris having accepted the call of the Murphy church, order was taken for his installation at a time to be appointed.

Rev. R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, and R. J. Hunter with Elders S. W. Black, of Bryson City, and D. M. Killian, of Hazelwood, were appointed as a Committee to install Dr. Morris as pastor of the Murphy Church, their several duties to be determined by the Committee.

The business of the call meeting having been completed, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Hendersonville at a time to be appointed and was closed with prayer by R. F. Campbell, D. D.

R. J. HUNTER, Stated Clerk.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Home Missions—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, T. E. Simpson, T. S. Morrison, J. B. Shope, J. H. McConnell, I. J. Archer, G. A. Nickles, R. J. Hunter.

Foreign Missions—Dr. Charles Morris, H. H. Carson, J. Q. Wallis, Robert Bingham, I. J. Archer.

General Assembly's Home Missions—R. J. Hunter, P. P. Winn, R. F. Campbell, B. R. Fakes.

Bible Cause—J. Q. Wallis.

Christian Euducation and Ministerial Relief—T. J. McConnell, W. H. Davis, John R. Hay, R. P. Smith, J. F. Ramsey, J. Q. Wallis, J. T. Bailey.

Sabbath and Family Religion—J. Q. Wallis.

Orphans' Homes—J. H. McConnell.

Church Societies—P. P. Winn, R. J. Hunter.

Systematic Beneficence—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, H. G. Bedinger, W. H. Davis, T. S. Morrison, H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer, Harland Gudger.

Narrative—W. S. Hutchinson, I. J. Archer, W. A. Osborne.

Laymen's Home Missions—R. L. Gash, I. J. Archer, H. C. Lindsley, S. W. Black.

Evangelism—R. P. Smith, I. J. Archer.

Auditing—T. S. Morrison, J. H. McConnell.

Schools and Colleges—R. P. Smith, R. C. Anderson, Charles Morris, W. H. McMurray.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATIONS

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—P. P. Winn, R. J. Hunter.

Languages, Latin Thesis and Critical Exercises—G. A. Nickles.

Natural and Exact Science—Rev. R. P. Smith.

Mental and Moral Philosophy—G. A. Nickles.

Ecclesiastical History—R. J. Hunter, W. S. Hutchinson.

Church Government and Sacraments—W. H. Davis.

Theology—R. F. Campbell, P. P. Winn.

Trustees of Presbytery—J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison, D. S. Watson.

Trustees of Davidson College—R. P. Smith, John R. Hay, R. C. Anderson.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	POSTOFFICE
R. F. Campbell, D. D. P.	Asheville First	Asheville, N. C.
R. P. Smith, D. D., Ev.		Asheville, N. C.
W. H. Davis, Ev.		Pisgah Forest, N. C.
W. P. Chedester	Ora Street	Asheville, N. C.
R. J. Hunter, S. S.	Canton	Canton, N. C.
W. S. Hutchinson, P.	Mills River	Horse Shoe, N. C.
P. P. Winn, T.		Chunju, Korea
J. Q. Wallace, S. S.	Franklin	Franklin, N. C.
F. M. Eversole, F. M.		Chunju, Korea
T. J. McConnell, P.	Bryson City	Bryson City, N. C.
R. C. Anderson, Pres.		Montreat, N. C.
Edward Mack, D. D., T.		Richmond, Va.
John R. Hay, P.	Brevard	Brevard, N. C.
T. E. Simpson		
H. G. Bedinger		
Charles Morris, D. D.	Murphy	Asheville, N. C.
P. N. Gresham, P.	West Asheville	West Asheville, N. C.
W. J. Sechrest, Jr.		Montreat, N. C.
W. M. Sikes, D. D., S. S.	Waynesville	Waynesville, N. C.
Anton Ver Hulst, P.	Montreat	Montreat, N. C.
J. F. Ligon, P.	Hendersonville	Hendersonville, N. C.
	Andrews	
	Bethel	
	Black Mountain	
	Covenanters	
	Crab Tree	
	Davidson River	
	Dillsboro	
	Etowah	
	Hayesville	
	Hazelwood	
	Jennie Spier Memo.	
	Morrison	
	Oakdale	
	Oak Forest	
	Pigeon Gap	
	Short Off	
	Slagle Memorial	
	Swannanoa	

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FORTY-EIGHTH STATED SESSION
WAYNESVILLE, N. C., APRIL 27, 1920.

STATED FALL MEETING

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., SEPTEMBER 23, 1919.

FIRST DAY

Presbytery of Asheville met in its forty-seventh stated session in Hendersonville church at 8:30 P.M., and was opened with a Bible Reading by Rev. Edward Mack on Isaiah 53, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Edward Mack and Rev. R. C. Anderson, assisted by Elders S. McPheeters, I. J. Archer, D. S. Watson and H. H. Carson.

Business meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, the retiring moderator.

ROLL

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, R. O. Smith, W. P. Chedester, R. J. Hunter, W. S. Hutchison, J. Q. Wallace, T. J. McConnell, R. C. Anderson, Edward Mack, J. R. Hay, W. M. Sikes, Anton Ver Hulst, J. F. Ligon, G. A. Nickles, P. N. Gresham. Elders: D. S. Watson, I. P. Mann, C. M. Siniard, S. W. Black, R. E. Gash, D. M. Killian, H. H. Carson, G. M. Brittain, I. J. Archer, W. A. Osborne. Deacons: Chas. McClure, J. Z. Russell.

Absent Ministers: W. H. Davis, P. P. Winn, Chas. Morris, Z. E. Simpson, H. G. Bedinger, W. J. Sechrest.

Rev. Anton Ver Hulst was elected moderator. Resignation of R. J. Hunter as stated clerk was accepted and P. N. Gresham was elected stated clerk and J. R. Hay temporary clerk.

Rev. E. C. Bailey of Congaree Presbytery, and Rev. R. D. Bedinger of East Hanover Presbytery were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Committee on devotional exercises reported on hours of meeting:

Morning: 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Afternoon: 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Evening: 8:30 P.M. to adjournment.

Rev. Edward Mack was given control of devotional exercises at time of standing order.

Motion by Dr. Mack that Rev. Anton Ver Hulst preach Presbyterial sermon Wednesday evening was carried.

After singing a hymn, Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, the retiring moderator.

SECOND DAY

Morning Session—September 24, 1919

After the devotional exercises by Rev. Edward Mack, the moderator took the chair, and the minutes of the first day were read, corrected, and approved.

Standing Committees Appointed

1. Bills and Overtures: Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. P. Chedester.

2. Minutes of General Assembly: Rev. Edward Mack, Rev. P. M. Gresham, D. S. Watson.

3. Leave of Absence: Rev. J. F. Ligon, H. H. Carson.

4. Nominations: Rev. R. J. Hunter, Rev. J. R. Hay, Rev. G. A. Nickles.

5. Auditery: I. J. Archer, Rev. R. S. Anderson.

6. Judicial: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. J. F. Ligon. C. M. Siniard.

7. Records of Presbytery: Rev. W. M. Sikes, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, H. H. Carson.

REPORTS

Committee's report in the matter of the Hayesville church property was adopted.

The committee to attend the semi-centennial of Mecklenburg Presbytery made a report which was adopted.

Special committee on E. H. Norwood appointed: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith and S. W. Black.

Report of committee to supply vacant churches adopted.

Resignation of Rev. T. J. McConnell as pastor of the Bryson City church accepted, and he was given permission to labor outside of bounds of Presbytery until the spring meeting.

Rev. R. C. Anderson spoke on Montreat.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery called to order; prayer by Rev. G. A. Nickles.

Trustees of Davidson College, Rev. R. C. Anderson, Rev. J. R. Hay, made report.

With reluctance Rev. G. A. Nickles was dismissed to Enoree Presbytery.

Report of committee to install Rev. Anton Ver Hulst at Montreat adopted.

Report of committee to install Rev. J. F. Ligon at Hendersonville adopted.

Report of committee on conditions at Highland received and committee discharged. The matter was turned over to Home Mission Committee.

Report of Rev. J. R. Hay, commissioner to General Assembly, received and diligence commended.

STATE OF RELIGION

1. Asheville Presbytery has no candidates for the Ministry. Speeches by R. F. Campbell, G. A. Nickles, Anton Ver Hulst, Edward Mack. Presbytery asked R. F. Campbell to preach the next Presbytery sermon on securing men for the Ministry.

2. Rev. R. C. Anderson spoke of the high religious standing of Montreat and said that the crying need of America was to save the Sabbath.

3. Dr. R. P. Smith spoke on the need of a Boys' High School to prepare young men for college.

4. Rev. P. N. Gresham asked the Presbytery to endorse the organization of Neighborhood Mission in West Asheville. Presbytery endorsed it. Rev. R. C. Anderson excused from Presbytery.

HOME MISSIONS

Dr. R. F. Campbell given chair. Dr. R. P. Smith asked to be relieved of chairmanship of committee on evangelism. Dr. R. F. Campbell nominated the following men on this committee: P. N. Gresham, chairman; W. M. Sikes, W. S. Hutchison, I. J. Archer. Presbytery elected them.

Message of sympathy sent to Rev. W. H. Davis.

Evening Session

Popular meeting. Sermon by Rev. Anton Ver Hulst.

Report of committee on systematic beneficence adopted.

Report of auditing committee received and adopted.

Report of committee on installation of Rev. Chas. Morris received as information.

Report of committee on nominations adopted.

Next meeting of Presbytery: Place, Waynesville, N. C., April 27th, 1920.

Reports of committee on absence adopted.

Report of committee on Ministerial Education adopted.

Rev. W. M. Sikes stated that he was ready to accept call to the Waynesville church.

Popular meeting tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. Addresses by R. D. Bedinger on Africa and sermon by Dr. Mack.

THIRD DAY

Devotional exercises by Dr. Mack. Minutes of second day were read, corrected and approved.

Special committee's report on E. H. Norwood, made following report; that Mr. Norwood be allowed to demit the ministry without censure, and that his name be stricken from the roll of ministers. Report adopted. Committee appointed to send the report to Bro. Norwood, with expressions of love and sympathy of the Presbytery.

Report of committee on minutes of General Assembly adopted.

Committee to install Rev. W. M. Sikes to the Waynesville church: R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, J. T. Bailey. Alternates: P. N. Gresham, Judge J. D. Murphy.

On motion of R. L. Gash, Presbytery decided to meet next spring on April 27th.

Request of Rev. R. J. Hunter to labor without bounds of Presbytery until next spring, granted.

Resolution of thanks from Presbytery to Hendersonville church was offered by Dr. R. F. Campbell to be read in pulpit next Sunday morning, passed by rising vote.

Presbytery, after singing the Doxology and prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, adjourned to meet in Waynesville, N. C., on April 27th, 1920.

Pro Re Nata Meeting by permission of Synod at Asheville, N. C., October 17, 1919.

Ministers Present: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, Anton Ver Hulst, Edward Mack, F. M. Eversole, W. M. Sikes, P. N. Gresham, H. G. Bedinger.

Elders Present: C. C. Lord, S. B. McPheeters.

Meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Campbell.

Rev. H. G. Bedinger was dismissed to the Pee Dee Presbytery and Rev. A. S. Caldwell to the Presbytery of Kings Mountain.

Meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Sikes.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a Pro Re Nata session in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on December 29th, 1919. Ministers present: R. P. Smith, Chas. Morris, John R. Hay, W. P. Chedester and Elder D. S. Watson. The Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by Chas. Morris. W. P. Chedester was chosen as temporary clerk. The following call for the meeting was read: To dissolve the pastoral relation between J. R. Hay and the Brevard and Davidson River churches, if the way be clear and to grant him a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Sewanee.

After hearing from J. R. Hay and a communication from the churches, Presbytery declined to dissolve the relation between the pastor and the churches or to dismiss him to Sewanee Presbytery.

Presbytery commended the churches for improving the conditions, and so making it possible for the Presbytery to keep J. R. Hay. Meeting closed with prayer. W. P. Chedester, clerk.

FORTY-EIGHTH STATED SESSION OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., APRIL 27TH, 1920

Presbytery met at 8:00 P.M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. John R. Hay, at the request of the retiring moderator, Rev. Anton Ver Hulst.

Presbytery was then called to order and was led in prayer by the retiring moderator.

Roll Call: Present: Ministers: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, W. S. Hutchison, J. Q. Wallace, F. M. Eversole, R. C. Anderson, John R. Hay, W. M. Sikes, Anton Ver Hulst, J. F. Ligon, P. N. Gresham.

Elders Present: J. W. Moore, J. F. Goodman, M. F. Albright, A. C. Cagle, C. C. Lord, T. L. White, A. B. Riley, J. T. Bailey, W. T. Snider, T. H. Lindsley, J. H. Dillard, W. H. McMurray, J. A. Edwards, D. M. Killian.

Deacons Present: J. C. Rose, J. W. Smith, G. S. Hill.

Organization: J. F. Ligon, moderator; W. S. Hutchinson, temporary clerk.

Minutes of Pro Re Nata Meeting adopted.

Rev. O. W. Buschgen, of upper Missouri Presbytery, and Rev. Marion Huske, of Norfolk Presbytery, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

F. M. Eversole, of Korea, excused for non-attendance from Presbytery.

Canton church excused for having no elder at last meeting of Presbytery.

Report of devotional committee adopted.

Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. R. C. Anderson.

Wednesday Morning

Devotional exercises by W. P. Chedester.

Appointment of committees.

Communications received from R. J. Hunter, explaining absence, Montreat Normal School, from General Assembly, a call from the Canton church for Dr. W. M. Sikes, from Norfolk Presbytery dismissing Rev. Marion Huske and from Rev. Edward Mack, expressing regret at enforced absence.

Rev. O. W. Buschgen made a speech on Educational Campaign.

Report of committee to install Dr. Chas. Morris in Murphy church, adopted.

$750,000 educational drive approved and Presbytery urged to do her full duty.

Sessional records were referred to W. S. Hutchison, A. B. Riley, W. P. Chedester.

Dr. Chas. Morris sends word of regret at enforced absence.

Marion Huske granted permission to serve the Black Mountain church as stated supply until the next meeting of Presbytery.

W. M. Sikes accepts call to the Canton church.

Report of committee to install Dr. Sikes in the Waynesville church adopted and call returned to Waynesville church.

R. P. Smith, H. A. Osborne, R. L. Prevost, W. S. Hutchison were appointed to install Dr. Sikes in the Canton church the first Sunday in June.

R. F. Campbell preached Presbyterial sermon on Call to the Ministry, Isaiah 6.

Sacrament of Lord's Supper conducted by R. C. Anderson and J. R. Hay.

Wednesday Afternoon

Treasurer's report adopted.

Lynn R. Walker speaks on progressive program. Presbytery favors present progressive program rather than the five-year drive.

Murphy chosen for place of next meeting.

R. F. Campbell and W. H. McMurray elected representatives to General Assembly. Alternates: Rev. Anton Ver Hulst and J. A. Miller.

Overture to General Assembly: Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly in session at Charlotte, North Carolina, May 20th, 1920, as follows: To direct the Stated Clerk to print in the Minutes of the General Assembly the salaries, not only of pastors, but also of all ordained ministers serving in church work of any kind.

Wednesday Night

Home Mission speeches by R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. S. Hutchison, P. N. Gresham.

R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace, J. T. Bailey asked to raise salary of Miss Belle Setzer, who goes as a missionary to Africa.

Following recommendation of Home Mission Committee adopted:

1. That Presbytery ratify the election of W. S. Hutchison as assistant superintendent of Home Missions and Presbyterial Evangelist.
2. That the schools and orphanages be commended afresh to the support of our churches.
3. That all churches now securing aid from the Home Mission committee be urged to press on to self-support.

R. J. Hunter and T. J. McConnell given leave to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until next meeting.

Request of Montreat Normal School that she be given a per cent of educational fund recommended to the Synod's Committee of Education, was granted, and the Montreat Normal School was endorsed.

Thursday Morning

Devotional exercises by J. Q. Wallace.

Home Mission Committee given power to increase Presbyterial tax. The following report of Home Mission Committee adopted.

"Your Committee on Home Missions would report that the past year has been one of the best in the history of our work. The reports from the churches are very encouraging. Our Treasury books show contribution to Sustentation, $8,745.87; to Industrial Schools and Orphanages, $12,643.14; total, $21,388.01.

All our fields have been supplied with preaching for at least a part of the year, except Hayesville and Shortoff.

The churches at Black Mountain and Canton have reached the point of self-support, and all the churches receiving aid from the Presbytery have contributed more than ever before, both towards their own support and to benevolent causes.

Some time ago the Presbytery directed the Committee to employ an assistant superintendent of Home Missions. Because of various obstacles, the Committee has been unable to carry out Presbytery's directions until very recently. We are glad to report that, with the co-operation of the Presbytery's Committee of Evangelism, of which Rev. P. N. Gresham is Chairman, we have secured the services of Rev. W. S. Hutchison as Evangelist and Assistant Superintendent.

The Mens' Bible Class of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charlotte has generously agreed to contribute $1,200.00 to the salary.

We would recommend:

1. That Presbytery ratify the election of W. S. Hutchison as assistant superintendent of Home Missions and Presbyterial Evangelist.

2. That the schools and orphanages be commended afresh to the support of our churches.

3. That all churches now securing aid from the Home Mission Committee be urged to pass on to self support."

The following report of the Permanent Committee of Systematic Beneficence adopted.

"Two communications from Lynn R. Walker were referred to this committee, the first of these asked that the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Work be appointed to act with the Synod's Special Committee to elect a Synodical Superintendent of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Work. Your Committee would recommend in reference to this communication that Rev. W. P. Chedester, Chairman of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Work, be appointed to act with the Synod's Special Committee.

The other communication requests the Presbytery of Asheville to adopt the Synod's Table of Percentage for the distribution of benevolent funds among the various benevolent causes.

Your Committee would recommend that our present Table of Percentage be retained as being suited to the conditions existing in our Presbytery, and as not differing in any great degree from the Table recommended by the Synod's Committee. R. F. Campbell Chairman."

Presbytery gave her advice and consent to recommendations 1, 2 and 3, but refused to give advice and consent on 4, touching basis of representation in Assembly.

Brevard, Davidson River and Montreat were given permission to raise the salary of their pastors.

Memorial to W. H. Davis to be held at next meeting of Presbytery at Murphy.

FOREIGN MISSION HOUR

Splendid addresses were delivered by Rev. R. D. Bedinger and Rev. F. M. Eversole.

Presbytery decided to support medical missionaries to Africa, the cost to be distributed among the churches.

Motion carried to put seal of commendation on work of P. N. Gresham in West Asheville.

Foreign Mission program to be strengthened by suspending rules 4 and 7b in the Manual indefinitely, and placing program in the hands of the Chairman of Foreign Mission Committee, to be held on second day of Presbytery, 10:30 A.M.

Pastoral relation of W. S. Hutchison was dissolved and he was given evangelistic powers.

Presbytery gave R. P. Smith right to aid the Clerk in revising statistical reports to General Assembly.

Overture to General Assembly:

Presbytery of Asheville at its Spring meeting, April 27th to 29th, 1920, expresses its cordial approval of the Progressive Program Campaign and rejoices in the marked advance in gifts to benevolent causes, but in view of the fact that the annual budget of Home and Foreign Mission Committees are not commensurate with the actual needs at home and abroad—therefore be it resolved that the General Assembly devise means for the raising of a loan of money in addition to the yearly budget, sufficient to provide for the material equipment of our home and foreign fields.

After singing a hymn, and prayer by R. P. Smith, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Murphy, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 21st, 1920, at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Home Missions: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, T. S. Morrison, J. B. Shope, J. H. McConnell, I. J. Archer, P. N. Gresham, Anton Ver Hulst, J. F. Ligon.

Foreign Missions: M. S. Huske, Chas. Morris, H. H. Carson, J. Q. Wallace, I. J. Archer.

General Assembly's Home Missions: R. F. Campbell, P. P. Winn, B. R. Fakes.

Bible Cause: J. Q. Wallace.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief: J. F. Ligon, John R. Hay, R. P. Smith, J. T. Bailey, J. F. Ramsey, J. Q. Wallace.

Sabbath and Family Religion: J. Q. Wallace.

Orphan's Home: J. H. McConnell.

Church Societies: W. P. Chedester.

Systematic Beneficence: R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, J. F. Ligon, T. S. Morrison, H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer.

Narrative: W. S. Hutchison, I. J. Archer, W. A. Osborne.

Laymen's Home Mission: R. L. Gash, I. J. Archer, H. C. Lindsley, S. W. Black.

Evangelism: R. P. Smith, I. J. Archer.

Auditing: T. S. Morrison, J. H. McConnell.

Schools and Colleges: R. P. Smith, R. C. Anderson, Chas. Morris, W. H. McMurray.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion: Moderator.

Academic Studies: P. P. Winn.

Languages and Latin Thesis: Anton Ver Hulst.

Science: R. P. Smith.

Philosophy: Anton Ver Hulst.

Ecclesiastical History: W. S. Hutchison.

Church Government and Sacraments: J. F. Ligon.

Theology: R. F. Campbell.

Trustees of Presbytery: J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison, B. S. Watson.

Trustees of Davidson College: R. P. Smith, John R. Hay, R. C. Anderson.

your committee of minutes of Presbytery of Asheville - submits following report. We find no reports of committees printed in minutes - with this exception minutes approved.

R. M. Pegram

Committee Committees

MINUTES

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DIRECTORY OF THE PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Ruling Elder E. J. Griset, Asheville, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, West Asheville, N. C.

Treasurer—Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Asheville, N. C.

Trustees of Presbytery—J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison, D. S. Watson, Asheville, N. C.

Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. Jno. R. Hay, Brevard, N. C., term expires April, 1922; Rev. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C., term expires April, 1923.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Home Missions—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, J. F. Ligon, W. S. Hutchison, P. N. Gresham, Anton Ver Hulst, J. H. McConnell, T. S. Morrison, J. B. Shope, I. J. Archer.
2. Foreign Missions—M. S. Huske, R. S. Eskridge, E. J. Griset, Bernard Smith, I. J. Archer.
3. General Assembly's Home Missions—R. F. Campbell, P. P. Winn, B. R. Fakes.
4. Bible Cause—J. Q. Wallace.
5. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—J. F. Ligon, Jno. R. Hay, R. P. Smith, J. T. Bailey, J. F. Ramsey, J. Q. Wallace.
6. Publication and Sunday School Work—E. J. Griset, W. P. Chedester, J. F. Ligon, P. N. Gresham.
7. Sabbath and Family Religion—J. Q. Wallace.
8. Orphans' Homes—J. H. McConnell.
9. Church Societies—W. P. Chedester.
10. Systematic Beneficence—[redacted] R. P. Smith, J. F. Ligon, T. S. Morrison, H. H. Carson, I. J. Archer.
11. Narrative—[redacted], I. J. Archer, W. A. Osborne.
12. Laymen's Home Missions—E. C. Dickinson, I. J. Archer, H. C. Lindsley, S. W. Black.
13. Evangelism—P. N. Gresham, W. M. Sikes, W. S. Hutchison, I. J. Archer.
14. Auditing—T. S. Morrison, J. H. McConnell.
15. Schools and Colleges—R. P. Smith, R. C. Anderson, R. S. Eskridge, W. H. McMurray.
16. Historical—W. S. Hutchison.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
2. Academic Studies—P. P. Winn.
3. Languages, Latin Thesis and Critical Exercise—Anton Ver Hulst.
4. Sciences—R. P. Smith.
5. Philosophy—Anton Ver Hulst.
6. Ecclesiastical History—W. S. Hutchison.
7. Church Government and Sacraments—J. F. Ligon.
8. Theology—R. F. Campbell.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 6, 1920.

The Presbytery of Asheville convened in pro re nata session at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 12:30 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Rev. J. Frank Ligon, the Moderator.

The following were present and enrolled:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. J. Sechrest, Anton Ver Hulst.

Ruling Elder—J. W. Moore.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Anton Ver Hulst.

The call for the meeting was read and found to be in order.

Rev. Anton Ver Hulst presented a request that the pastoral relation between him and the Montreat Church be dissolved in order that he might accept a professorship in King's College. Mr. Ver Hulst stated that Mr. C. C. Lord had been appointed to represent the congregation, and that Mr. Lord had requested him to say that in case he did not arrive in time, that the Montreat Church had united with the pastor in the request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation. The Presbytery then dissolved the relation in response to the request of the pastor and the Church.

Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Clerk Pro. Tem.

Attest: P. N. GRESHAM, S. C.

Forty-Ninth Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

Murphy, N. C., September 21, 1920.

Asheville Presbytery met in its forty-ninth stated session in the Presbyterian Church at Murphy, N. C., September 21, 1920, at 7 o'clock p. m., and in the absence of the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. F. Ligon, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., on John 15:5.

After the sermon Presbytery was called to order by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, the last Moderator present, and Rev. R. P. Smith led in prayer.

The roll was then called and the following members were present:

Ministers—R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, J. Q. Wallace, W. M. Sikes, P. N. Gresham, John R. Hay, W. S. Hutchison, M. S. Huske.

Representatives of Churches.

Ruling Elders—E. C. Dickinson, West Asheville; J. W. Moore, Asheville First; C. P. Reed, Ora Street; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; L. L. Witherspoon, Murphy; C. C. Lord, Montreat.

Deacons—George Stillman, Andrews; R. F. Crook, Murphy.

Ministers Absent—R. C. Anderson, (excused); R. F. Campbell, (excused); F. M. Eversole, J. F. Ligon, Edward Mack, (excused); R. J. Hunter, T. J. McConnell, W. J. Sechrest, T. E. Simpson, Anton Ver Hulst, P. P. Winn.

Churches Not Represented—Brevard, Davidson River, Hendersonville, Canton, Black Mountain, Franklin, Morrison, Slagle Memorial, Bryson City, Oak Dale, Waynesville, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, Bethel, Andrews, Mills River, Covenanters, Etowah.

Organization—Presbytery was organized by the election of Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., Moderator and Rev. W. P. Chedester, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made its report which was adopted:

The following were excused for non-attendance:

Dr. Edward Mack, because of illness; Dr. R. F. Campbell, because of a church wedding; Dr. R. C. Anderson, because of pressing business for the Kingdom.

A letter from Rev. P. P. Winn, of Korea, in which he sent greetings and told of his work, was read to the court.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

Presbytery met at 8:30 a. m., and after devotional exercises, was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of last evening's meeting were read and adopted.

Ruling Elder C. P. Reed and Rev. Jno. R. Hay were enrolled.

The following standing committees were appointed:

Judicial—R. P. Smith, chairman.

Minutes General Assembly—M. S. Huske, chairman.

Leave of Absence—W. P. Chedester, chairman.

Nominations—R. P. Smith, chairman.

Bills and Overtures—W. S. Hutchison, chairman.

A certificate of dismission of Rev. R. S. Eskridge, from Greensbriar Presbytery, was found in order and after the usual examinations, he was enrolled as a member of Asheville Prsbytery.

Upon his own written request Rev. T. J. McConnell was dismissed to St. Johns Presbytery.

In like manner, Rev. R. J. Hunter was dismissed to Louisville Presbytery.

A call from Ora Street Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. Chedester was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

A petition to Asheville Presbytery asking that a church be organized at Ravensford, Swain County, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter to the laymen of Asheville Presbytery was received from Mr. C. A. Rowland, of Athens, Ga., and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from Dr. H. H. Sweets in regard to the Graham building, Jacksonville, Fla., was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker, our Synodical Superintendent, of Systematic Beneficence, was extended the floor and spoke on the "Spiritual Objectives" of the Presbyterian Progressive Program.

Rev. Jno. R. Hay was elected a trustee of Davidson College.

The committee appointed to install Rev. W. M. Sikes as pastor at Canton made report as follows:

"Your committee met on the first Sabbath in June, 1920, the day appointed, and performed the task according to our Church regulations." R. P. SMITH, Chairman.

This report was adopted and the committee discharged.

At 10:25 a. m. Presbytery receded from business to make way for the Foreign Missions Program. This was in charge of Rev. M. S. Huske, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, who first made the following recommendations:

1. That each church assume a definite proportion, if not the full cost, of supporting a missionary.

2. That a program of missionary education be instituted in the Sunday Schools and that the gifts of the Sunday Schools be directed to Benevolent Causes.

3. That each church secure a visit from a returned missionary at least once a year.

4. That the literature furnished by our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be used from time to time to stimulate interest.

5. That mission study classes for both men and women be started in each church.

Pending the adoption of these recommendations, Mr. Huske then preached the Presbyterial sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions. It was a powerful message and stirred the Presbytery to greater activity in this work.

Immediately after the adoption of the above recommendations, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered; and this was followed by the reading of two memorials; the first, of Rev. W. H. Davis; the second, of Rev. Chas. W. Morris. These memorials were ordered spread upon the minutes of Asheville Presbytery and will be found in Appendix A of this issue.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator who led in prayer.

The Committee on Bible Cause, through its chairman, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That all the ministers of this Presbytery lay much emphasis upon the importance of supporting the American Bible Society.

2. That our Sunday School Missionary be urged to provide Bibles and Testaments for all who are not in possession of these books.

3. That wherever it may seem practical, Pocket Testament Leagues be organized.

Rev. Lynn R. Walker addressed the body urging the importance of all churches organizing at once to carry out the fall and winter part of the campaign according to the time schedule of the Presbyterian Progressive Program.

Presbytery then entered into a free conversation on the state of religion in the several churches. As the roll was called, pastors and elders responded by telling the conditions in their respective churches. The reports were on the whole favorable. However, much concern was expressed on account of the fewness of family altars. Rev. R. P. Smith made some remarks in which he urged the activity of pastors in this regard and the importance of clear and exact information as to the number of families who keep the altar fires burning.

Rev. W. M. Sikes urged that efforts be made to provide preaching for vacant churches.

Rev. P. N. Gresham asked Presbytery to answer the following question: "When is a member of the Presbyterian Church in good and regular standing ?" This matter was placed on the docket.

The Committee on Evangelism, through its chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That all our ministers be urged to place great emphasis on pure, gospel, evangelistic preaching, with the definite purpose of winning souls, and that as a rule opporunity to confess Christ and unite with the church be given at the Sabbath morning service.

2. That this committee be given the power to appoint evangelistic teams to hold at least a three days' evangelistic service every six months in vacant churches.

3. That all our churches be urged to organize bands of personal workers.

4. That all our ministers and church officers be urged to place great emphasis on preaching the gospel from house to house.

5. That a complete religious survey be made by every church.

A report of the work of our commissioners to the General Assembly, Dr. R. F. Campbell and Elder W. H. McMurray, was received and adopted, and the diligence of the commissioners commended.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

1. That Ruling Elder E. J. Griset be nominated for the next Moderator, with Rev. P. N. Gresham, Alternate.

2. That the Presbyterial sermon at the Spring meeting be preached by Rev. J. Q. Wallace. R. P. SMITH, Chairman.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, made the following report, which was adopted:

"We bring to the attention of the Presbytery the generous offer of Mr. C. E. Graham to give the great office building in Jasksonville to the Louisville Committee as an endowment fund for Ministerial Relief. This building will yield $5,000 per month. It has a total value of $700,000. It is given on condition that the Assembly raise $400,000 for Ministerial Relief by December 1, 1920.

In view of this offer we recommend:

1. That Presbytery approve the effort to raise the $400,000 and commend it to our various churches.

2. That Presbytery suggest to each church that a committee be appointed to keep this proposition before the church, and to seek liberal contributions from people of means.

3. That this proposition receive the prompt attention of all the churches and that all contributions be forwarded immediately.

J. F. LIGON, Chairman.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, M. S. Huske, chairman, approved of the changes in the Book of Church Order as recommended by the General Assembly, and its report was adopted.

Black Mountain was chosen as the place for the Spring meeting of Presbytery. Rev. M. S. Huske and Elder W. H. McMurray, Committee on Devotional Exercises.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

Wednesday evening was given principally to a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. The exercises were opened with a sermon by Rev. P. N. Gresham on the "Holy Spirit and the Believer."

In the absence of the chairman, no formal report was made by the Home Missions Committee, but several addresses were made in which Evangelism, Industrial Education and Orphanage Work within the Presbytery were discussed.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

"The call of the Ora Street church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. P. Chedester was found in order, and we recommend that it be placed in his hands.

"We have examined the petition from Ravensford asking that a church be organized there, and recommended that the petition be granted and a commission appointed to effect the organization."

W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Mr. Chedester accepted the call to Ora Street and a committee, Dr. R. P. Smith, chairman, was appointed to install him at an early date.

A commission, Dr. R. F. Campbell, chairman, was appointed to organize a church at Ravensford.

Presbytery then, by rising, adopted the following vote of thanks:

"The Brethren of the Presbytery desire to express their hearty thanks to the members of the Presbyterian Church, and those of the other churches too, for the generous hospitality which we have enjoyed during our sojourn in your beautiful city."

After the reading and adoption of today's minutes, Presbytery adjourned at 10:30 Wednesday night, with singing and prayer, to meet at Black Mountain, April 19, 1921, 7:30 p. m.

W. M. SIKES, Moderator.

Attest: P. N. GRESHAM, Stated Clerk.

Fiftieth Stated Session of Asheville Presbytery

Black Mountain, N. C., April 19, 1921.

Asheville Presbytery met in its Fiftieth stated session in the Presbyterian Church at Black Mountain, N. C., April 19, 1921, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., and in the absence of the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., was opened with a sermon by Rev. W. S. Hutchison on Isaiah 53:11.

After the sermon Presbytery was called to order by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, the last Moderator present, who led in prayer.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, John R. Hay, M. S. Huske, W. S. Hutchison, Edward Mack, R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace, J. F. Ligon.

Represenatives of Churches.

Elders—J. H. McConnell, Asheville First; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; H. M. Sloan, Black Mountain; C. M. Siniard, Brevard; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; J. O. Williams, Hendersonville; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; T. S. White, Swannanoa; E. J. Griset, West Asheville; C. C. Lord, Montreat; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville.

Deacons—G. C. Summey, Oak Dale; L. E. Reikard, Swannanoa.

Ministers Absent—F. M. Eversole, W. J. Sechrest, W. M. Sikes, Anton Ver Hulst, P. P. Winn, T. E. Simpson.

Churches Not Represented—Andrews, Bryson City, Covenanters, Davidson River, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Forest, Oak Dale, Ravensford, Hayesville.

Organization—Elder E. J. Griset was elected Moderator and Rev. W. P. Chedester, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made its report, which was adopted.

The following visiting ministers were introduced to the court and invited to sit as corresponding members: Rev. C. N. Caldwell, Shanghai, China; Rev. John D. Gillespie, Charleston Presbytery; Rev. R. B. Willis, Washburn Presbytery; Rev. J. J. Fix, Holston Presbytery.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read entire, corrected, and adopted.

After remarks by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. N. Caldwell, the minutes of last night's session were read and adopted.

The following churches were excused for not having a representative at the Murphy meeting: Brevard, Davidson River, Franklin, Morrison, Slagle Memorial and Swannanoa.

The Moderator announced the usual standing committees.

Four calls for pastoral service were presented:

Montreat Church for Rev. G. W. Belk.

Bryson Church for Licent. J. T. Gillespie.

Andrews Church for Mr. E. H. Bird.

Waynesville Church for Rev. S. R. Crockett.

These calls were placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter to Presbytery from Rev. P. P. Winn, in Korea, was read. Rev. M. S. Huske, chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee, was directed to answer this letter, and also to write a letter of greeting to each of the other missionaries from this Presbytery now serving in Foreign fields.

Dr. R. P. Smith, chairman of the committee to install Rev. W. P. Chedester pastor at Ora Street Church reported that the committee met November 21, 1920, and performed the task according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

This report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The commission appointed at Murphy to organize a church at Ravensford made the following report, which was adopted:

We met in the school house at Ravensford at 8 p. m. of October 28, 1920. After a sermon by Dr. R. F. Campbell, the roll was called and the following members were present:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, Chairman; W. M. Sikes, W. S. Hutchison.

Elders—J. H. Dillard, S. W. Black.

Testimonials were then received of fourteen persons who entered into covenant to walk together as an organized church, whereupon they were declared to be constituted a church according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, we adjourned with hymn and benediction.

W. S. HUTCHISON, Clerk Pro. Tem.

Rev. J. J. Fix, Synodical Superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Work, addressed the Presbytery, his theme being "Formation of Character is Better Than Re-formation."

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Rev. J. F. Ligon, chairman, rendered its report, which was adopted. See Appendix B.

At 10:30 a. m. after a brief recess, the order of the day was the Foreign Missions program presided over by Rev. M. S. Huske, who first rendered his report as chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee.

Pending the adoption of this report, Rev. C. N. Caldwell, of China, delivered an address in behalf of the Chinese famine sufferers, which stirred every one of us greatly. A special committee was appointed to recommend a definite plan for our churches to follow in raising money for these famine sufferers.

The report of the Foreign Missions Committee was then adopted (see Appendix C) and all business suspended to observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, after which recess was taken for luncheon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

The session opened with prayer by Dr. I. J. Archer.

Rev. G. W. Belk and Rev. S. R. Crockett presented certificates of dismissal, the former from Mecklenburg, the latter from Holston, and requested that they be received into this Presbytery. After being duly examined, they were so received and their names enrolled.

Rev. J. F. Ligon and Elder M. M. Brittain were enrolled.

At three o'clock recess was taken to give the standing committees time to prepare reports.

At four o'clock the Presbyters were taken by autos to visit Montreat, especially to view the new auditorium in process of erection and to get a better acquaintance of the Montreat Normal School. The trip was much enjoyed.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

Presbytery convened at 7:30 and a popular meeting was held in the interest of Home Missons. Dr. R. F. Campbell presided. After he had read his report as chairman of the Home Missions Committee, and pending its adoption, several brief addresses were given bearing upon different phases of the work, all of which set forth facts for encouragement.

The report of the committee was then adopted and is as follows:

"Your committee, with grateful hearts to God, are able to report one of the best years in the history of our work. Every field in the Presbytery has had preaching for at least part of the year. The churches have grown in the grace of giving, as is evidenced by a steady increase in contributions to the benevolent causes and to the support of their own work.

Our treasurer's books show contributions to Sustentation amounting to $8,848; to our Industrial Schools and Orphanage, $14,924. Total, $23,772.

"We offer the following recommendations:

1. That every church receiving aid be urged to make the every member canvass annually and to report to the Home Missions Committee what percentage of the membership contributes regularly to the support of the church. The Presbytery would feel more inclined to help those showing this evidence of an earnest effort to help themselves.

2. That the Montreat School, which is an Inter-Synodical Institution, be recognized as in a peculiar sense a valuable educational agency of Asheville Presbytery, within whose bounds it is situated, and that it be commended to the patronage and liberal support of our people, as one of our Presbyterial Schools.

3. That the Home Missions Committee be instructed in the distribution of the funds for Schools and Colleges raised in the recent Synodical Campaign and also through the Annual collection for the cause, to give the Montreat School a fair and reasonable percentage, and that Asheville Presbytery reserve the right to designate the purpose or purposes for which this money is to be used."

Respectfully Submitted,

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

The report of the Laymen's Home Missions Committee, made by Chairman E. C. Dickinson, was adopted and the committee commended for its diligence. All laymen are urged to co-operate with this committee in every possible way.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Mr. J| E. Lancaster.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and adopted.

A letter from President W. J. Martin giving report of the work at Davidson College was read and received as information.

Also a communication regarding the effort to erect the "Church of the Pilgrims" in the city of Washington was read. The plan was approved and commended to the liberality of our people.

The special committee on Famine Relief made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. "That Presbytery approve most heartily the campaign to raise funds for the relief of China famine sufferers.

2. "That all pastors and church officers present take the initiative in forming inter-denominational committees to secure contributions for the cause.

3. "That the week of May 1-8 be observed in all the churches of the Presbytery as a season of self-denial, and that an offering be taken on Sunday, May 8, for this cause."

M. S. HUSKE, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. P. N. Greshan the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That a Permanent Historical Committee be organized, consisting of the stated clerk as chairman and two other men.

2. That each minister send at once to this committee a brief history of his life and work.

3. That each minister also give a brief history of the church or churches under his care.

4. That Section II, Paragraph 9, of The Manual be changed so that the term of office of stated clerk shall be two years instead of "discretionary with the Presbytery."

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was made by Dr. Edward Mack, the chairman. It was adopted and is as follows:

1. We find to be in order the call from the Montreat Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. George W. Belk; and recommend that the call be placed in his hands.

2. We find to be in order the call from the Bryson City Church for the pastoral services of Licent. J. T. Gillespie; we recommend that this call be placed in his hands.

3. We find in order the call from the Andrews Church for the pastoral services of Mr. E. H. Bird; and recommend that the call be placed in his hands.

4. We find in order the call from the Waynesville church for the pastoral services of Rev. S. R. Crockett, and recommend that the call be placed in his hands.

5. In answer to a communication from the Rev. E. D. Brownlee of St. John's Presbytery, requesting that this Presbytery join in an overture to the Assembly in reference to a "Home Missions Equipment Campaign," we recommend that the communication be received as information, and that no overture be adopted at the present time, because the already authorized "Equipment Campaign" has not yet been launched, or even formulated.

The following men were appointed to install Rev. G. W. Belk as pastor of the Montreat Church,

Ministers—J. F. Ligon, M .S. Huske, R. S| Eskridge.

Elders—J. D. Murphy, J. W. Moore.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read and adopted. It is as follows:

The Presbyterial Manager sent to the Congregational manager of each church a statement of the quota assigned to it in Presbyterian Progressive Program, and urged a thorough every member canvass, the results to be reported to the Presbyterial Manager by April 1, or as soon thereafter as possible. Reports have been received from only nine churches as follows:

First Churhh, Asheville	$15,000
Ora Street	746
West Asheville	450
Montreat	2,000
Brevard	330
Davidson River	550
Hendersonville	1,788
Waynesville	700
Slagle Memorial	120

The present Presbyterial Manager finds it impossible with his other duties, to give this matter the attention it ought to have, and he herewith offers his resignation, and suggests that the Presbytery elect a manager who can visit the churches when necessary as well as correspond with them, to stir up their pure minds by way of rememberance. R. F. CAMPBELL, Presbyterial Manager.

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was received and adopted:

We recommend:

1. That Rev. M. S. Huske be nominated as Moderator of next meeting, with J. H. Dillard of Murphy Church as Alternate.

2. That Rev. Geo. W. Belk preach the Presbyterial sermon on subject of his own choosing, with Rev. S. R. Crockett as Alternate.

3. That Rev. R. C. Anderson succeed himself as a Trustee of Davidson College.

4. That Rev. W. S. Hutchison succeed Rev. P. N. Gresham as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

5. That Rev. W. S. Hutchison succeed as Presbyterial Manager of Progressive Campaign, Dr. R. F. Campbell, resigned.

JOHN R. HAY, Chairman.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge, chairman of the Committee on Minutes of the Synod made his report which was adopted, and is as follows:

"Your committee has examined the minutes of the Synod and would call Presbytery's attention to the recommendation that all churches place schools and colleges in their regular budget for ten per cent of benevolent offerings; also to the fact that only one-third of our churches have organized work for young people, and the further fact that of the benevolent offerings of our young people's organizations, 57 per cent are classified as miscellaneous.

We offer two recommendations:

First—That every church be earnestly requested to start organized work for young people where not now existing. The Christian Endeavor is commended.

Second—That as far as practical the benevolent offerings of all our people be confined to the causes of our various church courts as offering the best channels for our gifts."

At 10:55 a. m. Presbytery receded from business to hear the Presbyterial sermon. This was preached by Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., his subject being the Divinity of Christ. It was a very impressive discourse.

On resuming business, Rev. W. P. Chedester, chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Church Societies, made the following report which was adopted:

1. SOCIETIES:
   1. Number of Women's Societies reported 16
      Members ---------- 635
      Total Benevolent Contributions--------$6,394
   2. C. E. and Young People's Societies:
      Number of Societies reported---------- 8
      Members ---------- 284
      Total Benevolent Contributions--------$ 190

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK:

Mr. J. E. Lancaster has been engaged in Sunday School field work in the Presbytery since June 1, 1920. With the assistance of Dr. J. J. Fix he has held two Sunday School institutes, visited 158 families, made 30 addresses, organized two new Sunday Schools and one Home Department. We commend him for his diligence.

Recommendations:

1. That in view of the urgent need and great opportunity, every large Sunday School endeavor to establish out-post Sunday Schools.
2. That Sunday School Institutes be held in convenient centers throughout the Presbytery.

3. That a new Permanent Committee on Sunday School work be appointed.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Chairman.

Presbytery divided the Permanent Committee on Church Societies and Sabbath School Work, leaving Rev. W. P. Chedester chairman of Permanent Committee on Church Societies, and forming a new Permanent Committee on Sabbath School Work with E. J. Griset as chairman.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison, chairman of the Committee on the Narrative made a report which was deemed too much abridged. He was instructed to answer in full the questionaire required to be filled out and sent to the General Assembly. This he did and a condensed statement of same will be found in Appendix D.

Presbytery now took recess for luncheon.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

Immediately after luncheon, Presbytery resumed business and proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly. The Court joined in prayer with Rev. G. W. Belk for God's guidance. The following members were chosen as Commissioners:

Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., Elder J. H. McConnell, Principals.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Elder R. L. Prevost, Alternates.

Oakdale Church was chosen as the place for the regular Fall meeting and the date fixed, viz: Tuesday, September 13, 1921, at 8 p. m.

The following report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted:

The following were excused from attendance at the close of the session on Wednesday Afternoon:—M. M. Brittain, J. F. Ligon; and the following were excused after Wednesday Night Session:—A. S. Halyburton, J. H. McConnell, J. H. Edwards, J. Q. Wallace,

M. S. HUSKE, Chairman.

This report of the Auditing Committee was adopted:

Your committee on auditing your Treasurer's report find his accounts in good order and balanced, with the exception of an apparent overage of $4.19. Respectfully Submitted,

C. C. LORD,
J. H. McCONNELL.

The Home Missions Committee was given the authority to estimate the increased amount needed for the Contingent Fund and to apportion this among the churches.

The stated Clerk was requested to send a letter of greeting and sympathy to Rev. W. M. Sikes in his illness.

The following overture to Asheville Presbyterial was adopted:

1. That the Presbyterial be requested to appoint two committees of from three to five members each to visit the two orphanages of the Presbytery and to report to the Home Missions Committee any suggestions they may see fit to offer in regard to the management and equipment of the orphanages.

2. That the Presbyterial be requested to appoint a woman in each church of the Presbytery to act as agent for our little paper—"Our Mountain Work".

The following Resolution on Schools and Colleges was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Home Missions Committee be instructed to make a careful estimate of Asheville Presbytery's share of the funds subscribed for schools and colleges in the Synod of Appalachia's recent campaign, in the light of the Presbytery's quota and of the subscriptions made by our people to meet that quota, and that the committee be instructed to inform the Treasurer of the Synodical Campaign Committee that the Presbytery of Asheville is unwilling to accept more than its fair share of the fund for schools and colleges.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

The following Resolution of Thanks was adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Presbytery of Asheville, in stated Session at Black Mountain, take this means of giving official expression to our deep gratitude to the pastors and people of the community, of all denominations, for their manifold kindnesses and generous hospitality. Nothing has been wanting to make our stay delightful and the discharge of our duties as convenient and as uninterrupted as possible. We shall gratefully remember these days in Black Mountain."

The minutes of today's sessions were read, corrected and adopted.

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned with singing and prayer, to meet at Bryson City at 8 p. m., Wednesday, June 15, 1921.

E. J. GRISET, Moderator.

Attest: W. S. Hutchison, Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS

CHURCHES	AMOUNTS
Andrews	$ 8.00
Asheville	175.00
Bethel	10.00
Black Mountain	18.00
Brevard	18.00
Bryson City	16.00
Canton	20.00
Covenanters'	5.00
Davidson River	18.00
Etowah	3.00
Franklin	10.00
Hayesville	4.00
Hazelwood	5.00
Hendersonville	35.00
Mills River	12.00
Montreat	35.00
Morrison	8.00
Murphy	15.00
Oak Dale	5.00
Oak Forest	7.00
Ora Street	15.00
Ravensford	6.00
Short Off	3.00
Slagle Memorial	8.00
Swannanoa	14.00
Waynesville	20.00
West Asheville	15.00
	508.00

IN MEMORIAM

REV. W. H. DAVIS

Our beloved brother, William Henry Davis, closely identified with the work in Asheville Presbytery for a large part of his life, and since long before the Presbytery was formed, passed to his reward on December 6, 1919. We, his brethren of the Presbytery, while recording something of his record of service, desire to express also our warm esteem and affection for him, and our deep sense of personal loss in his passing.

When Brother Davis graduated from Union Seminary in 1872 he came at once to Western North Carolina, being licensed and ordained by Mecklenburg Presbytery as evangelist with the wide field of Haywood, Jackson, Cherokee, Clay and Macon Counties. Those were real pioneer days in the mountains and the young evangelist's work involved many privations and real hardship. On horseback, over all sorts of roads and thru all kinds of weather, he passed back and forth among his scattered people, ministering to a family here, preaching to a little gathering there, and organizing a band yonder. After two years of this work, he was called back to Mechlenburg County to serve Sharon Church. But in 1878 he came again to the mountains to accept the pastorate of old Davidson River Church in Transylvania County. This was then a thriving church in a fine old Presbyterian community. Here he served with great acceptableness for twelve years. In addition to his duties at Davidson River he found time to preach at many other points as well as to found and build the church

in the then new town of Brevard nearby. Axe in hand, he went into the forest and helped get out the timber for this building which was ready for occupancy in 1882.

In June, 1890, he left Davidson River for Smithville, Va., but after years of service there and elsewhere, he was called again to Davidson River in 1906. Besides fulfilling his duties as pastor here, he preached at times also at Mills River, Little River, Etowah and Preston. This pastorate he held until the spring of 1915, when, because of advancing years, he retired from the active ministry. Tho retired, he continued to fill appointments in the Presbytery, serving at Swannanoa, Etowah and other points. His last sermon was preached in Davidson River Church in May, 1919. On Sunday Afternoon, December 7th, at the regular hour for service, his funeral was conducted from this same church, three of his brethren of the Presbytery, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.; Rev. W. S. Hutchison, and the pastor, Rev. Johi R. Hay officiating. His body now rests in Davidson River Cemetery on the hill overlooking the church and the beautiful valley he loved so well.

Forty-seven years a minister of Jesus Christ! And twenty-seven of these years spent in Asheville Presbytery! How shall we justly estimate the value of his life among us? Eternity alone can reveal all that it meant to the Kingdom. Meantime, his fellow-laborers in the same portion of our Master's vineyard, we take fresh courage and inspiration as we look upon his life and press forward in the work until that we too shall hear the Master's call to "come up higher."

JOHN R. HAY.

REV. CHARLES W. MORRIS, D. D.

Since the last meeting of the Presbytery, one of our most beloved members has gone to join "the General Assembly and Church of the first-born, which are written in Heaven." Rev. Charles W. Morris, D. D., pastor of the church at Murphy, departed this life at an early hour in the morning of June 16, 1920. He had been in failing health for some months but insisted on continuing his work in spite of increasing weakness, declaring that he wanted to die in harness. This wish was literally fulfilled. He had gone from his home in Asheville the preceding week to preach in his pulpit at Murphy on Sunday, in spite of physical premonition that his end was near. Returning Tuesday evening he was overtaken by an apoplectic stroke soon after entering his house. His wife summoned a physician and all that was possible was done to give him relief. But soon after mid-night the summons came, and his grave spirit went to God who gave it.

Dr. Morris was born at Lynchburg, Va., about sixty-five years ago. He was educated at the University of Virginia, and after practicing law for a short time, he felt called to the Gospel Ministry. Being at that time an Episcopalian, he entered the Seminary of his church at Alexandria, Va., from which he was graduated in due time. Later he applied for admission to the Presbyterian Church which he served faithfully to the end. He was pastor of churches in Mississippi and Arkansas until about five years ago when he was removed to Western North Carolina. After coming into the Presbytery of Asheville he had two charges—first at Swannanoa, and afterward at Murphy.

Dr. Morris was an earnest and edifying preacher of the Word. Thoroughly sound in the faith, and with a deep personal experience

of God's grace he proclaimed the truth with vigor, clearness and unction, and his congregations grew in numbers and in earnest attention to his preaching. He was a man of gentle and lovable disposition and he won the friendship of all classes of people by his genial humor and broad human sympathy. He loved to visit the people in their homes. He rejoiced with them in their joys and wept with them in their sorrows. His hold on men was specially strong and he always used his personal influence over them in efforts to win them to Christ and to active service in the church. His brethren loved him, and he will be greatly missed in the councils and social meetings of the Presbytery. We shall cherish his memory and continue to gather the fruits of his faithful and efficient ministry.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

APPENDIX B

Your Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following report:

1. Candidates for the Ministry—Your committee regrets that it is again forced to report that we have no candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

2. Contributions—The contributions of the churches of our Presbytery to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for the year just closed have been most gratifying. Every active church in the Presbytery has contributed to the cause. These gifts have made a total of $2,303.10.

3. Ministerial Relief—The Presbytery has upon its roll five beneficiaries, who have received in the aggregate $2,220.

Recommendations:

1. In view of the fact that there are no candidates for the ministry under the care of our Presbytery, your committee would earnestly recommend that this matter receive the careful and prayerful attention of Pastors and Sessions, that they co-operate with the Assembly's Committee in bringing this matter to the attention of the young men of our church, and that sermons be preached from time to time bearing upon this subject.

2. We recommend that aid be continued to the following and in the following amounts: Mrs. Kate Hudson, $400.00; Mrs. Harriet W. Davis, $400.00; Mrs. Anna E. Sample, $500.00; Rev. W. J. Sechrest, $600.00; Rev. P. P. Winn, $400.00.

3. We recommend that The Student Loan Fund be brought to the attention of the Sunday Schools and Women's Societies of the Presbytery and that they be urged to make contributions direct to that phase of the Executive Committee's work during the present year.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. F. LIGON, Chairman.

APPENDIX C

Your Committee on Foreign Missions reports that the year ending March 31, 1921, has been encouraging from many viewpoints; yet certain facts call for earnest consideration.

The total number of additions from all our fields is 4,690. This is 469 more than the corrected figure for last year. However, these

figures do not include the year's fruitage of much of the work planted and nurtured by our church in Cuba, Japan and Mexico, due to changes in field in Mexico, consolidation with the native Japanese and certain changes in Cuba. It is with gratitude that we record the sending out of 43 new missionaries during the year and that there were no losses for the year by death or retirement. One of the new missionaries sent out, Miss Jean Belle Setser, was from Asheville Presbytery, trained and educated in our Home Missionary Schools. Asheville Presbytery now has five missionaries on the foreign field who have gone out from this territory.

We feel compelled, however, to record that our hopes that many of the young physicians and nurses, who enlisted in the War Service in such a spirit of heroism and self sacrifice, would heed the calls incessantly made to enter the mission cause, have been unrealized. A considerable number of young men have recently been volunteering for the work of Medical Missions, but most of these are, as yet, only in the early stages of their medical education.

The cost of the work for the year ending April 1, 1920, to May 31, 1921, was $1,270,402.58. While the income out of which these expenses are met was $1,190,816.34, leaving a deficit for the year of $79,586.24.

There are certain significant features, in each field, which call for consideration, but the whole situation is encouraging from an Evangelistic viewpoint.

The following recommendations are suggested:

1. That all our church agencies heartily promote the Presbyterian Progressive Program with a view to securing for benevolences four and a half million dollars for the year beginning April 1, 1921.

2. That classes be organized in all the churches to study Rev. R. D. Bedinger's "Triumphs of the Gospel in the Congo".

3. That the Assembly's Seven Year Plan of missionary education in the Sunday Schools be again approved.

4. That the Presbytery use its influence to carry out the recommendations of nineteen General Assemblies, including the last, that individuals, churches, societies, and Sunday Schools assume definite obligation for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work, such supporters to be kept in touch with the progress of the work by letters, at least quarterly, written from the field, this system of "living links" between the home supporters and the work abroad having proved itself in all denominations a powerful means of sustaining and deepening the home churches' Foreign Mission interest and zeal.

5. That the present desperate need of missionary physicians, and in a hardly less degree, of missionary nurses, be voiced from our pulpits and made a special subject of prayer among our people.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. S. HUSKE, Chairman.

APPENDIX D

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NARRATIVE

The following is in substance the report sent to the General Assembly:

The sessional reports of services held indicate that the religious

needs of the church membership and communities are being adequately met, except in the case of one church.

An average of 63% of the membership attend morning services; 40%, evening services; 18%, prayer meeting.

The churches report a total of 182 added on profession; 178 by letter. Of those added on profession, 125 were from the Sunday Schools.

Seven churches report evangelistic meetings, five of which say with good effect. Seventy-five families hold family worship, seven are members of the Family Altar League.

There were forty-five Communion Services held during the year; an average of 65% of the membership attended.

Our members observe the Lord's Day comparatively well, are faithful in presenting their children for baptism, and generally teach them the catechism at home. Also the catechisms are taught in nearly all our Sunday Schools, and pupils memorize Scripture to some extent.

Pastors are faithful in teaching the Stewardship of Life and Possessions, but only eighty-eight families are reported as giving definitely and proportionately. Many pastors do not know the number who are giving thus. Hence the above figure by no means represents the actual number.

Eleven out of nineteen churches reported "Benevolent Causes paid in full"; pastors salaries were fully and promptly paid, except in one case; and there was an average increase of 25% in salaries.

Our churches show very little worldly conformity.

Of nineteen churches reporting, thirteen conducted no evangelistic services outside of their own bounds; six did; twelve reported no special effort to secure recruits for the ministry; seven said some effort had been made.

We recommend:

1. That all proper influence be used to bring every church into line in the matter of proportionate giving.

2. That our pastors be urged to find more evangelistic work outside of their own churches. This is a Home Missions Presbytery.

3. That every minister and elder be enjoined to make SPECIAL EFFORT to secure recruits for the ministry.

W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	POST OFFICES
R. C. Anderson, Pres. Montreat Ass'n.		Montreat, N. C.
G. W. Belk, P.	Montreat	Montreat, N. C.
E. H. Bird, P. elect	Andrews	Andrews, N. C.
R. F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, First	Asheville, N. C.
W. P. Chedester, P.	Ora Street	Asheville, N. C.
S. R. Crockett, P.	Waynesville	Waynesville, N. C.
S. R. Crockett, P.	Hazelwood	Waynesville, N. C.
~~F. M. Eversole, Missionary~~		Chunju, Korea
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Swannanoa	Swannanoa, N. C.
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Oak Forest	Swannanoa, N. C.
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Bethel	Swannanoa, N. C.
P. N. Gresham, P.	West Asheville	West Asheville, N. C.
J. T. Gillespie, P. elect	Bryson City	Bryson City, N. C.
J. T. Gillespie, P. elect	Ravensford	Bryson City, N. C.
Jno. R. Hay, P.	Brevard	Brevard, N. C.
Jno. R. Hay, P.	Davidson River	Brevard, N. C.
W. S. Hutchison, Ev.		West Asheville, N. C.
~~M. D. Hooker, D. C.~~	Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N. C.
J. F. Ligon, P.	Hendesronville	Hendersonville, N. C.
Edw. Mack, D. D. Teacher		Richmond, Va.
W. J. Sechrest, Infirm		Montreat, N. C.
W. M. Sikes, D. D., P.	Canton	Canton, N. C.
R. P. Smith, D. D., Supt. H. M.		Asheville, N. C.
~~Anton Ver Hulst, Teacher~~		Bristol, Tenn.
J. Q. Wallace, S. S.	Franklin	Franklin, N. C.
J. Q. Wallace, S. S.	Morrison	Franklin, N. C.
J. Q. Wallace, S. S.	Slagle Memorial	Franklin, N. C.
P. P. Winn, Missionary		Chunju, Korea
S. S.	Covenanters'	Dillingham, N. C.
Vacant	Hayesville	Hayesville, N. C.
S. S.	Mills River	Horse Shoe, N. C.
Vacant	Murphy	Murphy, N. C.
S. S.	Oak Dale	Hendersonville, N. C.
Vacant	Short Off	Short Off, N. C.
S. S.	Etowah	Etowah, N. C.

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1921-1923

Minutes of Asheville Presbytery

Pursuant to adjournment at Black Mountain, Asheville Presbytery met in the Bryson City Church at 8:00 P.M., June 15, 1921.

Licentiate J. T. Gillespie presented papers of dismissal from Pee Dee Presbytery, and requested trial for ordination. He then preached a sermon from Is. 53:6 as part of his trial.

Moderator E. J. Griset asked Dr. R. P. Smith to act as Moderator. Dr. Smith called the Presbytery to order, and led in prayer.

The following members were present: Ministers — S. R. Crockett, W. P. Chedester, J. Q. Wallace, R. P. Smith, W. S. Hutchison; Elders—R. L. Prevost, J. H. McConnell, E. J. Griset, A. M. Bennett.

Mr. Gillespie was fully examined on Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government, and the Sacraments, in all of which he did excellently. It was agreed to accept his diplomas in lieu of examinations on Academic Studies and the Ancient Languages. His sermon was also deemed satisfactory, and his examination as a whole was passed as excellent.

After the constitutional questions were propounded, the Moderator, with prayer and the laying on of hands, solemnly set the candidate apart to the holy office of the gospel ministry, and declared him regularly elected, ordained and installed Pastor of the Bryson City Church.

Rev. J. Q. Wallace charged the pastor, and Rev. R. P. Smith the people.

Mr. Gillespie was granted evangelistic powers within the bounds of Swain County, N. C.

The following Committee was appointed to install Rev. S. R. Crockett, Pastor at Waynesville, the first Sunday in July: Rev. R. P. Smith, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Elder J. T. Bailey.

A communication was received from Weaverville, N. C., asking that Presbytery take steps to organize a Church at that place.

The following Commissioners were appointed to act in this matter, at their own discretion: Ministers—R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, P. N. Gresham, M. S. Huske, G. W. Belk; Elders—T. S. Morrison, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell.

Presbytery then adjourned, with prayer by the Moderator, to meet at the First Church, Asheville, June 23, 1921, at 8:00 P.M.

E. J. GRISET, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING—FIRST CHURCH ASHEVILLE

Pursuant to adjournment at Bryson City, Presbytery met at the First Church, Asheville, 8:00 P.M., June 23, 1921.

Mr. E. H. Bird, of Columbia Seminary, presented certificate of dismissal from Concord Presbytery, and desired trial for licensure.

After sermon by Mr. Bird, on Luke 15, the meeting was called to order by Elder E. J. Griset, the Moderator, who led in prayer.

The following members were present: Ministers — R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, M. S. Huske; Elders—J. H. McConnell, R. L. Prevost, E. J. Griset.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Mr. Bird was carefully examined on Experimental Religion and Motives, Theology, Church Government and the Sacraments. A certificate of Columbia Seminary was accepted in lieu of examination on Church History. The written parts had been examined by Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith and Rev. W. S. Hutchison, who reported them as fulfilling the requirements. This report was accepted in lieu of further examination of these parts. The sermon also being voted satisfactory, the examination as a whole was sustained. The constitutional questions were put, Dr. Smith led in prayer, and then Mr. Bird was declared a licentiate to preach the gospel as a probationer.

After examination, Mr. J. N. Gaddy, of the West Asheville Church, was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Presbytery adjourned to the Fall Meeting at Oak Dale Church.

E. J. GRISET, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING AT MONTREAT

Montreat, N. C., September 7, 1921.

At the call of Moderator E. J. Griset, Presbytery met in the Montreat Church, 3:30 P.M., to ordain Mr. Kenneth J. Foreman to the work of a Foreign Missionary.

After prayer by the Moderator, the roll was called and the following members were present: Ministers—R. C. Anderson, G. W. Belk, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, P. N. Gresham, M. S. Huske; Elders—C. C. Lord, H. C. Lindsley, E. J. Griset.

The call for the meeting being found in order, Mr. Foreman presented a certificate of dismissal from East Hanover Presbytery, and requested examination for licensure and ordination. He was received, and Presbytery proceeded to his examination as follows:

Mr. Foreman preached a sermon, text Rev. 1:18, which was passed as very satisfactory. The Moderator then examined Mr. Foreman upon Experimental Religion and Motives; Rev. M. S. Huske on Church Government and the Sacraments; and Dr. R. F. Campbell on Theology. These were severally voted as satisfactory, and diplomas from Davidson College and Princeton Seminary were accepted in lieu of further examination.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith and Rev. W. S. Hutchison, acting as a Special Committee, had examined Mr. Foreman's Latin Thesis and Critical Exercises, and reported them excellent. This report was accepted in lieu of further examination of these parts of trial, and Mr. Foreman was commended for his diligence.

The examination was sustained as a whole, and Mr. Foreman was declared a licentiate of Asheville Presbytery.

Dr. R. F. Campbell then propounded the constitutional questions, and, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery, Mr. Foreman was ordained to the work of a Foreign Missionary.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet at Oak Dale, September 13, 1921.

E. J. GRISET, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

STATED MEETING AT OAK DALE

Oak Dale Church, September 13, 1921.

Asheville Presbytery met in its Fifty-First Stated Session, at the Oak Dale Church, September 13, 1921, 8:00 P.M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Paul N. Gresham, on Matt. 28: 19-20.

Moderator E. J. Griset called the Presbytery to order and led in prayer.

The roll was called and the following were present: Ministers—R. C. Anderson, G. W. Belk, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, J. T. Gillespie, Jno. R. Hay, W. S. Hutchison, M. S. Huske, J. F. Ligon, R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace; Elders—T. S. Morrison, Asheville, First; A. B. Riley, Brevard; E. E. White, Black Mountain; C. F. Woodfin, Davidson River; J. C. Wright, Franklin; J. A. Smyth, Hendersonville; J. H. Burgin, Mills River; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville; J. H. Dillard, Murphy.

Rev. M. S. Huske was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. T. Gillespie Temporary Clerk.

The Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was approved.

The Minutes of the adjourned meeting in Asheville and of the called meeting at Montreat were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. J. D. Gillespie, of Charleston Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

After prayer, Presbytery took recess till 9:15 Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:15, and, after Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. Jno. R. Hay, the Moderator appointed the usual Standing Committees.

The following communications were received: The Committee to Install Rev. Geo. W. Belk, Pastor of Montreat Church, reported the work done according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church and the Word of God. This Report was approved and the Committee discharged.

A letter from Rev. S. R. Crockett, stating that, owing to sickness in his family, he was kept at home, was read, and he was excused for non-attendance.

Also a letter from Rev. Anton Ver Hulst, stating that, owing to many duties incident to the opening of college, he could not attend, was read, and he was excused.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on the Progressive Program was read and referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

On motion of Dr. R. F. Campbell, the name of this Committee was changed to the "Committee on the Presbyterian Progressive Program," with W. S. Hutchison as Chairman Ex-Officio.

By special request of the Presbytery, Dr. R. F. Campbell was asked to speak this evening on the newly alligned Progressive Program.

A communication from Dr. Law, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, concerning changes in the form of government, was received, and referred to the Committee on General Assembly's Minutes.

A communication from the Lord's Day Alliance was received, and referred to the Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion.

Elder J. H. Dillard, of the Murphy Church, was granted the floor to speak on the needs of his Church as regarded the Manse Building, in process of construction. It was ordered that the Home Missions Committee be empowered to call on the Churches to contribute pro rata amounts to a fund of $1,000.00, to be raised by the Presbytery, to help Murphy Church complete its Manse.

The Commission to Organize a Church at Weaverville reported, through its Secretary, Rev. P. N. Gresham, which Report was approved, and follows in summary:

The Commission met in the Methodist Protestant Church, Weaverville, N. C., 4:00 P.M., September 12, 1921. Dr. R. F. Campbell preached a sermon from Ex. 4:2, after which the meeting was called to order, the following Commissioners being present: Ministers—R. F. Campbell, G. W. Belk, M. S. Huske, P. N. Gresham; Elders—E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell. Elder T. S. Morrison was excused for non-attendance.

Ten persons presented letters of dismissal from other Churches, and desired to be organized into the Presbyterian Church of Weaverville. Upon their covenanting to walk together as a Church, they were duly organized, and declared to be constituted a Church, according to the Book of Church Order and the Word of God.

P. N. GRESHAM, Clerk.

Ruling Elders, W. A. Osborne, Oak Dale; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; and D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; were enrolled, and, upon rendering explanation, were excused for tardiness.

Ruling Elders, H. A. Osborne and Jas. R. Sheffield, along with Rev. Edw. Mack, D.D., and Rev. S. R. Crockett, were also enrolled.

At 10:45 A.M., Presbytery receded from business, to hear the Presbyterial Sermon.

At 11:00 A.M., Rev. Geo. W. Belk preached the Presbyterial Sermon, from Rev. 21. It was a powerful discourse, and much enjoyed by all. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed, after which recess was taken for luncheon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

From 2:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M., Presbytery entered into a Popular Meeting on the State of Religion within its bounds. This was featured by Reports on Sabbath School Work and Laymen's Work. This Conference gave evidence that the laymen are becoming more active.

A very pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presence of the children from the Mountain Orphanage. They sang hymns and recited Scripture, and so refreshed the Presbytery very much.

Dr. R. C. Anderson was granted the floor, and spoke on Montreat and the Montreat School.

At 5:15 P.M., Presbytery took recess till the evening session.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Presbytery convened at 8:00 P.M., and engaged in fifteen minutes' devotional exercise.

Dr. Edward Mack made his Report as Commissioner to the General Assembly, in St. Louis, which was approved

The Presbytery, by unanimous consent, then suspended business, to witness the pageant, "We Never Knew," given by the young ladies of the Hendersonville Church, in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Dr. R. F. Campbell spoke, by the appointment of Presbytery, upon the "Presbyterian Progressive Program."

Presbytery adjourned, with song and benediction, to 9:15 A.M., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:15 A.M., and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, the Minutes to date were read, corrected, and approved.

The Report of the Waynesville Committee was received and approved, and is as follows:

"Your Committee, appointed at Bryson City, to Install Rev. S. R. Crockett, Pastor of the Waynesville Church, met there on the first Sunday in July, 1921, and performed the work, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church."

W. S. HUTCHISON, Secretary.

Rev. J. O. Reavis, D.D., of Suwannee Presbytery, was introduced, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported failure to receive a supply of Bibles asked of the American Bible Society, and requested that Presbytery make appropriation to buy such supply for our local use. It was hence ordered that not exceeding fifty per cent of the regular contributions to Bible Cause be retained hereafter, by the Treasurer, for this purpose.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was received, and approved.

Dr. Campbell was asked to report of Mr. J. H. McConnell's attendance upon General Assembly, Mr. McConnell being absent from Presbytery. Dr. Campbell made the Report, and it was approved.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was approved, and the recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. That Presbytery urge the observance of October 30th as Foreign Missions Day in all Sunday Schools, and the organization of a Class in every Church, to study Bedinger's "Triumphs of the Gospel in the Belgian Congo."

2. That Presbytery urge Churches, Societies and individuals to assume definite obligations to support work on the Foreign Field.

3. That Presbytery emphasize the need of better physical equipment and more recruits for the Foreign Field, especially the need of missionary doctors and nurses.

M. S. HUSKE, Chairman.

By action of Presbytery, the name of the Oak Dale Church was changed to Rugby.

Presbytery reconsidered the Highlands matter, as regards the incorporation of the Shortoff Church into the Highlands Church, and rescinded its dissolution of the Shortoff Church. The Stated Clerk was instructed to notify the Shortoff Church of this action.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly was approved, and its recommendation, that Presbytery approve the amendments to the Form of Government sent down by the Assembly of 1921, was adopted.

The call of the Andrews Church for the pastoral services of Mr. E. H. Bird, was accepted by him, and the following Commission appointed to ordain and install him, 8:00 P.M., September 28, 1921: Ministers—R. P. Smith, S. R. Crockett, J. T. Gillespie, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison; Elders—J. H. Dillard, D. M. Killian, H. C. Lindsley.

At 10:55 A.M., recess was taken to the 11:00 o'clock, A.M., hour.

At 11:00 A.M., under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Committee, Dr. J. O. Reavis, Field Secretary of Foreign Missions, delivered an Address on the "Work of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions."

The Committee on Nominations made the following Report, which was approved: Rev. S. R. Crockett, for next Moderator; Rev. R. S. Eskridge, to preach the Presbyterial Sermon; E. J. Griset, in the place of Rev. J. F. Ligon, and J. J. Conyers additional member of the Home Missions Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Records of Presbytery was approved, and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. That a Presbyterial Calendar be printed in the front of the Minutes and a statistical sheet in the back.

2. That names and addresses of the following officials of each Church be printed in the Minutes: Clerk of Session, Church Treasurer, Chairman of Board of Deacons, Superintendent of Sunday School.

The recommendation of the Committee on the Sabbath and

Family Religion, concerning the Lord's Day Alliance, was adopted, as follows:

That all our Churches be urged to set aside the third Sunday in November for the presentation, from Sunday School and pulpit, of the cause of the Lord's Day Alliance, and to take an offering for same.

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was approved.

The First Church, Asheville, was chosen as the place for the next meeting, April 4, 1922, 8:00 P.M., and Dr. R. F. Campbell and Elder T. S. Morrison were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Stated Clerk's Report to Synod was approved, and is condensed as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully reports, to the Synod of Appalachia: 21 Ministers, 28 Churches, 1 Candidate, 2,758 Communicants, 182 Added on Profession, 178 On Certificate, 2 Ministers Received During Year, 2 Churches Organized, 3 Pastors Installed, 29 Sunday Schools, 8 Foreign Missionaries. Aggregate of funds raised for year ending March 31, 1921, $70,000.00.

The following Resolution of Thanks was unanimously adopted:

Be It Resolved, That we, the Presbytery of Asheville, in stated session, in the Rugby Church, take this means of giving official expression to our deep gratitude toward the members of the Rugby Church; to Rev. J. F. Ligon, of the Hendersonville Church; and to the good people of the Rugby, Mills River and Hendersonville communities, for the manifold kindness and generous hospitality, extended to us all during the session here.

The Minutes to date were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned at 1:00 P.M., to meet in the First Church, Asheville, April 4, 1922.

M. S. HUSKE, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING, FIRST CHURCH

Asheville, N. C., November 14, 1921.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in pro re nata session, at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, November 12, 1921, 12:00 A.M., and was called to order by Rev. M. S. Huske, the Moderator.

The following were present: Ministers—M. S. Huske, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester; Elders—E. E. White.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. M. S. Huske,

after which he asked Dr. R. F. Campbell to act as Moderator. The call for the meeting was read and found to be in order.

Rev. M. S. Huske, Stated Supply of the Black Mountain Church, requested that a letter of dismissal to Orange Presbytery be given him, that he might accept the pastorate of the Reidsville (N. C.) Church.

Elder E. E. White, of the Black Mountain Church, stated that his Church concurred in the request.

Presbytery then took action, granting the papers of dismissal. Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Clerk Pro Tem.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

FIRST CHURCH, ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C., April 4, 1922.

Asheville Presbytery met in its Fifty-Second Stated Session, at the First Church, Asheville, 8:00 P.M., April 4, 1922, and was called to order by E. J. Griset, the last Moderator, present.

After prayer, the roll was made up as follows: Ministers—R. C. Anderson, G. W. Belk, E. H. Bird, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, J. T. Gillespie, Jno. R. Hay, W. S. Hutchison, J. F. Ligon, W. M. Sikes, R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace; Elders—Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; B. M. Lee, Asheville, First; Chas. P. Reed, Ora Street; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; T. G. Miller, Hazelwood; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; E. C. Dickenson, West Asheville; S. W. Black, Bryson City; J. A. Smyth, Hendersonville; Chas. Tennant, Oak Forest; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; R. L. Gash, Davidson River; J. H. Dillard, Murphy; T. S. Wood, Brevard; W. H. McMurray, Black Mountain.

Rev. S. R. Crockett was elected Moderator, and Rev. Jno. R. Hay Temporary Clerk.

The Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted.

The Minutes of the Pro Re Nata Meeting, November 14, 1921, were read and adopted.

The rest of the evening was devoted to a popular meeting, in the interest of Laymen's Work.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M., and, after devotions conducted by Prof. J. P. Williams, the Minutes to date were read and approved.

A communication from Dr. Edw. Mack, explaining his absence, was received, and he was excused.

The Moderator announced the usual Standing Committees.

At 9:30 A.M., Presbytery entered into a popular meeting, on Sunday School Work, Dr. R. P. Smith presiding. Chairman E. J. Griset read his Report, consideration of which was made the first order when business should be resumed.

Then followed a number of excellent short addresses, concluded by round table discussion. Recess was taken till 2:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery resumed business at 2:00 P.M. A Report from Chas. B. Boyles, giving the amounts contributed by the Churches of this Presbytery to Schools and Colleges, was received as information.

Rev. M. C. Liddell, of Augusta Presbytery, was introduced, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Report of the Sunday School Committee was now taken up and its recommendations severally discussed and adopted. Special action in regard to Recommendation No. 4 was:

1. That, to carry out the provisions of Recommendation No. 4, E. J. Griset be authorized to raise money to buy a car, by appealing to the Sunday Schools of the Presbytery.

2. That the expense account of this recommendation be referred to the Home Missions Committee, with the recommendation that it be granted, if the funds are available.

The Report was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION

Your Committee begs to report as follows: Number of Active Schools, 28; Officers and Teachers, 251; Scholars, 1,992; Cradle Roll, 235; Home Department, 895; Total Membership, 3,368; Pupils Who Made Profession of Faith During Year, 102; Total Contributions to Benevolent Causes, $3,579.00; Total Current Expenses, $2,122.00; Grand Total For All Causes, $5,734; Net Gain Over Last Year, 3 New Schools and 337 Scholars.

Our records show that 12 Schools have Cradle Rolls, 11 have Home Departments, and 4 have Teacher Training Classes.

Your Committee, with the aid of Mr. J. E. Lancaster and Dr. J. J. Fix, held nine Institutes; Schools Represented, 20; Total Attendance, 524.

Field Worker J. E. Lancaster visited 35 Schools in Session, 248 Homes, Made 58 Addresses, Organized 3 New Schools, 2 Teacher Training Classes, 2 Workers' Conferences, and 1 School of Methods. He traveled a total of 4,117 miles, at an expense of $319.50. We make the following recommendations:

1. That Pastors and Superintendents co-operate with this Committee in holding Institutes, organizing our Post Sunday Schools, Home Departments, Cradle Rolls, Teacher Training Classes, Workers' Conferences, and Schools of Methods.

2. That the Efficiency Chart be adopted, as a means of making each School more efficient, and we urge that all Schools take more advantage of our Field Worker's services.

3. That Pastors should urge their Sunday School Officers and Teachers to take full advantage of the Circulating Library, donated by the Home Department of the First Church, Asheville, for the use of Sunday School Workers. These books may be had by applying to Mr. J. E. Lancaster.

4. In view of the fact that it is impossible to do real progressive work without entailing some expense, greater than the average individual should be called upon to meet, your Committee has come to the conclusion that something must be done, if we wish to keep abreast of present day conditions; and, in view of the fact that the present salary of our Field Worker is barely sufficient for his family expenses, we respectfully request that Presbytery take some definite steps to provide a means of conveyance and an expense account.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. GRISET, Chairman.

(Note—Above Report includes Report of Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools, as per action of Presbytery, first item, Thursday morning.)

The following communications were received: An overture, written by Dr. R. F. Campbell, wherein Asheville Presbytery requests the General Assembly to place the Lord's Day Alliance upon the regular budget.

An overture, also by Dr. R. F. Campbell, wherein Asheville Presbytery asks the General Assembly to change the condition, requiring the Mountain Retreat Association to vest the title of the Montreat Property in the Trustees of the General Assembly before receiving $200,000 of the General Equipment Fund.

These two overtures were adopted, and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

Communications from Brevard and Davidson River Churches and their Pastor, Rev. Jno. R. Hay, relative to a change of plan in that field, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Mr. E. H. Norwood's request for a letter of dismissal to the M. E. Church, South, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from Mr. R. E. Magill, urging activity in the interest of Near East Relief, was read. On motion of Dr. R. F. Campbell, the following Special Committee was appointed to represent this Cause in Asheville Presbytery: J. P. Williams,

T. G. Miller, J. E. Lancaster.

A communication from Rev. M. B. Lambdin, relative to retirement of aged ministers, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from Brownwood Presbytery, relative to one R. H. Stanley, was received as information.

A letter from Dr. W. L. Lingle, relative to conditions at Davidson College, was read, and referred to the Trustees of Davidson College.

A letter from Dr. Lingle, in regard to placing the Assembly's Training School on our regular budget, was marked for consideration later.

A communication from Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath was referred to our Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion.

Rev. J. T. Gillespie was made the Chairman of the Committee on Narrative, in the stead of Rev. W. S. Hutchison, resigned.

Sessional Reports and Sessional Records were referred to the proper Committees.

Rev. Jno. R. Hay made the Report of the Davidson College Trustees, which was received, and the recommendations adopted. The Report follows:

Your Trustees report that they have been as faithful as possible in attending meetings of the Board at Davidson.

The Report of President Martin to Presbytery (letter read) gives information as to conditions at Davidson.

We recommend: That Presbytery give its hearty approval to the Campaign for $600,000, to replace the Chambers Building.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON,
JNO. R. HAY.

At 3:40 P.M., recess was taken till 4:30 P.M., to let Committees have time to work.

At 4:30 P.M., Presbytery came to order, and the Committee on Bills and Overtures rendered a Report, which was approved, and its recommendations adopted (except No. 4, which was deferred.)

1. That the pastoral relation between Rev. Jno. R. Hay and the Davidson River Church be dissolved, in accordance with joint request of pastor and people.

2. That the Brevard Church be authorized to amend its call to Rev. Jno. R. Hay, so as to call him for all of his time, and pay him a yearly salary of $1,800.00 and Manse.

3. That Asheville Presbytery respond to the communication of Rev. M. B. Lambdin, by sending up to the Assembly an overture, asking that the Executive Committee of Ministerial Relief be instructed to pay annuities to aged ministers, etc., upon the recommendation of the several Presbyterial Committees only (i.e. without subjecting the applicant to the answering of certain questions that seem humiliating.)

*4. That Mr. E. H. Norwood be granted a letter of dismissal to the M. E. Church, South, in Brevard, with the additional statement that Mr. Norwood was a minister, in good and regular standing, of Asheville Presbytery, and at his own request was permitted to demit without censure.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

*This recommendation was postponed till Mr. Norwood should appear in person.

Presbytery took recess till 8:00 P.M.

HOME MISSIONS NIGHT

Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.

On Wednesday evening, a popular meeting was held, in the interest of Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell presided. After he had read his Report, as Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, and, pending its consideration, there were brief addresses, as follows: Dr. R. P. Smith spoke on "Twenty-Five Years Of Progress In Asheville Presbytery"; Geo. L. Newton, Superintendent of the Maxwell School, on "Some Possibilities At Maxwell"; and R. D. Bedinger, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, on "Child Training in the Mountain Orphanage."

Dr. Tilden Scherer and Dr. R. C. Anderson were each granted ten minutes, to speak on their respective Schools.

The Report of the Committee was then approved, and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. That every Church receiving aid be urged to make the Every-Member Canvass annually, and to report to the Home Missions Committee what percentage of the membership contributes regularly to the support of the Church. The Presbytery would feel more inclined to help those showing this evidence of an earnest desire to help themselves.

2. That the Montreat School, which is an intersynodical institution, be recognized as in a peculiar sense a valuable educational agency of Asheville Presbytery, within whose bounds it is situated; and that it be commended to the patronage and liberal support of our people, as one of our Presbyterial Schools.

3. That the Session of each Church appoint an agent to take subscriptions for Our Mountain Work, and that the subscriptions be made to run from May 1st to May 1st following.

4. That the Committee be authorized to take whatever steps they may deem advisable to raise $25,000 during the next twelve months, for the new building, to be erected for the Mountain Orphanage.

5. That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to Mr. Valentine, of Richmond, for the donation of a lot for the Manse at Murphy; to the Home Ice & Oil Company, of Hendersonville, for the contribution of $2,000 to the Mountain Orphanage; and to Mr. Joseph Sluder, of Asheville, for a gift of $500.00, also to the Mountain Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Rev. Mr. Blaney, of the Canton Y.M.C.A., was introduced to the Court, and received as a visiting brother.

The Committee on Narrative rendered a Report, which was approved, and its recommendation adopted. The following is a summary:

Total Number of Churches, 27; Total Number of Reports, 22; 63% of Members Attend Morning Worship; 47% of Members Attend Evening Worship; 23% of Members Attend Prayer Meeting; Only 7 Churches Report Prayer Meetings; 21 Churches Report Communion Services, with an average of 60% of Membership Communing; Additions on Profession, 174; Additions on Certificate, 180; Additions from the Sunday Schools, 110; Only 7 Churches report Evangelistic Services; 11 Churches paid all Benevolences in full; 12 report not in full.

Very little evangelistic work, outside of the Churches, has been done.

Your Committee recommends that Religion in the Home, especially the Family Altar, be urged from the pulpit.

J. T. GILLESPIE, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and approved. Presbytery took recess till 9:00 A.M. tomorrow.

THURSDAY MORNING

Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M., and was led in devotions by Elder T. G. Miller. The Minutes to date were read and approved.

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath School Work was approved, and ordered incorporated with the Report of the Committee on Sunday School Extension.

Dr. Lingle's request, that the Assembly's Training School be placed on our budget, was taken up, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to write Dr. Lingle, saying that Asheville Presbytery is already contributing to the Training School, through the Synodical Fund for Schools and Colleges.

The Report of the Nominating Committee, amended by placing Rev. G. W. Belk on the Committee on Evangelism, was adopted, and is as follows:

Next Moderator, Rev. P. N. Gresham; Alternate, Rev. J. T. Gillespie; Presbyterial Sermon, Rev. Jno. R. Hay, on the subject, "The Duty Of A Denomination To Itself" (Eph. 4:15-16.) Trustee of Davidson College, Ruffner Campbell; Foreign Missions Committee—Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chairman; Rev. J. T. Gillespie, New Member; Committee on Evangelism—Rev. Geo. W. Belk, New Member.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. BELK, Chairman.

The Report of the Presbytery's Committee on the Presbyterian Progressive Program was approved, and is as follows:

Your Presbyterial Manager visited in person the vacant Churches, preached on Stewardship, and tried to help them plan for adequate effort in the Every-Member Canvass. He sent out literature to all the Churches, and in the columns of Our Mountain Work urged the Canvass and prompt report thereof. Up to April 1st, reports have been received as follows:

	Quota	Pledged
Asheville, First Church	$18,000	$15,000
Bethel	250	250
Black Mountain	500	500
Brevard	400	400
Bryson	500	700
Canton	300	200
Covenanters'	50	50
Davidson River	400	400
Etowah	50	50
Franklin	200	200
Hazelwood	100	107
Hendersonville	1,625	3,000
Mills River	200	200
Montreat	1,500	1,500
Murphy	300	300

Oak Forest	50	50
Ora Street	200	300
Ravensford	100	100
Slagle Memorial	100	100
Waynesville	600	600
West Asheville	400	400

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Upon motion of Dr. R. F. Campbell, it was ordered that Dr. R. P. Smith and Rev. W. S. Hutchison find a suitable Office Assistant, so that their own time might be more fully devoted to the higher duties of superintending the Home Mission Work, and of preaching the gospel in destitute places.

Rev. W. M. Sikes and Rev. R. C. Anderson were appointed to conduct the Presbyterial Communion, assisted by Elders I. J. Archer, M. M. Brittain, H. C. Lindsley, and C. M. Siniard.

The Committee on Laymen's Home Missions made the following Report, which was approved, and the appended recommendation adopted:

Your Committee had endeavored to create interest in Laymen's Work. But very little of a definite character had been accomplished until we succeeded in getting a large number of laymen to come to Presbytery in Asheville. They met at 3:30 P.M., April 4, 1922, and, after several spirited talks, a motion was passed, to establish a laymen's organization in the Presbytery, with J. P. Williams, T. G. Miller and R. L. Prevost as officers. The object is to perfect local organizations of laymen over the Presbytery.

In view of this action, your Committee recommends that this laymen's organization have official standing with the Presbytery, and that its officers be recognized hereafter at every meeting of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. DICKENSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following Report, which was approved, and its recommendations adopted:

Your Committee regrets to report only one candidate for the ministry, under care of this Presbytery.

The contributions of the Churches of the Presbytery, to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, have been most gratifying.

The Presbytery has upon its roll seven beneficiaries, who have received in the aggregate $2,800 during the year. We recommend:

1. In view of the fact that we have only one candidate for the ministry, that this matter receive the prayerful attention of Pastors and Sessions, that they co-operate with the Assembly's Committee in bringing this matter to the attention of the young men of our Church, and that sermons be preached, from time to time, bearing upon this subject.

2. That aid be continued to the following in the following amounts: Mrs. Kate Hudson, $400.00; Mrs. Harriet W. Davis, $400.00; Mrs. Anna E. Sample, $500.00; Rev. W. J. Sechrest, $600.00; Rev. P. P. Winn, $400.00; Mrs. Anton Ver Hulst, $400.00; Miss Mollie Hood, $200.00.

3. That the Student Loan Fund be brought to the attention of the Sunday Schools and Women's Societies of the Presbytery, and that they be urged to make contributions direct to that phase of the Executive Committee's work, during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. LIGON, Chairman.

The Treasurer of Presbytery rendered the following Report, which was approved:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1922

Presbytery's Missions	$12,208
Synod's Missions	1,225
Assembly's Missions	1,465
Foreign Missions	7,500
Schools and Colleges	1,594
Ministerial Education and Relief	1,059
Sunday School Extension	1,310
Bible Cause	185
Orphanages	9,362
Christian Education	3,309
Miscellaneous	2,665
Contingent Fund	456
Undistributed	3,629
Total	$45,910

R. P. SMITH, Treasurer.

At 10:55 A.M., Presbytery receded from business, to prepare for the Presbyterial Sermon and Communion. The sermon was preached by Rev. R. S. Eskridge; subject, "The Victorious Church." The Lord's Supper was then administered, and Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P.M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At 2:00 P.M., Presbytery reconvened. A motion was passed, authorizing the Stated Clerk to collect the balance due on Contingent Fund, and, for the incoming year, to add one-third to the pro rata tax of each Church.

A motion was passed, favoring the continuation of our appropriation to the Federal Council of Churches.

The following Report of the Committee on Church Societies was approved, and its recommendations adopted:

	Women's	Christian Endeavor	Men's & Boys'
No. of Societies	16	13	11
Total Membership	801	297	285

Benevolent Contributions

Foreign Missions	$2,182.00	$ 55.00
Assembly's Home Missions	464.00	6.00
Synod's Home Missions	70.00	10.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	333.00	-------
Congregational Home Missions	111.00	-------
Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	143.00	7.00
Sunday School Extension	38.00	-------
Educational Institutes	824.00	-------
Bible Cause	15.00	-------
Orphans' Homes	1,277.00	30.00
Current Expenses, Etc.	1,512.00	64.00
Miscellaneous	1,003.00	83.00
Totals	$7,972.00	$255.00

Your Committee recommends:

1. That Christian Endeavor or other Societies be organized in all Churches not having them.

2. That all Church Societies be taught to contribute to Benevolences.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. CHEDESTER, Chairman.

Dr. R. C. Anderson and Dr. I. J. Archer were appointed to write a Memorial to Rev. Anton Ver Hulst, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to print same in the Minutes.

Mr. E. H. Norwood, having appeared in person and requested a letter of dismissal to the Brevard M. E. Church, South, Recommendation No. 4 of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Norwood a letter, fulfilling the requirements of said recommendation. (Q. V., last item, Wednesday P.M., above.)

The Auditing Committee reported that it found the Treasurer's books neatly kept, and having all marks of painstaking accuracy.

Upon invitation of Miss Bertha Abernethy, Presbytery chose, by unanimous rising vote, the Covenanters' Church as the place of the Fall Meeting.

The Home Missions Committee was authorized to take steps, looking to the creation of a Church and Manse Erection Board.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected, after looking to God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit: Principals—Rev. R. C. Anderson and Elder J. D. Murphy; Alternates—Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Elder E. J. Griset.

Presbytery took action, requesting Rev. R. S. Eskridge to send his sermon on "The Victorious Church" to the Church Papers for publication.

The Judicial Committee reported no work to do, and requested to be discharged. The request was granted.

The following Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was approved, and its recommendations adopted:

We call Presbytery's attention to the fact that for two years there has been a growing deficit in the Foreign Missions Treasury, and that the logical effects of such a shortage will be to discourage the workers on the field, the Executive Committee, and finally the Church at large. Such a course, if not corrected, will lead, not only to the curtailment of our Progressive Program for Foreign Missions, but also to an actual contraction of our efforts. We recommend:

1. That our Churches be commended for what they have given to Foreign Missions, and encouraged to do even more and more.

2. That, wherever possible, funds be sent promptly each month to our Presbyterial Treasurer, so as to prevent the accumulation of such funds through the year in the local Church Treasury.

3. That Presbytery now join in a prayer of intercession for all Foreign Missionaries, but especially for our own representatives—Rev. F. M. Eversole, Mrs. Robt. D. Bedinger, Miss Belle Setser, Miss Annie Gray, Dr. Louise M. Ingersoll, Miss E. V. Lee, Mrs. Lowry Davis, Rev. P. P. Winn, Miss Annie M. Fletcher, Miss Georgia McKay, Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, Dr. Margery Lord, Miss Lydia Pettus—and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write a letter of greeting and encouragement to each of these.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. ESKRIDGE, Chairman.

Dr. R. F. Campbell led the Presbytery in this prayer. Dr. R. C. Anderson was granted five minutes, to talk about Montreat.

Owing to the fact that Presbytery met so soon after the end of the Church Year, the Stated Clerk had not had time to make out the Statistical Report to the General Assembly. He was granted more time, and instructed to submit said Report, when finished, to the review of the Home Missions Committee, before sending it on to the Assembly.

Rev. Jno. R. Hay was elected Chairman of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions.

It was agreed to have an adjourned meeting at Murphy, May 10, 1922, 8:00 P.M., to receive and install Rev. M. C. Liddell.

The Andrews Commission made the following Report, which was approved:

The Commission, appointed at Rugby, to ordain Licentiate E. H. Bird and install him Pastor at Andrews, met in Andrews Church, 8:00 P.M., September 28, 1921, and, after sermon by Mr. Bird, proceeded to the examination, the following members being present: Ministers—R. P. Smith, S. R. Crockett, J. T. Gillespie, W. S. Hutchison; Elders—J. H. Dillard, D. M. Killian, H. C. Lindsley.

After a thorough examination, Mr. Bird's trial was approved, as a whole, and he was then ordained to the gospel ministry, by the laying on of hands, and declared duly elected and installed Pastor of the Andrews Church. Dr. Smith charged the Pastor, and Mr. Hutchison the people.

Mr. Bird was granted evangelistic powers, to the extent that he may receive members within the bounds of his field, when not convenient to have a Session, and enroll them in one of his organized Churches, viz: Andrews or Hayesville.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned with prayer.

W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

The following vote of thanks was passed by unanimous rising vote:

"The Presbytery of Asheville desires to express its hearty and abounding thanks to the Asheville Churches and people, especially the ladies, for the service, so abundantly contributing to our comfort and delight, by replenishing our daily needs; and for the genial good fellowship enjoyed by us all. May the Master richly recompense them with every good blessing."

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. BELK.

The following recommendations of the Committee on Nominations was received and adopted:

1. That Rev. P. N. Gresham be nominated as Moderator of the next meeting, with Rev. J. T. Gillespie as Alternate.
2. That Rev. Jno. R. Hay preach the Presbyterial Sermon, upon the subject, "The Duty Of A Denomination To Itself."
3. That Mr. Ruffner Campbell be appointed a Trustee of Davidson College, to succeed Rev. Jno. R. Hay, resigned.
4. That Rev. R. S. Eskridge be made Chairman, and Rev. J. T. Gillespie a Member, of the Foreign Missions Committee.
5. That Rev. Geo. W. Belk be made a member of the Committee on Evangelism.

At 4:10 P.M., after the reading and approval of today's Minutes, Presbytery adjourned, in the usual way, to meet in Murphy, N. C., 8:00 P.M., May 10, 1922.

S. R. CROCKETT, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

REV. ANTON VER HULST, D.D.

Asheville Presbytery would place on record an expression of its love and esteem of Rev. Anton Ver Hulst, D.D., who fell asleep November 9, 1921. In the death of Dr. Ver Hulst, the Church, and especially Asheville Presbytery, sustained a distinct loss. He died at the age of 35.

He was a young man of brilliant mind, and a good preacher of scholarly attainments. His energy was greater than the strength of his body, which was not robust. Dr. Ver Hulst graduated from Hope College, in Michigan; spent a year at New Brunswick, and graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, receiving the Degree of B.D. His first pastorate was in Carlisle, Kentucky. From this place he was called to Jonesboro, Arkansas. This Church rapidly developed under his ministry.

He was active in the civic life of his home town, and was Director of City Charities for two years. He was active also in the drives in Church and civic work during the recent war. On account of failing health, he took one year's vacation in Colorado. He then accepted a call to the Montreat Church, Montreat, N. C., where he served most acceptably as Pastor for two years. He rendered valuable service in assisting in the Campaign for $100,000.00 for Greater Montreat, and did especially good service in connection with the publicity of this work.

He received a call to the Chair of Bible and Philosophy at King College, Bristol, Tennessee, and accepted this position, which he filled with ability, up to his last illness. He also preached regularly in Bristol while filling this position. His death came as a shock to his many friends in the pastorates in which he had served, and especially to Asheville Presbytery, of which he was a member. He received the Degree of D.D. from King College in May, 1921. He was a member of the Board of Louisville Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

He was married in 1913 to Miss Irene Brusse, and is survived by two daughters, Christine Mary and Patricia, and by his devoted and excellent wife. The sincere sympathy of the Presbytery is hereby expressed to the members of his immediate family, and his relatives.

Montreat, N. C.

REV. R. C. ANDERSON,
DR. I. J. ARCHER.

ADJOURNED MEETING IN MURPHY

Murphy, N. C., May 10, 1922.

Pursuant to adjournment, in Asheville, Presbytery met, 8:00 P.M., in the Murphy Church, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. T. Gillespie.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder J. H. Dillard was chosen to moderate the meeting.

The following were present: Ministers—J. T. Gillespie, E. H. Bird, W. S. Hutchison; Elders—H. C. Lindsley, J. H. Dillard.

Rev. M. C. Liddell presented papers of dismissal from Athens Presbytery. By common consent, examination was waived, and Mr. Liddell was received. The call of the Murphy Church for his pastoral services was found in order, and placed in his hands. He accepted, and was duly installed Pastor of the Murphy Church.

The Andrews-Hayesville group of Churches, not having rendered any Report at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, had been requested to report to this adjourned meeting. Both Churches had representatives present, and Rev. E. H. Bird, the Pastor, was also present. After full consideration, Mr. J. H. Dillard submitted the following resolution, which unanimously carried:

"Be it resolved, by Asheville Presbytery, in adjourned session, at Murphy, N. C., May 10, 1922, after having heard from delegations from the Churches at Andrews and Hayesville, served by Rev. E. H. Bird, each of which state that their congregations are satisfied with Mr. Bird's services and desire a continuation thereof, that we recommend to the Home Missions Committee to continue its aid to these Churches, upon receipt from them of a definite pledge and definite request for aid."

Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville Presbytery convened in Pro Re Nata Session, at the First Church, Asheville, 3:00 P.M., June 24, 1922, and was called to order by the Moderator.

The following members were present: Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. M. Sikes, S. R. Crockett, P. N. Gresham, W. P. Chedester, R. S. Eskridge, W. S. Hutchison; Elders—E. J. Griset, J. E. Lancaster, Geo. Hartfield.

Dr. R. P. Smith led in prayer. The call was found in order, and its items of business dispatched as follows:

1. Canton's request to change the terms of its call, so as to make pastor's salary $1,800.00, instead of $2,000.00, was granted, new terms to become effective not earlier than July 1, 1922.

2. Licentiate H. B. Dendy presented papers of dismissal from Athens Presbytery, and was received.

He was duly examined for ordination, and approval of his examination, as a whole, was suspended till he should preach his trial sermon, at Covenanters' Church.

A Commission was appointed to ordain and install him, at Covenanters' Church, 3:30 P.M., the next day: Ministers—R. S. Eskridge, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester; Elders—J. H. McConnell, E. J. Griset.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned with the benediction.

S. R. CROCKETT, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION TO COVENANTERS' CHURCH

The Commission, appointed to ordain and install H. B. Dendy, at Covenanters' Church, met at said Church, 3:30 P.M., June 25, 1922. The following were present: Ministers—R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, R. S. Eskridge, W. P. Chedester; Elders—E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell.

R. S. Eskridge presided, and Dr. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

The call was found in order, with the exception that it had not been signed. By vote of the congregation, the Church Officers were authorized to sign the call. This they did, and Mr. Dendy signified his acceptance, and preached his ordination sermon. His examination, as a whole, was approved, and the regular ordination and installation services followed.

Mr. Dendy was granted evangelistic powers within the bounds of his field, North Buncombe.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

W. P. CHEDESTER, Clerk Pro Tem.

FIFTY-THIRD STATED SESSION

Asheville Presbytery met in its Fifty-Third Stated Session, at Covenanters' Church, 7:30 P.M., October 3, 1922. After sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. S. R. Crockett, Presbytery was opened with prayer.

The roll was called and the following were present: Ministers—G. W. Belk, E. H. Bird, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, J. T. Gillespie, Jno. R. Hay, W. S. Hutchison, J. F. Ligon, W. M. Sikes, R. P. Smith; Elders—J. J. Conyers, W. C. Green, H. A. Osborne, W. A. Dillingham, C. F. Woodfin, T. G. Miller, I. J. Archer, J. H. Burgin, C. P. Reed, I. J. Brown, Geo. Hartfield, J. E. Lancaster.

Rev. P. N. Gresham was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. T. Gillespie Temporary Clerk.

The Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted. The Minutes to date were read and approved.

Rev. Harry Boehme presented papers of dismissal from Philadelphia Presbytery, and asked to be received. His examination was made the first order tomorrow.

Letters of dismissal were granted Dr. Edw. Mack to East Hanover, and Rev. W. J. Sechrest to Central Texas.

A communication from the Lord's Day Alliance was referred to the Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion. (Dr. Campbell, Chairman Pro Tem.)

Rev. T. E. Simpson was granted permission to labor outside of our bounds.

Presbytery took recess till 9:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Presbytery met 9:00 A.M. The Devotions were conducted by Rev. Harry Boehme. The Minutes of last night were read and approved. The Standing Committees were appointed.

A letter from Dr. Tilden Scherer, concerning King College, was made the second order today.

Rev. R. B. Taggart requested, by letter, to be received, presenting papers from Concord Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to write him to come to the next Stated Meeting in person.

A communication from Dr. R. C. Anderson, concerning the Montreat School, was referred to the Home Missions Committee.

Four pastoral calls were presented, as follows: Mills River and Davidson River Churches, for the services of Rev. W. S. Hutchison; Weaverville and Covenanters' Churches, for Rev. H. B. Dendy. These were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Harry Boehme was carefully examined upon Experimental Religion (Gresham), Church Government and Sacraments (Ligon), and Theology (Dr. Campbell.) His examination was deemed satisfactory, and he was received.

The second order, the financial needs of King College, was now taken up, and Dr. Scherer's recommendations dealt with, as follows:

1. That Asheville Presbytery assume $2,000 of the $10,000 current expense deficit and send a Committee to Synod, there to confer with the other Presbyteries and Synod's Committee, with a view to adjusting the percentages, so as to produce the required sum.

(Note—We approved this as to the Conference, and instructed our representatives to strive for a readjustment, so that Asheville's part should be not more than $1,500. Our Committee on the Presbyterian Progressive Program was instructed to work over this matter, in preparation for the Conference at Synod.)

2. That an urgent appeal be sent up to Synod and down to the Churches, asking that this cause be given the largest possible support, at this critical time, and that the percentage basis recommended by Synod and the Presbyteries be adopted.

3. That Presbytery adjourn, to meet at Synod, to attend to any business growing out of above.

These last two we approved. At 10:45 A.M., recess was taken till 11:00 A.M.

At 11:00 A.M., Rev. Jno. R. Hay preached the Presbyterial Sermon, upon the subject, "A Denomination's Duty To Itself," (Eph. 4:15-16), and the Lord's Supper followed, after which Presbytery took recess for luncheon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

At 3:00 P.M., following a sermon by Rev. Geo. W. Belk, Presbytery came to order.

Dr. Campbell's Report (as Chairman of the Committee on the Sabbath, etc.) concerning the Lord's Day Alliance, was adopted, as follows:

"We are heartily in favor of the aims of the Lord's Day Alliance, but inasmuch as the General Assembly has not yet placed it on the budget, we recommend that Asheville Presbytery do not either. However, we do recommend that the attention of the Churches be called to this cause, and that Pastors preach a special sermon and take an offering for the Lord's Day Alliance the fourth Sunday in June each year."

On motion of Dr. R. P. Smith, a Builders' League was launched; Rev. S. R. Crockett, T. G. Miller, J. T. Bailey, Committee in Charge. Purpose—To raise funds and encourage Churches to build or improve Manses, Churches, Mission Houses, etc.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the calls of Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. H. B. Dendy in order, and, accordingly, the calls were placed in the hands of these Brethren.

Mr. J. E. Lancaster rendered the following Report on the Special Bible Fund, which was approved, and the Report ordered printed in the Minutes:

Receipts

By Cash, R. P. Smith, Treasurer	$68.50
By Cash, For Two Bibles Sold	1.40
Total	$69.90

Disbursements

To Cash, 100 Bibles Bought	$64.50
To Cash, Freight and Drayage	4.00
To Cash, Postage	1.15
Total	$69.65

Cash balance, 25 cents; Number of Bibles Distributed, 66; Number of Bibles on Hand, 34.

At 4:00 P.M., Presbytery took recess, to go in a body to visit the home of Miss Bertha Abernethy, veteran missionary of the Big Ivy section.

HOME MISSIONS NIGHT

At 7:30 P.M., Presbytery assembled for a popular meeting, in the interest of Home Missions. Dr. Campbell presided, and read his Report, as Chairman of the Committee. Pending consideration of this Report, addresses were made by Rev. Harry Boehme, about the Black Mountain Field; by Rev. H. B. Dendy, concerning the Maxwell Farm; by Rev. R. P. Smith, in behalf of the Mountain Orphanage Building Campaign; and by Dr. I. J. Archer, for the Mountain Orphanage Building Committee.

The Report of the Committee was approved, and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. That a Campaign be inaugurated at once to raise $60,000 for building the new Mountain Orphanage.

2. That Dr. R. P. Smith be asked to present this cause to the Churches of the Presbytery.

3. That, as soon as possible, we employ a man to organize the Campaign in all our Churches.

4. That Dr. Smith be authorized to make such an arrangement with Rev. H. B. Dendy, to assist him in the evangelistic work of the Home Missions Committee, as will not conflict with Mr. Dendy's work as Pastor.

5. That Dr. Smith be authorized to employ a stenographer, to aid him in his correspondence and editorial work.

6. That the Presbytery appropriate, to the Montreat Normal School, 25% of the Presbytery's share of the receipts from the Synodical Campaign, and 25% of the Presbytery's share of the collections in our Churches, for Schools and Colleges.

Presbytery took action, requesting Rev. Geo. W. Belk to begin a series of evangelistic services in the Covenanters' Church, upon the adjournment of Presbytery.

Resolutions from Ora Street Church, expressing deep regret because of the resignation of the Pastor, Rev. W. P. Chedester, and assuring him of the highest personal esteem and loving appreciation, were read, and received as information. Then, pastor and people concurring in the request, Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation.

Elder E. J. Griset made report of his attendance upon the General Assembly, which report was approved, and the diligence of the Commission commended.

Presbytery took recess till 9:00 A.M., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M., and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. F. Ligon. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Presbytery took action, requesting Pastors to present the Builders' League plan to their congregations, in the near future, and organize a Committee of Laymen in each Church to get subscriptions, these to be forwarded promptly to Chairman Crockett.

The resignation of Rev. W. S. Hutchison as Chairman of the Committee on the Presbyterian Progressive Program was accepted, and Mr. P. R. Allen elected to succeed him.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was received and adopted. Rev. J. T. Gillespie was named for Moderator of the next Stated Meeting, and Rev. W. M. Sikes to preach the Presbyterial Sermon. All other nominations are recorded in the Permanent Committees.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was approved, and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. That a Personal Work Campaign be started in all the Churches.

2. That a special one-week evangelistic meeting be conducted in every Church; that our own preachers be used for this purpose; that no preacher receive anything but expenses for this service; and that a special offering be taken during each meeting, to provide for a permanent evangelistic team in the Presbytery.

It was the mind of the Presbytery that the small Churches be given primary consideration in mapping out the evangelistic itinerary.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was approved, and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. That our Missions' need of equipment be made a special subject of prayer.

2. That the Presbytery seek to have all its Churches, especially the smaller, visited by a returned missionary, according to an itinerary arranged by this Committee, and well advertised in advance.

3. That all our Churches be urged to form Study Classes for this current year, using the Mission Text Book, on Mexico, "Sunrise In Aztec Land."

4. That October 29th be observed in all the Sunday Schools as Foreign Mission Day, conforming to the request of the General Assembly, and that all Sunday School Superintendents provide themselves with the book, prepared by the Foreign Missions Educational Department, entitled, "Our Prayer Each Week."

5. That Churches, Societies and individuals assume definite obligation for the support of definite parts of the work abroad.

The Committee on the Records of Presbytery reported the Minutes in good order, but unprinted for two years, owing to lack of funds. This Report was approved.

The standing rule was suspended, and Presbytery set 8:00 P.M., May 1st as the date, and West Asheville Church as the place, of the Spring Meeting of 1923.

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was approved.

The Court accepted the Conference on Evangelism, in lieu of the Free Discussion on the State of Religion.

The Presbytery's Report to Synod was approved, and is, in substance, as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully reports to the Synod of Appalachia as follows: 22 Ministers; 28 Churches; 30 Sunday Schools; 1 Candidate; 3,011 Communicants (Resident, 2,593; Non-Resident, 418); Aggregate of Funds Raised During Year Ending March 31, 1922, $77,000, this being $7,000 more than last year; Added on Profession, 174; On Certificate, 185; Two Ministers Were Received, M. C. Liddell, May 10, 1922; H. B. Dendy, June 24, 1922, both from Athens Presbytery; One was transferred, M. S. Huske, to Orange, November 14, 1921. This Presbytery has 12 Foreign Missionaries, 2 Orphans' Homes, and 2 Home Missions Schools.

The following Resolutions of Appreciation were adopted, by rising vote:

"We, the members of Asheville Presbytery, express our hearty appreciation of the hospitality of this Church and community. We not only desire to thank the people, but also to put on record our appreciation of the kindnesses of Rev. H. B. Dendy and his good wife. Presbytery desires, also, to give expression to its great appreciation of the self-sacrificing labors of Miss Bertha Abernethy in this Church for so long."

The Sunday School Committee, E. J. Griset, Chairman, was given authority to request the Sunday Schools to give their pro rata share of the $300.00 for Mr. J. E. Lancaster's traveling expenses for the coming year.

Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. Jno. R. Hay and Elder C. M. Siniard were appointed a Committee to install Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Pastor of Davidson River Church, the date to be fixed by mutual convenience.

The Minutes were read and approved. At 11:20 A.M., Presbytery adjourned, with singing, prayer and benediction, to meet at Synod, in Johnson City, Tenn.

P. N. GRESHAM, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C., Noon, October 26, 1922.

The Presbytery of Asheville convened in Pro Re Nata Session, in the Pastor's Study, First Church, and was called to order by Rev. P. N. Gresham, the Moderator.

The following were present: Ministers—R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. M. Sikes, Harry Boehme, J. F. Ligon, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, S. R. Crockett, G. W. Belk; Elders—J. E. Lancaster, J. A. Smyth.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. F. Ligon. The call was read, and found in order.

Rev. J. F. Ligon requested dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Hendersonville Church and himself, and asked for papers of dismissal to Mecklenburg, that he might accept the pastorate of the Tenth Avenue Church, Charlotte, N. C. Elder J. A. Smyth, representing the Hendersonville Church, concurred in the request for dissolution.

Therefore, Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation, and granted the certificate of dismissal.

To fill Mr. Ligon's place on various Committees, the following were appointed: Rev. Jno. R. Hay, Chairman, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Rev. Harry Boehme, on the Sunday School Committee; J. A. Smyth, on Progressive Program; Rev. G. W. Belk, on Examinations.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed, with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

P. N. GRESHAM, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT SYNOD

Johnson City, Tenn., November 8, 1922.

The Presbytery met in the First Church. The following members were present: Ministers—G. W. Belk, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Sikes, S. R. Crockett, W. P. Chedester, P. N. Gresham, and Elder Geo. Wright.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The following Committee was appointed to install Rev. Harry Boehme, Pastor of the Black Mountain Church, if the way be clear: Rev. G. W. Belk, Rev. R. C. Anderson, and Elder I. J. Archer.

The Minutes were read and approved. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

P. N. GRESHAM, Moderator.
S. R. CROCKETT, Clerk Pro Tem.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C., Noon, March 8, 1923.

Presbytery met in the Pastor's Study, First Church, and was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. S. R. Crockett.

The following members were present: Ministers—G. W. Belk, R. P. Smith, H. B. Dendy, S. R. Crockett, W. S. Hutchison; Ruling Elders—E. J. Griset, J. J. Conyers.

Rev. Geo. W. Belk led in prayer. The call was read, and found in order. The Andrews Church and Rev. E. H. Bird, concurring in a request for dissolution of the pastoral relation, the request was granted, and Mr. Bird was dismissed to Fort Worth Presbytery.

The other item in the call, viz: Rev. M. C. Liddell and the Murphy Church, asking dissolution of pastoral relation, had to be deferred, owing to lack of information. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write for this information, and the Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet here next Thursday, noon, March 15, 1923, to complete the Murphy matter. The Minutes were read and approved.

S. R. CROCKETT, Moderator Pro Tem.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C., Noon, March 15, 1923.

Pursuant to adjournment last week, the Presbytery met in the Pastor's Study, First Church, the following being present: Ministers—R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy; Elder J. J. Conyers.

Rev. S. R. Crockett acted Moderator; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Clerk; and Dr. Campbell led in prayer.

Rev. M. C. Liddell and the Murphy Church, having now produced the necessary data of a full and regular concurrence in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, this request was granted.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed, with prayer.

S. R. CROCKETT, Moderator Pro Tem.
H. B. DENDY, Clerk Pro Tem.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

FIFTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met in its Fifty-Fourth Stated Session, in the West Asheville Church, 8:00 P.M., May 1, 1923, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. L. T. Wilds, pastor-elect of the Hendersonville Church.

The Court was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. P. N. Gresham, who led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the following were present: Ministers—R. C. Anderson, G. W. Belk, Harry Boehme, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, F. M. Eversole, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, J. T. Gillespie, Jno. R. Hay, W. S. Hutchison, W. M. Sikes, R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace; Elders—D. S. Watson, E. E. White, T. S. Wood, R. J. Sprang, W. A. Dillingham, R. L. Gash, D. M. Killian, J. A. Smyth, A. M. Brittain, C. T. Hamilton, J. H. Dillard, J. A. Edwards, T. M. Slagle, J. H. Case, R. L. Prevost, E. J. Griset.

Rev. J. T. Gillespie was elected Moderator, and Rev. H. B. Dendy Temporary Clerk.

The Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted. The Minutes to date were read and approved.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Dr. R. P. Smith, to go, in a body, immediately after luncheon tomorrow, to visit the new Mountain Orphanage Building, near Black Mountain.

A request, received from Mrs. Wm. McKay, President of the Women's Auxiliary, that we allow them to print their Minutes with Presbytery's, was granted, the ladies to bear their part of the expense.

A communication from the Presbytery of Swannanoa, asking us to join again in an overture to the Assembly, to put the Lord's Day Alliance on the budget, was referred to Bills and Overtures.

Communications from the Lord's Day Alliance, and from the Near East Relief, were also referred to Bills and Overtures.

Presbytery took recess till 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M., and engaged in Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved, and the Standing Committees appointed.

Rev. J. L. Ray, of Northern Alabama Presbytery, and Rev. R. B. Taggart, of Concord, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

At 9:30 A.M., the special order was a popular meeting, in the interest of the Laymen's Work. Following the Report of T. G. Miller, Acting President, there was a free discussion of work needing to be done, and of ways the laymen could help, attention especially centering upon the Maxwell Farm School. The laymen then chose Elder J. A. Smyth as their President, in place of J. P. Williams, resigned, this choice being confirmed by the Presbytery. E. C. Dickenson, E. J. Griset and J. E. Lancaster were added as new members, and E. G. Everett was named Secretary, taking the place of R. L. Prevost, resigned. The Committee, thus reorganized, was deemed sufficient to do the work of both the original Laymen's Committees, these latter being discontinued, and the new Committee given the name, "The Men of the Church."

At the 11:00 A.M. hour, Dr. W. M. Sikes preached the Presbyterial Sermon, this being followed by the Lord's Supper.

Presbytery then took recess till 4:00 P.M., to allow the Committees time to work.

At 4:15 P.M., Presbytery reconvened, and heard the letter, dismissing Rev. L. T. Wilds from Orange to Asheville Presbytery. His examination was entered upon at once, which, being entirely satisfactory in all parts, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The Hendersonville Church also presented a call for the pastoral services of Dr. Wilds, this being referred to Bills and Overtures.

A petition from Rugby Church, asking for dissolution, was read. Presbytery appointed the following Commission to go to the Church and study the situation: R. S. Eskridge, R. P. Smith, G. W. Belk, J. W. Moore, E. J. Griset.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures found the call of the Hendersonville Church in order, and it was placed in Dr. Wilds'

hands. He accepted the call, and the following Committee was appointed to install him: Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Elder E. J. Griset.

Rev. Harry Boehme and the Black Mountain Church united in a request for dissolution of the pastoral relation. The request was granted, and Mr. Boehme was dismissed to Philadelphia Presbytery.

The Covenanters' Church requested permission to change the terms of their call to Rev. H. B. Dendy, from $400.00 to $250.00 per annum. This request was granted, and the deficit referred to the Home Missions Committee, with the understanding that said Committee would make it up.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 P.M.

HOME MISSIONS NIGHT

At 7:30 P.M., Presbytery met and entered into a popular meeting, in the interest of Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell presided, and read his Report, as Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions. Consideration of this Report pending, several addresses on Home Missions topics were delivered, and opportunity for free discussion given. The Report of the Committee was then approved, and its recommendations adopted, severally and as a whole. It follows entire:

Your Committee would report, with gratitude to God for His blessings, another year of successful work.

Every field in the Presbytery has been supplied, for at least part of the time, with the preaching of the gospel, and there are many gratifying evidences that the Word of God has not returned unto Him void. Souls have been saved, and Christ's people have been built up on their most holy faith, and stimulated to greater activity in Christian service, and to enlarged liberality in worshipping God with their substance.

Our Treasurer's books show the following contributions for Presbyterial Home Missions:

Sustentation	$12,646
Montreat Normal School	650
Orphans' Homes Support	10,175
Mountain Orphanage Building Fund	30,442
Total	$53,913

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That each Church, receiving aid from this Committee, be urged to make the Every-Member Canvass annually, and report to us what percentage of the membership contribute regularly to the support of the Church.

2. That the Synod's recommendation, that 12% of the collections for Beneficent Causes be set apart for Schools and Colleges, be adopted by the Presbytery.

3. That the amount contributed for Schools and Colleges be distributed as follows: One-half to King College, one-fourth to Stonewall Jackson, and one-fourth to the Montreat Normal School.

4. That the Churches be reminded that, in addition to cash in hand and pledges to be collected, $25,000 is yet to be raised to complete the Fund for the erection of the new building of the Mountain Orphanage, and that each Church adopt some plan of annual contribution for this purpose.

5. That the Presbytery commend to the Churches the movement started by the "Men of the Church" to undertake a definite work for the equipment of the Maxwell Farm School.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Presbytery took recess till 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M. The devotions were conducted by Dr. J. J. Fix. The Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. M. C. Liddell's request for a certificate of dismissal to Knoxville Presbytery, was granted.

Dr. R. P. Smith's Report, as Treasurer, was approved, and the Standing Committee, appointed to audit his books, J. A. Smyth, Chairman, reported as follows: "The books have been carefully and correctly kept; the Treasurer has been diligent and faithful." Below follows a summary of Dr. Smith's Report:

The aggregate of funds received for the year is as follows: Presbytery's Missions, $14,227; General Assembly's Missions, $16,646; Foreign Missions, $6,866; Schools and Colleges, $2,532; Ministerial Relief, $871; Sunday School Extension, $958; Bible Cause, $225; Orphanages, $10,175; Miscellaneous, $5,479; Total, $42,979.

Rev. C. F. Hancock, of Durant Presbytery, was introduced, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Report of the Committee on Sessional Records was read and approved.

The Presbytery overtured the General Assembly to accept the invitation of the Mountain Retreat Association to make Montreat the ordinary and regular plan for its annual meetings.

The Committee, appointed to install Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Pastor at Davidson River, reported the full performance of this

duty, the third Sunday in April; Dr. R. P. Smith, Chairman.

The following Committee was appointed to install Mr. Hutchison, Pastor at Mills River: Dr. R. P. Smith, W. P. Chedester, J. A. Smyth.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For Moderator of the next meeting, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, with Rev. H. B. Dendy as Alternate; to preach the Presbyterial Sermon, Rev. G. W. Belk, with Rev. R. F. Campbell as Alternate; subject, "The Holy Spirit and His Official Work in the Salvation of Man."

To fill vacancies on Examination Committee — Rev. L. T. Wilds, Languages, Latin Thesis, Critical Exegesis; Rev. J. T. Gillespie, Academic Studies; Rev. J. R. Hay, Philosophy.

This Report was approved and adopted. Presbytery chose Slagle Memorial Church as the place of the Fall Meeting, and appointed Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Elder T. M. Slagle a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. R. B. Taggart presented a certificate of dismissal from Concord Presbytery, and asked to be received. After thoroughly examining him, the Presbytery voted unanimously not to receive him, owing to his erratic state of mind, concerning certain fundamentals of Theology.

The Sunday School Committee rendered its annual statistical report, which was approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly. This Committee, through its Chairman, E. J. Griset, also made report of the activities of Field Worker J. E. Lancaster, and offered recommendations, which were adopted, as follows:

1. That Pastors, Superintendents and Sessions be urged to co-operate with this Committee, by furnishing us full information about their work, as we shall request from time to time.

2. That a definite teacher-training policy be established in each School.

3. That the "Standard of Efficiency" be used as a measuring rod of the Schools' effectiveness.

4. That Presbytery approve of the Daily Vacation Bible School, as an agency for reaching the children of a community, and as a means of developing the educational powers of the Church; that the Churches be urged to make the greatest possible use of this plan, and that the Field Worker be requested to co-operate with Pastors and others in organizing and conducting these Schools.

5. That the following men be added to our Committee: Rev. W. M. Sikes, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. L. T. Wilds.

The Report of the Committee on Narrative was approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

The Report of the Committee on the Presbyterian Progressive

Program was approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

The full Statistical Report of the Presbytery was presented by the Stated Clerk, approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

After prayer, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected, as follows: Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Elder J. A. Smyth, Principals; Rev. G. W. Belk and Elder T. G. Miller, Alternates.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison was re-elected Stated Clerk for two years.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting, at Synod, Johnson City, Tenn., November 8, 1922, were read and approved.

The Committee, appointed to install Rev. Harry Boehme, Pastor at Black Mountain, reported that duty performed, November 26, 1922, which Report was approved, and the Committee discharged.

The Report of the Committee on Church Societies was read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was read and approved, and its recommendation adopted, viz: that the beneficiaries under our care receive the same amounts, respectively, this year, as they received last.

The Report of the Committee on Synod's Minutes was received as information.

Dr. Campbell's explanation of Mr. J. H. McConnell's failure to make his Report, as Chairman of the Orphanage Committee, viz: that Mr. McConnell had spent much time in the work of the Building Committee of the Mountain Orphanage, and was a much overworked man, was accepted, as entirely satisfactory.

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Chairman of the Builders' League, reported no work done so far. He was urged, in view of the immediate need of a Manse at West Asheville, and other building demands, to push the work of the League at once.

The standing rule was suspended, and the date of the Fall Meeting was made September 18, 1923, 8:00 P.M., Slagle Memorial Church.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows:

1. We find the call of the Hendersonville Church, for the services of Rev. L. T. Wells, in order, and recommend that it be placed in his hands.

2. We recommend that Presbytery concur with Suwannee and others in overturing the Assembly to place the Lord's Day Alliance on the budget.

3. We recommend that the cause of Near East Relief be kept before our people, and they be urged to continue their generosity towards it.

This Report was approved, severally and as a whole, and its recommendations adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and approved.

By rising vote, Presbytery expressed its heartfelt thanks to the West Asheville Church, pastors, peoples and community for the abounding hospitality, so graceously extended.

Presbytery went into executive session and extended the floor to Elder W. H. McMurray, that he might speak of the troubled state of the Black Mountain Church. In answer to his statement of the case, Presbytery appointed the following Commission, to go to Black Mountain and investigate the situation, with a view to action in aid of the Church: Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Elder E. J. Griset.

After a brief recess for luncheon, Presbytery reassembled, the Minutes were read and approved, and the Court adjourned, with singing, prayer and benediction, to the regular Fall Meeting, at Slagle Memorial Church, September 18, 1923.

J. T. GILLESPIE, Moderator.
Attest: W. S. HUTCHISON, Stated Clerk.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	POSTOFFICES
R. C. Anderson, Pres.		
G. W. Belk, P.	Montreat	Montreat, N. C.
R. F. Campbell, D.D., P.	Asheville, First	Asheville, N. C.
W. P. Chedester, .In Trans.		Montreat, N. C.
S. R. Crockett, P.	Waynesville	Waynesville, N. C.
S. R. Crockett, P.	Hazelwood	Waynesville, N. C.
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville	Weaverville, N. C.
H. B. Dendy, P.	Covenanters'	Weaverville, N. C.
F. M. Everso'e, F.M.		Chunju, Korea.
R. S. Eskridge, P.	Swannanoa	Swannanoa, N. C.
R. S. Eskridge, P.	Oak Forest	Swannanoa, N. C.
R. S. Eskridge, P.	Bethel	Swannanoa, N. C.
P. N. Gresham, P.	West Asheville	West Asheville, N. C.
J. T. Gillespie, P.	Bryson City	Bryson City, N. C.
J. T. Gillespie, P.	Ravensford	Bryson City, N. C.
Jno. R. Hay, P.	Brevard	Brevard, N. C.
W. S. Hutchison	Mills R ver	Horse Shoe, N. C.
W. S. Hutchison	Etowah	Horse Shoe, N. C.
W. S. Hutchison	Davidson River	Horse Shoe, N. C.
W. M. Sikes, D.D., P.	Canton	Canton, N. C.
T. E. Simpson, Sec.		Times Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.
R. P. Smith, D.D., Supt. H.M.		Asheville, N. C.
J. Q. Wallace, P.	Franklin	Franklin, N. C.
J. Q. Wallace, P.	Morrison	Franklin, N. C.
J. Q. Wallace, P.	Slagle Memorial	Franklin, N. C.
L. T. Wilds, D.D., P.	Hendersonville	Hendersonvil'e, N. C.
P. P. Winn, F.M.		Chunju, Korea.
	Andrews	Andrews, N. C.
	Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N. C.
	Hayesville	Hayesville, N. C.
	Murphy	Murphy, N. C.
	Ora Street	Asheville, N. C.
	Rugby	Fletcher, N. C.
	Shortoff	Shortoff, N. C.

PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS

Churches	Amounts
Andrews	$ 8.00
Asheville, First	200.00
Bethel	10.00
Black Mountain	22.00
Brevard	20.00
Bryson City	20.00
Canton	22.00
Covenanters'	6.00
Davidson River	18.00
Etowah	2.00
Franklin	12.00
Hayesville	4.00
Hazelwood	6.00
Hendersonville	40.00
Mills River	16.00
Montreat	40.00
Morrison	8.00
Murphy	18.00
Oak Forest	7.00
Ora Street	15.00
Ravensford	6.00
Rugby	4.00
Slagle Memorial	8.00
Swannanoa	16.00
Waynesville	22.00
Weaverville	5.00
West Asheville	15.00

MINUTES

OF THE

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL AUXILIARY

OF THE

SYNOD OF APPALACHIA

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Swannanoa, North Carolina

April 26-28, 1922

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary, At Swannanoa, N. C., April 26-28, 1923

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Asheville Presbyterial was opened on the afternoon of April 16, 1923, with a meeting of the Executive Committee and enrollment of representatives. The amended Constitution was presented by the President, and accepted by the Committee.

MONDAY EVENING

The Evening Session was opened by singing the Presbyterial hymn, "Seal Us O Holy Spirit," and Devotional, led by Dr. L. T. Wilds. The Pastor, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and Mrs. W. A. Ward, President of the local Auxiliary, welcomed the Presbyterial. In the absence of Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Brevard, Mrs. McKay responded.

Dr. L. T. Wilds, of Hendersonville, addressed the Presbyterial on, "Woman's Part in Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions." The meeting closed with Communion Service.

TUESDAY MORNING

After the Executive Committee Meeting, the devotional, on "Stewardship of Talents," was led by Mrs. R. P. Smith, of Asheville.

The appointment of Committees followed the reading of Minutes, and were as follows:

Nominating—Mrs. W. A. Ward, Mrs. S. H. McNeeley, Mrs. J. E. Craddock, Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, and Miss Ethel Cook.

Courtesies—Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Mrs. J. B. Storey, and Miss Edith Sloan.

Time and Place—Mrs. J. T. Mitchell, Mrs. W. M. Cloud, and Mrs. W. F. Swift.

Recommendations—Mrs. C. E. Quinlan, Mrs. R. P. Smith, and Mrs. J. R. Sprang.

The amended Constitution was presented and adopted by the Presbyterial.

In the Five Minute Report of Presbyterial Officers, the President spoke of the Conferences, and the need of better attendance. The Secretary emphasized the importance of sending in reports promptly. The Treasurer asked for more contributions next year.

Five Minute Reports of Secretaries of Causes was next heard.

Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Synodical President, spoke of the progress of woman, the Contingent Fee, and the need for a School for Mexican Girls, in Texas.

Dr. R. P. Smith outlined the Home Mission Work in Asheville Presbytery, and invited the Presbyterial to visit the new Orphanage Building at 4:30 P.M.

Mrs. W. F. Swift presented an overture to the Presbyterial, to change the name of Mountain Orphanage to The R. P. Smith Home.

The Registration Committee reported 152 enrolled. After the Intercessory Hour, a delicious lunch was served by the Hostess Auxiliary, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Case.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

At the request of Mrs. Eskridge, Dr. R. P. Smith led the Devotional, on "Stewardship of Money."

A letter was read from Mrs. A. A. Anderson, of Etowah, telling of her recent bereavement, and regretting that she could not be present. A Committee was appointed to write a letter of condolence.

After a solo by Mrs. C. H. Blackburn, Three Minute Reports were given by the local Auxiliaries, followed by discussion on problems in the local Auxiliaries. Weaverville Auxiliary was enrolled in this Presbyterial.

Mrs. Armstrong urged that more publicity be given to Auxiliary Work, and the Historian, Mrs. W. F. Swift, was asked to send notices to the three Church Papers, the Appalachian Appeal and to Our Mountain Work.

Mrs. R. B. Willis spoke in the interest of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The Secretary of Young People's Work made a brief Report of work done during the past year, and urged the sending of young people to the Conferences at Abingdon and Montreat.

TUESDAY EVENING

Rev. R. S. Eskridge led the Devotional, on "Stewardship of Time." An address by Miss Ruth See, of Brazil, followed.

Mrs. R. C. Anderson told of the Montreat Normal, and asked the prayers and support of Asheville Presbyterial.

Mrs. McKay read a letter from Miss Georgia L. McKay, of Africa, describing the wedding of Miss Belle Setser.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Devotional, on "Consecration," was led by Mrs. McKay. After reading of Minutes, Reports of Committees were heard.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was heard Tuesday afternoon, and was as follows: Mrs. Wm. McKay, President; Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Vice-President; Mrs. Broadus Estes, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Paul P. Brown, Treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Swift, Historian; Mrs. J. T. Bailey, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. T. Mitchell, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. T. L. McCall, Secretary Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions; Mrs. D. W. Harrison, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. C. L. Grey, Development of Spiritual Life; Mrs. R. B. Lyon, Secretary Young People and Sunday School; Mrs. W. M. Cloud, Secretary Literature. These were unanimously elected.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1922-1923

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank, April 1, 1922	$ 77.45
Collections at Presbyterial	30.00
Hendersonville Birthday Fund	25.00
Black Mountain Birthday Fund	15.00
Brevard Birthday Fund	7.40
Bryson City Birthday Fund	15.00
Pisgah Forest Birthday Fund	12.23
West Asheville Birthday Fund	13.00
Asheville (First Church) Birthday Fund	25.00
Asheville (Ora Street) Birthday Fund	11.65
Waynesville Birthday Fund	40.25
Montreat Birthday Fund	8.35
Canton Birthday Fund	13.35
Waynesville (Circle Two) Seat, Montreat Auditorium	3.80
Asheville, Presbytery and Synod Dues	70.00
Murphy, Presbytery and Synod Dues, 1922	2.30
Canton, Presbytery and Synod Dues	8.50
Davidson River, Presbytery and Synod Dues	6.00
Asheville (First Church) Presbytery and Synod Dues	80.00
Brevard, Presbytery and Synod Dues	10.00
Franklin, Presbytery and Synod Dues	8.00
Asheville (Ora Street) Presbytery and Synod Dues	15.50
Waynesville, Presbytery and Synod Dues	30.00
Montreat, Presbytery and Synod Dues	14.00
Murphy, Presbytery and Synod Dues	8.00
Bryson City, Presbytery and Synod Dues	10.50
West Asheville, Presbytery and Synod Dues	20.00
Black Mountain, Presbytery and Synod Dues	14.00
Hendersonville, Presbytery and Synod Dues	36.00
Swannanoa, Presbytery and Synod Dues	15.00
Etowah, Presbytery and Synod Dues	1.50
Mills River, Presbytery and Synod Dues	2.60
Total Deposit in Bank	$649.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Estes, Young People's Conference	$ 25.50	
Mrs. D. A. McMillan, Treasurer, Birthday Fund	169.00	
Dr. R. C. Anderson, One Seat, Pisgah Forest	3.80	
Mrs. D. A. McMillan, Birthday Fund	13.35	
Dr. R. C. Anderson, One Seat, Circle Two, Waynesville	3.80	
Mrs. Estes, Expenses, Summer School Missions	25.00	
A. N. Sharpe, Treasurer, Colored Woman's Conference	5.00	
News Print Shop, Minutes	26.00	
Mrs. Estes, Postage	2.00	
Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Estes, Group Meetings	10.00	
Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Expenses to Synodical	21.50	
Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Synod Dues, Balance, 1922	28.00	
Mrs. McKay, Expenses	3.00	
Mrs. Estes, Postage	3.00	
Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Synod Dues, 1923	172.00	
Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Synod Dues, 1923	2.05	
Texas-Mexico Printery, Programs	8.00	
		$521.73
Balance in Bank		$127.55

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHAS. E. QUINLAN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS OF COURTESY

In the long annals of the Swannanoa Church, we, as a Committee, feel sure that never has the Church and its Woman's Auxiliary demonstrated its famed hospitality to a greater degree than at this Eighteenth Meeting of the Asheville Presbyterial; therefore, be it resolved, by the Presbyterial, that we extend our heartfelt thanks,

First—To the Pastor, his wife, and the Reception Committee, who met us and assigned us to our respective homes.

Second—To the Pastor, Session, and Dr. Wilds, for preparing and conducting the Communion Service.

Third—To the several speakers, for their inspiring and encouraging talks.

Fourth—To Mrs. Case, the Hospitality Committee, and all who assisted in preparing and serving the abundant and satisfying lunches.

Fifth—To Mrs. Claybough, Mrs. Ward, and their assistants, for the delightful afternoon tea tendered the Presbyterial.

Sixth—To all who furnished cars and transportation to the Church and to the new Orphanage Building.

Seventh—To all who opened hearts and homes to our delegates, and to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the meeting.

MRS. R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman,
MRS. J. B. STOREY,
MISS LOUISA B. STEWART.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions presented at the Meeting of the Asheville Presbyterial, and adopted:

1. That the President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports be printed in full, or so much of them as contained the Statistics of the Presbyterial.
2. That the names and addresses of the General Officers of the Auxiliary, the Synodical Officers and the Presbyterial Officers be printed in the Presbyterial Minutes.
3. That the Counties that comprise the Asheville Presbytery be printed.
4. That local Auxiliaries devote a program, or part thereof, to the Study of the Presbyterial Minutes.
5. That, if possible, some arrangement be made, so that the Minutes of Presbytery and the Minutes of Presbyterial be printed together, as are the Minutes of Synod and Minutes of Synodical.
7. That a large chart, or rolling blackboard, be purchased, for use at Presbyterial, in order that the Statistical Report of the work done by the Auxiliaries may be put upon it. In this way those attending Presbyterial will not only hear what is being done, but see it, and a more vivid realization of the work and its needs will be made.

MRS. CHAS. E. QUINLAN,
MRS. R. P. SMITH,
MRS. R. J. SPRANG,
Committee on Resolutions.

SYNODICAL OFFICERS

President—Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Rogersville, Tenn.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank Hale, Rogersville, Tenn.
Secretary of Foreign Missions—Miss Lena Rollins, Pineville, Ky.
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Secretary for Development of Spiritual Life—Mrs. Walter McCoy, Knoxville, Tenn.
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Historian—Mrs. Gale Armstrong, Rogersville, Tenn.
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Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain, Transylvania.

PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS
1923-1924

President—Mrs. Wm. McKay, Hendersonville, N. C.
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Recording Secretary — Mrs. Broaddus Estes, Hendersonville, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. G. Everett, Hendersonville, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Chas. H. Blackburn, Brevard Road, West Asheville, N. C.
Historian—Mrs. W. F. Swift, Waynesville, N. C.

SECRETARIES OF CAUSES

Foreign Missions—Mrs. J. T. Bailey, Canton, N. C.
Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. T. J. Mitchell, West Asheville, N. C.
Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions—Mrs. T. L. McCall, 158 Blanton Street, Asheville, N. C.
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Mrs. D. W. Harrison, Swannanoa, N. C.
Development of Spiritual Life—Mrs. C. L. Grey, Fourth Avenue, Hendersonville, N. C.
Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work—Mrs. R. B. Lyon, Brevard, N. C.
Literature—Mrs. W. M. Cloud, Brevard, N. C.

LOCAL AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 1923-1924

ASHEVILLE—FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
Three Hundred Members

President—Mrs. J. E. Craddock, 450 Montford Avenue.
Secretary—Mrs. B. Frank Gudger, 40 Courtland Avenue.
Treasurer—Mrs. Paul P. Brown, 9 Charles Street.
Secretary Development of Spiritual Life—Mrs. J. W. Huston, 169 Flint Street.
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Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension—Mrs. A. K. Axson, Church Street.
Secretary Literature—Mrs. A. J. Maeder, Reid Street.

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President—Mrs. M. S. Misenheimer, 32 Pearl Street.
Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Reed, 33 Livingston Street.
Treasurer—Mrs. O. A. Stevenson, 168 Bartlett Street.
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Secretary Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. B. Reed, 33 Livingston Street.
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. C. C. Lingerfelt, 14 Pine Grove Avenue.
Secretary Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions—Mrs. A. Marquardt, 350 Southside Avenue.
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Mrs. C. C. Sams, 40 Bartlett Street.
Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension—Mrs. B. A. Harrison, 127 Park Avenue.
Secretary Literature—Mrs. T. L. McCall, 158 Blanton Street.

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Sixty-Two Members

President—Mrs. Chas. H. Blackburn, Brevard Road.
Secretary—Mrs. D. L. Brawley, 27 Majestic Avenue.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. T. Snyder, Box No. 5.
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Secretary Foreign Missions—Mrs. B. C. Bryson, Villa Heights.
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. W. T. Snyder, Box No. 5.
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Thirty-Three Members

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Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Hooker, Black Mountain, N. C.
Treasurer—Miss Alice White, Black Mountain, N. C.
Secretary Development of Spiritual Life—Miss Eliza Wilson, Black Mountain, N. C.
Secretary Foreign Missions—Miss Edith Sloan, Black Mountain, N. C.
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. Louis Voss, Black Mountain, N. C.
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Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension—Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain, N. C.
Secretary Literature—Mrs. C. Porter, Black Mountain, N. C.

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Twenty Members

President—Mrs. W. M. Cloud, Brevard, N. C.
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Secretary Foreign Missions—Mrs. C. P. White, Brevard, N. C.
Secretary Synod's Home Missions—Mrs. J. A. Miller, Jr., Brevard, N. C.
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Secretary Foreign Missions—Mrs. Tom Sandlin, Bryson City, N. C.
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. J. Shank, Bryson City, N. C.
Secretary Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions—Mrs. I. K. Starnes, Bryson City, N. C.
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Mrs. A. M. Bennett, Bryson City, N. C.
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Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Mrs. F. Gillis, Canton, N. C.
Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension—Mrs. C. S. Freel, Canton, N. C.
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Twelve Members

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Secretary Literature—Miss Lillie Rankin, Franklin, N. C.

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Seventy-Two Members

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Thirteen Members

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Twenty-Eight Members

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Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. B. A. Cook, Montreat, N. C.
Secretary Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions—Miss Mary Ransom, Montreat, N. C.
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Mrs. J. I. Miller, Montreat, N. C.
Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension—Mrs. G. W. Belk, Montreat, N. C.
Secretary Literature—Mrs. C. H. Hamilton, Montreat, N. C.

MURPHY—WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
Sixteen Members

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Secretary—Mrs. M. W. Bell, Murphy, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Dillard, Murphy, N. C.
Secretary Development of Spiritual Life—Mrs. J. M. Vaughn, Murphy, N. C.
Secretary Foreign Missions—Mrs. Don Witherspoon, Murphy, N. C.
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. J. N. Hill, Murphy, N. C.
Secretary Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions—Mrs. R. Robinson, Murphy, N. C.
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Mrs. E. A. Davidson, Murphy, N. C.
Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension—Mrs. Geo. Ellis, Murphy, N. C.
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Twelve Members

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Secretary Foreign Missions—Mrs. J. J. Patton, Davidson River, N. C.
Secretary Assembly's Home Missions—Mrs. W. D. Deaver. R.F.D. No. 2, Brevard, N. C.
Secretary Synod's, Presbytery's and Congregational Home Missions—Mrs. D. W. Deaver, R.F.D. No. 2, Brevard, N. C.
Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Miss Annie Jean Gash, Pisgah Forest, N. C.
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Thirty Members

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CALLED MEETING.

Asheville, N. C. July 23rd, 1923.

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at eleven o'clock A. M., pursuant to a call made in accordance with the constitutional requirements. Ruling Elder E. J. Griset, the last moderator present, called the meeting to order, and the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D.

The following ministers were present: R. F. Campbell, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., L. T. Wilds, D. D., W. P. Chedester, W. S. Hutchison, H. B. Dendy, and R. S. Eskridge; and the following Ruling Elders: D. S. Watson, J. A. Smythe, R. L Gash, and E. J. Griset.

The following visitors were noted present: Elders J. J. Conyers, C. C. Morgan L. L. Burgin, J. E. Lancaster, F. C. Dickinson, and Candidate A. F. Doty.

The call was read and found in order, and upon motion the items were taken up in the order named.

The Presbytery heard the report of the Committee on Men's Work of the Presbytery concerning the Maxwell Farm School and Orphanage. Mr. J. A. Smythe reported verbally on a visit of a number of the laymen to the Farm and the Orphanage, after which he read the written report of the Committee. The report was received, taken up seriatim, and after full and free discussion was amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

"Your Committee on the work of the men, appointed at the Spring meeting of Presbytery held at West Asheville Church, May 1st to 3rd, 1923, and which was requested to investigate Maxwell Farm School and Orphanage and its possibilites, and report, beg to make the following recommendations as its report:

First: That the orphanage part of the Maxwell Farm School and Orphanage be discontinued and the small children there be transferred to the Mountain Orphanage.

Second: That the name of the Maxwell Farm School and Orphanage be changed to the Maxwell Training School of Asheville Presbytery.

Third: That the object of this school be to give boys of limited means the privilege of a high school education and to give them training in agriculture and other manual labor that will enable them to meet part of their expenses and to train them for a useful place in life.

Fourth: That this school be placed under the management of a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) laymen.

Fifth: That of the first Board elected three shall be elected for

a term of three years, three for a term of two years, and three for a term of one year, so that at each spring meeting of Presbytery there shall be an election of three directors for a term of three years.

Sixth: That the first Board shall consist of the following men:

(J. A. Smythe, Hendersonville, Convener of Board to organize.)

J. R. Sandifer, Hendersonville.
Paul H. Wringer, Asheville.
T. H. Bell, Asheville.
Kelly Bennett, Bryson City.
T. M. Slagle, Franklin.
H. Arthur Osborne, Canton.
J. E. Lancaster, West Asheville.
Bruce Drysdale, Hendersonville.
Ruffner Campbell, Asheville.

Seventh: That in case of the resignation or death or inability to serve of one of its members, the Board have the power to fill the vacancy until the next Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Eighth: That this Board select as soon as possible a capable man to be Superintendent of the school and also what assistants are necessary for conducting the farm and school.

Ninth: That for the present the Presbytery's treasurer be instructed to give this Board at least the sum that is now being used for the support of the Maxwell Farm and Orphanage.

Tenth: That the scholars be limited to boys at least twelve years of age and that as soon as possible the standard be raised so that all scholars shall have finished the grammar school;

That all students be required to work a certain number of hours per day, either on the farm or at other employment and be required to spend the entire year at the school, except when vacations may be given by those in control;

That all students be required to pay a certain sum annually.

Eleventh: That the present vacant Morrison School be given to the Board in Control of Maxwell to be either sold or rented and the proceeds to be used for improvements at Maxwell.

Twelfth: That Dr. R. P. Smith be requested to advise with and help the Board.

Thirteenth: That Presbytery request the pastors and sessions of each church to permit this cause to be presented to their congregations by a layman between the regular meetings of Presbytery, and that Presbytery select the dates, so that the entire Presbytery will be kept informed on this subject and will be willing to support it both by service and gifts.

Fourteenth: That the permanent committee on the work of the men be requested to keep in touch with the school and to keep the organization in each church posted as to its progress and needs.

The report was adopted as a whole. The minutes were read

and adopted. Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

H. B. Dendy, Temporary Clerk.
E. J. Griset, Moderator.
W. S. Hutchinson, State Clerk.

STATED FALL MEETING.

Slagle Memorial Church, Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 1923.
Eight O'clock P. M.

Asheville Presbytery convened in its 55th semi-annual session in the Slagle Memorial Church at eight o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. James T. Gillespie, from Galatians 6:9.

The roll was called and the following members were found present:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, D. D., W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, J. T. Gillespie, John R. Hay, W. S. Hutchison, W. M. Sikes, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., and J. Q. Wallace; **Ruling Elders:** J. W. Moore, Asheville, First; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; Fred Miller, Brevard; Geo. S. Hill, Bryson City; C. A. Lowry, Franklin; I. J. Archer, Montreat; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; W. E. Davidson, Swannanoa; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; Thos. Bell, West Asheville.

These visiting elders were present, namely: Dr. J. F. Ramsey, Asheville, First; S. W. Black, Bryson City; J. E. Lancaster, West Asheville; Kelly Bennett, Bryson City. And these deacons: Ruffner Campbell, Asheville, First; S. F. Davidson, Swannanoa.

Rev. H. B. Dendy was elected moderator, and Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., temporary clerk.

The unprinted Minutes of the called meeting were read for information.

The Committee on Devotional exercises recommended the following hours for business: 9 A. M. till 12 noon; 1:30 P. M., to adjourn at will; 8 P. M. to adjourn at will. The Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. S. Eskridge, till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M., and was led in devotional services by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.

The Minutes of last night's session were read, and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees: (1) Bills and Overtures: Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and Elder J. W. Moore. (2) Judicial Committee: Rev. J. Q. Wallace, and Elder H. A. Osborne. (3) Presbyterial Records; Rev. S. R. Crockett, and Elder W. E. Davidson; (4) Minutes of General Assembly: Rev R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Elder Geo. S. Hill; (5) Auditing Committee: Elders, I. J. Archer, and H. C. Lindsley;

(6) Leave of Absence: Rev. P. N. Gresham, and Elder T. M. Slagle; (7) Nominations: Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., and Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.

The following communications were read and referred: Petitions for the organization of churches at Mt. Sterling, in Haywood County, and at Red Oak, in Buncombe County, were read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., reporting on the Montreat Normal School, was read and received as information. The Presbytery commended the Montreat Normal School to the support and patronage of our people.

A communication from the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Men's Work was read and put in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was made the order of the day for ten o'clock this morning to take up the matter of the Men's Work in the Presbytery.

A letter from Rev. T. E. Simpson, requesting permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, was read, and his request was granted. He was also excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

An overture from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Waynesville church, concerning the change of name of the Mountain Orphanage, was read, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to answer the communication, stating Presbytery's reasons for declining the request.

A communication from Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., was read and docketed.

The Presbytery took recess till ten o'clock, the hour for the order of the day.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Presbytery re-convened, and Elder H. A. Osborne was heard with reference to the Men's Work in connection with the Maxwell Training School. Also several other laymen spoke to the same subject. After full and free discussion, the Presbytery adopted the following resolution, offered by Rev. R. S. Eskridge: That the officers of the Men's Work Committee of the Presbytery by authorized to put on a campaign during the next sixty days to secure sufficient funds to finance the Maxwell Training School, and that all the pulpits be opened to them with all pastoral support.

Presbytery then took recess for ten minutes. At 11 o'clock A. M. the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., preached the Doctrinal Sermon from the texts, "That which is crooked cannot be made straight" (Eccl. 1:15), and, "The crooked shall be made straight" (Isaih 40:4). The sermon was followed by the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

After this the Presbytery took recess till the afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery re-convened after the noon recess and was led in prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Mr. Ruffner Campbell made report as a trustee of Davidson College. His report was received and his diligence commended.

The Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., was re-elected a trustee of Davidson College.

The place of next meeting of Presbytery was taken up, and the Bryson City church was chosen as the place.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, through its Chairman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, which was adopted: "Your Committee would call the attention of the Presbytery to the report of the Ad-interim Committee on Amendments to the Book of Church Order (Appendix to Minutes of Assembly, 1923, page 113-136), and would recommend,

1. That this Presbytery give an emphatic negative answer to that part of the report which concerns the proposed incorporation of churches and church courts (pp. 133-135).

2. That our pastors and sessions be urged to make a special study of the remaining part of the report before the Spring meeting of Presbytery in order to an intelligent answer to the proposed changes. —R. F. Campbell, Chm.

The committee to install Rev. W. S. Hutchison pastor of Mills River Church reported the duty performed on the 22nd of July, 1923.

The committee appointed to install Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., pastor of the Hendersonville church reported that duty done on the 27th of May, 1923.

The report of the Commission to the Black Mountain Church was made the order of the day for the last thing this afternoon.

A free conversation on the state of religion within the Presbytery was engaged in, and many facts of interest were brought to the attention of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery went into executive session, and heard a verbal report of the commission to the Black Mountain Church. After discussion Presbytery voted to continue the commission to handle the matter of the Black Mountain Church.

The report of the Commission appointed at the Spring meeting of Presbytery to investigate the conditions of the Ruby church was heard. The Commission recommended that Ruby church be placed under the care of the Hendersonville church session, so that the pastor and session of the Hendersonville church could look after the spiritual interests of the church. The Presbytery adopted the report and placed the Ruby church under the care of the Hendersonville church session. The Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., was given evangelistic powers for the work in the Ruby congregation.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Presbytery re-convened at 7:30 P. M. and entered into a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., presided, and several brethren made helpful addresses on various phases of our Home Mission work.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chairman of Presbytery's Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, reported for that committee. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. The report showed that receipts for the first four months of this current year were $40,000 more than for the same period last year. Asheville Presbytery has eight missionaries on the Foreign field. The recommendations adopted are:

First, that Presbytery urge each church to surpass its last year's offering to this cause to meet increased needs, and that no organized church allow its report to go up next Spring with a blank in the Foreign Mission column.

Second, that where practical churches not having mission study classes be urged to organize such classes at once.

A verbal report on the Bible Cause was made by Rev. J. Q. Wallace, and a recommendation was adopted urging the churches to give more liberally to this worthy cause.

The report on Evangelism made by Rev. P. N. Gresham was adopted, and gives the following schedule of meetings for the coming year:

1. Asheville First, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D.
2. Hendersonville, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.
3. Montreat, Rev, S. R. Crockett.
4. West Asheville, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D.
5. Black Mountain, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
6. Orn Street, Rev. R. S. Eskridge.
7. Swannanoa, Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D.
8. Canton, Rev. John R. Hay.
9. Waynesville, Rev. J. T. Gillespie.
10. Bryson City, Rev. J. Q. Wallace.
11. Murphy, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.
12. Brevard, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D.
13. Mills River, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
14. Davidson River, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.
15. Weaverville, Rev. P. N. Gresham.
16. Convenanters, Rev. W. S. Hutchison.
17. Hazelwood, Rev. P. N. Gresham.
18. Oak Forest, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.
19. Andrews, Rev. J. T. Gillespie.
20. Hayesville, Rev. E. G. Clary.
21. Bethel, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
22. Ravensford, Rev. R. S. Eskridge.
23. Franklin, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.
24. Morrison, Rev. John R. Hay.

25. Slagle Memorial, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D.
26. Etowah, Rev. W. P. Chedester.
27. Red Oak, Rev. R. D. Carson, D. D.

A written report of attendance at the General Assembly was received from Mr. J. A. Smythe, which was read and his diligence was commended.

The Rev. W. S. Hutchison made verbal report of his attendance at the General Assembly, and his diligence was commended.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Presbytery met at 9 o'clock A. M., and was led in its devotions by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

A letter from Miss M. Elizabeth Hudson, addressed to Rev. John R. Hay, about her work at the Assembly's Training School, was read to the Presbytery as information.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison offered his resignation as Stated Clerk of Presbytery. The Presbytery accepted his resignation, and elected Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., to fill the vacancy as Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chm., reported as follows: (1) That Presbytery grant permission to the Presbytery of Holston to organize and maintain a Presbyterian church at Mt. Sterling, in Haywood County. (2) That the request for an organization at Red Oak, in Buncombe County, be granted, and the following commission be appointed to organize the church, Namely,—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., to preach the sermon, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. P. N. Gresham, and Elders, J. E. Lancaster, and E. J. Griset. (3) That an honorarium of $100.00 per annum be paid to the Presbytery's Secretary of Stewardship in order to enable him the better to promote the interests of stewardship within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report: (1) For moderator of next meeting, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, with Elder J. W. Moore alternate. (2) To preach the Doctrinal Sermon at next meeting, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., with Rev. S. R. Crockett as alternate. Subject: "The Inspiration and Authority of The Scriptures." (3) To study the Book of Church Order and the Assembly's recommendations, and bring in a report at next meeting, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. John R. Hay, and Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

This report was adopted by Presbytery.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported: The following men have been excuted,—Rev. J. T. Gillespie, after the first day: and Elders Thomas Bell and C. A. Lawry, after the second day.

The moderator appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises for next meeting, consisting of Rev. James T. Gillespie

and Ruling Elder S. W. Black.

The matter of Presbytery's part in the General Assembly's Equipment Fund was referred to the Home Mission Committee to handle.

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Chairman of Committee on Presbyterial Records, reported records correct and in good condition, but that certain omissions had been made because of lack of funds to pay for printing.

His report was adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks to the pastor and people of the Slagle Memorial church for their entertainment was read by Rev. W. P. Chedester, and was adopted by Presbytery by a rising vote. It was requested that this be read to the congregation from the pulpit at their regular preaching service.

The Minutes of today's session were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned with singing and prayer, to meet in regular session at Bryson City, on Tuesday on or before the full moon in April, 1924, at 8 o'clock P. M.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
Attest: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING.

Asheville, N. C. October 26th, 1923.

Asheville Presbytery met in the pastor's study of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 3 o'clock P. M., pursuant to the following call:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Church, Asheville, N. C., Friday, Oct. 26th, at 3 P. M. for transacting the following business:

1. To examine Mr. J. B. Moore, of the Murphy Church, who wishes to be received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

2. To transact any other business that may arise in connection with the above.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator, October 16th, 1923."

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell, and the following members were found to be present: Ministers, H. B. Dendy, W. P. Chedester, R. F. Campbell, D. D. and R. P. Smith, D. D., Elders E. J. Griset and J. E. Lancaster.

Rev. Mr. Mitchel, of Neosha Presbytery, U. S. A., was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Candidate A. F. Doty, supply of the Ora Street Church, sat with Presbytery as a visitor.

The call for the meeting being found in order, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., examined Mr. J. B. Moore upon Experimental Religion. This part of the examination was found satisfactory and

sustained.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., examined Mr. Moore on his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. This part of the examination was found satisfactory and was sustained. The examination as a whole was then sustained.

Mr. Moore was then taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and was referred to the Committee on Christain Education and Ministerial Relief.

The Minutes were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. P. Chedester.

E. J. Griset, Clerk Pro Tem.
H. B. Dendy, Moderator.

CALLED MEETING.

Asheville, N. C. November 16th, 1923.

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock, P. M., in response to the following call of the moderator:

Weaverville, N. C. November 6th, 1923.

The Constitutional requirements having been met, I do hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet at 2 P. M., Friday, Nov. 16th, at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., to transact the following business:

1. To act on the resignation of Rev. Jno. R. Hay as pastor of Brevard Church.

II. To grant letter of dismissal to Rev. Jno. R. Hay from Asheville Presbytery to Ebenezer Presbytery, Synod of Kentucky.

III. To consider and act upon any other matters growing out of or connected with the proposed actions stated above, such as election of Mr. Hay's successor on Presbyterial committees.

IV. To grant letter of dismissal to Rev. W. P. Chedester from Asheville Presbytery to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

V. To receive Rev. E. G. Clary from Albemarle Presbytery.

VI. To consider and act upon any other matters growing out of or connected with Article V., such as placing the call of the Murphy church in the hands of Bro. Clary and appointing a commission to install him there.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.

The Presbytery was led in prayer. After roll call the following members were found present: Ministers: R. P. Smith, D. D., R. S. Eskridke, Jno. R. Hay, H. B. Dendy and W. M. Sikes; Elders: J. E. Lancaster, West Asheville Church, and J. A. Miller, of Brevard church.

The call was read and found in order, and the items were taken up and acted on in the following manner:

I. The Rev. John R. Hay offered his resignation as pastor of the Brevard church, that he might accept a call to the Catlettsburg church, Kentucky. Elder J. A. Miller, representing the Brevard church, presented a paper expressing the desire of the congregation that the pastor be not released, though consenting if he insists on it. After careful consideration of the whole matter the Presbytery declined to dissolve the pastorial relation. At the request of Brother Hay the Stated Clerk was instructed to inform the Catlettsburg church of Presbytery's action.

This action automatically disposed of items II., and III., in the call.

IV. Item IV. was taken up, and a certificate of dismission was granted to Rev. W. P. Chedester to unite with Mecklenburg Presbytery, Synod of North Carolina. The Presbytery placed on record its high esteem of Brother Chedester as a Christian man and a minister of the Gospel, and also its sincere appreciation of his faithful and self-denying work for nearly sixteen years in the bounds of Ashevlile Presbytery.

V. A certificate of dismission of Rev. E. G. Clary from Albemarle Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read. Brother Clary was examined on experimental religion, and on church government and the sacraments. This part of the examination was sustained. He was then examined on theology, and this examination was also sustained Then the examination as a whole was sustained, and Rev. E. G. Clary was received into membership in the Presbytery, and was asked to sign the required obligation.

VI. The Presbytery appointed the following Commission with full authority to receive the call of the Murphy church and place it in Brother Clary's hands, and to install him pastor of the Murphy church: Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. J. T. Gillespie to preach the sermon, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., to charge the pastor, with Rev. S. R. Crockett as alternate. Elder S. W. Black to charge the people, with elders D. M. Killian and M. W. Bell as members of the Commission.

The time for the installation was left to be fixed by the Commission and the Murphy church.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING.

Red Oak Church, North Buncombe County, N. C. Dec. 9th, 1923.

Asheville Presbytery met at Red Oak, North Buncombe County, at three o'clock P. M., in response to the following call of the Moderator:

Weaverville, N. C., Nov. 26th, 1923.

Constitutional requirements having been met, I do hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet at Red Oak, North Buncombe, at 3 P. M., Sunday December 9th, to transact the following business:

1. To organize a church at Red Oak.
2. To receive Mr. Roy Miller, of the West Asheville church, as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.
3. To transact any other business connected with or growing out of the above.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.

After a sermon by Rev. P. N. Gresham Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell. The call was read and found in order.

The roll call showed the following members present:

Ministers: Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Rev. P. N. Gresham.

Elders: T. S. Morrison, A. H. Cobb, E. J. Griset, J. E. Lancaster, and C. P. Reid.

Candidate A. F. Doty, of the Senior class Columbia Theological Seminary, who is serving as supply of the Ora Street church, was also present.

Rev. P. N. Gresham acted as clerk pro tem.

The Presbytery then proceeded according to The Book of Church Order, and organized the Red Oak Presbyterian church. The following members were received by letter: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunter, Miss Glenna Hunter, Miss Lucile Hunter, Mrs. Elizabeth White and Miss Love White. Miss Jule Garrison and Mrs. W. H. Glenn were received on a reinstatement of their faith in Jesus Christ. Miss Willenne Glenn was received upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ and she was baptized by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Next, the second item in the call was taken up, and Mr. Roy Miller presented himself to be taken under care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was examined on experimental religion by the Moderator. Dr. R. F. Campbell examined him on his motives for seeking the ministry. The examination as a whole was sustained, and Mr. Miller was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry and placed under the direct care of our Committee on Christain Education and Ministerial Relief. Special prayer was offered for Mr. Miller by Elder T. S. Morrison. The minutes were read and approved.

There being no other business in connection with these matters, the Presbytery then adjourned, with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Signed, H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
P. N. Gresham, Clerk Pro Tem.

CALLED MEETING.

Asheville, N. C. January 21st, 1924.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church at two o'clock P. M., pursuant to the following call, and was opened with prayer:

Weaverville, N. C. January 9th, 1924.

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Monday January 21st, at 2 P. M., to transact the following business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Dr. G. W. Belk and the Montreat church.
2. To grant permission to Dr. Belk to labor outside the bounds of Asheville Presbytery.
3. To transact any other business growing out of or connected with the above.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.

The following members were present: **Ministers,**—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Rev. W. M. Sikes. Ruling elder, J. E. Lancaster.

The call for the meeting was read and found in order.

A communication from Dr. G. W. Belk was read, requesting the meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relation between himself and the Montreat church.

The representative of the Montreat church failed to arrive for the meeting. But it was known to members of the Presbytery present that the Church had taken action uniting with Dr. Belk in asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Knowing therefore that Dr. Belk had offered his resignation because of ill health, and also knowing that the Montreat church had united with him in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, the Presbytery did dissolve said relation between Dr. Belk and the Montreat church. But Presbytery requested the Stated Clerk to note the irregularity in the Minutes, which is hereby done.

The Presbytery then voted to grant Dr. Belk permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until the next regular meeting of Presbytery. Minutes read and approved.

There being no further business in the call, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.

W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

March 3rd, 1924.

"Constitutional requirements having been met, the date of the Spring Meeting of Asheville Presbytery has been changed from April 15th to April 22nd. This has been asked for because of special Evangelistic services being held by some of our pastors during the Pre-Easter week."

"H. B. Dendy, Moderator."

REGULAR SPRING MEETING.

56th Semi-Annual Session.

Bryson City, N. C. Tuesday, April 22nd, 1924.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church, Bryson City, N. C., Tuesday April 22nd, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. H. B. Dendy retiring Moderator, from John 19:30, "It is finished," after which he called the Presbytery to order and led in prayer.

The roll call showed the following members present, namely, **Ministers:** R. C. Anderson, D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., E. G. Clary, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, J. T. Gillespie, P. N Gresham, W. S Hutchison, W. M. Sikes, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., J. Q. Wallace, L. T. Wilds, D. D. **Ruling Elders:** J. W. Moore, First Church, Asheville; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; G. S. Hill, Bryson City; J. T. Bailey, Canton; J. A. Smythe, Hendersonville; Chas. T. Hamilton, Montreat; J. H. Dillard, Murphy; C. C. Lingerfeldt, Ora Streeet; G. L. Newton, Slagle Memorial; J. C. Rose, Waynesville; E. J. Griset, West Asheville.

Rev. J. Q. Wallace was elected Moderator, and Rev. E. G. Clary, Temporary Clerk.

Rev. E. W. Smith, of Montgomery Presbytery, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hours for meeting were fixed as follows: 9 o'clock A. M. till 12 noon; 1:30 P. M. to adjourn at will; 8 P. M. to adjourn at will.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., was given the privilege of the floor, and he spoke on the necessity of a heating plant for the Alba Hotel to take care of the students of the Montreat Normal School next winter. After the address the matter of the heating plant was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

It was made the first order of the day for tomorrow afternoon to hear the report of the Committee on Men's Work with reference to the Maxwell Training School.

Drs. R. C. Anderson and L. T. Wilds were excused for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Presbytery re-convened Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved. Also the Minutes of all called meetings since the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The Moderator read the following Standing Committees: (1). Bills and Overtures, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Elders J. H.

Dillard and E. J. Griset. (2) Judicial, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, and Elder H. A. Osborne. (3) Minutes of Synod, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Elders Chas. T. Hamilton and J. C. Rose. (4) Sessional Records, Rev. P. N. Gresham, and Elder J. C. Wright and J. W. Moore. (5) Audits, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Elder J. T. Bailey. (6) Leave of Absence, Rev. J. T. Gillespie, and Elder, G. S. Hill. (7) Nominations, Rev. R. S. Eskridge. (8) Systematic Beneficence, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., and Elder J. A. Smythe and G. L. Newton.

Rev. John R. Hay, and Elder J. A. Miller, Brevard; J. C. Wright, Franklin; and T. G. Miller, Hazelwood, were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Rev. James Lapsley, of Wilmington Presbytery, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following communications were read and referred, viz:

A certificate of dismissal of Licentiate A. F. Doty from Harmony Presbytery was read, and on motion he was received into the Presbytery, and it was made the second order of the day this afternoon for his examination with a view to ordination.

A call from the Ora Street church for the pastoral services of Licentiate A. F. Doty was read and placed in his hands.

A call from the Black Mountain church for the services of Rev. R. S. Eskridge for half his time was read and placed in his hands. The call was accepted by him.

A communication from Rev. H. B. Dendy stating that the Covenanters Church united with him in asking dissolution of the pastoral relation was read, and after explanation the Presbytery dissolved the relation.

A communication from the Covenanters Church in the nature of a call for the pastoral services of Licentiate W. K. Beaty was read as information.

A communication from the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was referred without reading to the Presbytery's Committee on the same subject.

A communication from the President of Davidson College was referred without reading to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The Presbytery directed that the name of its Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence be changed to Permanent Committee on Stewardship.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. P. N. Gresham to take charge of the Communion service following the eleven o'clock sermon.

The Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., offered his resignation as Presbytery's Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist. The Home Mission Committee, through its Chairman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, recommended to Presbytery that Dr. Smith be retained and that he be given a full time assistant in his work. The Presbytery adopted the recommendation, and appointed the following

committee to secure his assistant: Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Rev. H. B. Dendy.

The commission to install Rev. E. G. Clary pastor of the Murphy church reported that duty done on February 10th, 1924. The Commission was discharged.

The ad Interim Committee on the Assembly Minutes made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Ad Interim Committee appointed to study the proposed Amendments to the Book of Church Order sent down to the Presbyteries by the General Assembly would recommend that the Presbytery of Asheville give its approval to the Amendments with the following exceptions:-

1. That the phrase, "And blessing the people," in paragraph 24, and the corresponding phrase, "to bless the people from God," in paragraph 38, be retained.

11. That the proposed provisions for the incorporation of churches and church courts be disapproved.

R. F. Campbell,
R. S. Eskridge.

The eleven o'clock hour having arrived, the Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., from II. Timothy 3:16, on the subject, "The Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures."

The sermon was followed by the Communion administered by Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. P. N. Gresham.

Presbytery then took recess until the afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Presbytery re-convened at 1:30 P. M., and the minutes of the called meeting of July 23rd, 1923, were read as information.

The order of the day was taken up, and Mr. J. A. Smythe, Chairman of the Committee on Men's Work, read the report on the Maxwell Training School. The report was received, and the recommendations taken up seriatim, amended, and adopted as follows:

First, That Presbytery authorize and empower its Stewardship Committee to revise the percentage of all benevolent causes so as to take care of our several causes equitably, including Presbyterial Tax.

Second, That Presbytery urge our ministers to see that their men are organized under the plan suggested by the General Assembly, and that each pastor call upon this Committee for any help necessary.

Third, That Presbytery endorse our idea of holding a convention at a convenient time and place of the men of the Presbytery in order to organize them along the lines suggested by the Permanent Committee on Men's Work of the General Assembly.

Fourth, That the following men be elected to succeed themselves as Directors of the Maxwell Training School, viz, J. R. Sandifer, T. H. Bell, and T. M. Slagle.

Fifth, That the pastors and churches of the Presbytery be instructed to feel at all times free to call upon this Committee for any help they think we can give, as our desire is to SERVE to the best of our ability.

J. Adger Smythe, Chm.

A committee, composed of Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Mr. J. H. McConnell, was appointed to apportion a deficit in the expenditures of the Maxwell Training School among the churches of the Presbytery, with the urgent request that same be paid within thirty days.

The second order of the day was taken up, and Licentiate A. F. Doty was examined with a view to his ordination to the Gospel ministry. After being fully examined as required by the Book of Church Order the examination was sustained in its parts and as a whole.

The following Commission was appointed to hear his trial sermon, to receive the call and place it in his hands, and to ordain and install him pastor of the Ora Street church: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and Ruling Elders E J. Griset, C. C. Lingerfeldt, and J. W. Moore. (This duty was done Sunday April 27th, 1924, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Stated Clerk).

A communication from Rev. Joel T. Mitchell, of Hazelwood, N. C., was read as information, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to answer it.

The Presbytery then took recess until 8 o'clock tonight.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Presbytery convened again at eight o'clock, and after devotional services, entered into a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, over which Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., presided and read the report. Interesting and helpful addresses were made by Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Elder J. E. Lancaster.

On motion Dr. R. P. Smith was requested to give to our church papers his comparative figures showing the growth of the work of Asheville Presbytery during its history.

The following recommendations of the Home Mission Committee were adopted:

1. That Revs. R. P. Smith D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., and H. B. Dendy be appointed a committee to look for and employ an Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions.

2.: That every pastor and session be urged to secure as many subscriptions as possible to the Presbyterial paper, "Our Mountain Work," as the best means of keeping our people informed in

regard to the Beneficent causes.

R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

The Committee on Sessional Records, through its Chairman Rev. P. N. Gresham, made its report, which was received, amended, and adopted.

Dr. L. T. Wilds read the statistical report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence and its recommendations. The consideration of the report was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery met at nine o'clock, and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. John R. Ray.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. The order of the day was taken up, and the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence were taken up seriatim, amended and adopted. The report as a whole was then adopted, together with the recommendations. The report as adopted is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence makes the following report. It has tabulated statistics for the General Assembly as follows:

Churches	28
Ministers	20
Candidates for the Ministry	3
Elders	120
Deacons	112
Added on Examination	217
Added on certificate	260
Resident Communicants	2906
Non-Resident Communicants	526
Whole number Communicants	3432
Adult Baptisms	80
Infant Baptisms	65
Total Sunday School Enrollment	3622
Contributions to Foreign Missions	$7754
Assembly's Home Missions	1623
Synod's Home Missions	1533
Presbytery's Home Missions	5419
Congregational Home Missions	656
Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	960
S. S. Extension and Publication	2118
Educational Institutions	4354
Bible Cause	282
Orphans Homes	8594
Current Expenses & Presbyterial Tax	29,406
Pastors' Salaries actually paid	28,194
Miscellaneous contributions	3726

Recommendations:

1. That the Permanent Stewardship Committee apportion to the churches their quotas (amount and percentage) for the various Benevolent Causes, notify the churches of their apportionments at least a month before the yearly Every-Member-Canvass, and that the church be urged to secure these apportionments.
2. That every church in the Presbytery shall conduct an Every Member Canvass for church support and Benevolences, with the understanding that churches that fail to do this need not expect to receive financial aid from the Presbytery.
3. That each church make an earnest effort to enlist as many of its members as possible in "The Tithers' Convenant League."
4. That the Stewardship Committee be authorized and empowered to revise the percentage of all benevolent causes so as to take care of our several causes equitably, including Presbyterial Taxes.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, Jr., Chairman.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Minutes of Synod that they found nothing in the Minutes calling for special action on the part of the Presbytery. The report was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Church Societies, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chm., reported that they find 15 women's societies with 575 members, contributing a total for all purposes of $8271. Sixteen Christian Endeavor societies have 371 members and contributed to all purposes $212. Three men's societies with a membership of 320 gave $92 to all purposes. The report was adopted

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported eight beneficiaries from the Relief fund, and three candidates for the Gospel ministry. The candidates for the ministry are, Mr. John M. Gaddy, West Asheville, N. C; Mr. Roy P. Miller, West Asheville, N. C; Mr. J. B. Moore, Murphy, N. C. The Presbytery contributed $1257.91 to these causes, and received from the Committee at Louisville, Ky., a total of $3510. We recommend that the same amounts of aid be granted as last year to the same persons.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Hay, Chairman.

This report was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for eleven o'clock today to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly, and following that to select the place of next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery's Committee on Sunday School work, E. J. Griset, Chairman., made its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

A summary of our Field Worker's monthly reports shows the following,-Visits to schools while in session, 64; home visits, 235; addresses made, 82; new schools organized, two; churches organized from mission Sunday school, one; institutes and conferences held, two; Standard Teachers Training School, one; Teachers Training Certifileates given, 33; Home Departments organized, two; miles travelled, 6373; expenses (board, lodging while away from home, travelling, postage, printing, etc.) $523.05.

Recommendation: We urge that each church make an earnest, prayerful, and determined effort to reach, teach, and train every one within its bounds. And as a means of doing this we recommend that each church make a RELIGIOUS SURVEY to find the people we should reach; that each church organize as many outpost Sunday schools as are needed to meet the demand within their bounds. This will give every church worker in each church something to do for our Master.

Respectifully submitted,
E. J. Griset, Chairman

(There are 26 Sunday schools within our bounds with a total enrollment of 3622. Pupils admitted to the Communion during the year numbered 152. The Sunday schools contributed to all purposes a total of $5685,—Stated Clerk).

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly was taken up. The election resulted as follows: Rev. P. N. Gresham and Ruling Elder S. W. Black, principals; and Rev. H. B. Dendy and Ruling Elder J. A. Miller, alternates, respectively.

The Brevard church was chosen as the next place of meeting. The time fixed by the Manual is Tuesday, September 9th, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Chairman of the Builders' League reported on the League. The report was adopted, and Presbytery requested the Chairman to furnish each pastor with a supply of blanks for pledges.

The Committee on Audits made its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Auditing Committee reports that it was not possible to make an audit of the Treasurer's books because of the fact that we only had the cash book, showing receipts and disbursements, at hand. We checked the additions in the book and came within one cent of the result obtained already by the permanent auditing committee composed of T. S. Morrison and J. H. McConnell.

H. B. Dendy, Chm.

The Committee tabulating the reports of the Every Member Canvass made its report through its chairman, Mr. J. H. Dillard. About fifty per cent of the churches made an Every Member Canvass for finances. The report was adopted.

The following Committee was appointed to install Rev. R. S. Eskridge pastor of the Black Mountain church, namely, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Elder E. J. Griset,

The report on the Narrative was made by Elder J. W. Moore, which was adopted. The report showed that 24 churches had reported, and from these reports it was found that 60 per cent of the membership attend morning services; 40 per cent attend the evening services; and 15 per cent attend prayer meetings. Additions on profession 217; on certificate 260; total, 477. Of those joining on profession, 152 were from the Sunday School.

Evangelistic services were held in twelve churches and an improvement was seen in the spiritual condition of each church. The spiritual life of the church members is encouraging.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. J. T. Gillespie, Chm., made its report, as follows: Excused for tardiness, Rev. S. R. Crockett and Rev. J. R. Hay, and Elders J. A. Miller and J. W. Moore. Excused before adjournment, Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., and Rev. E. G. Clary, Licentiate A. F. Doty, and Elders H. A. Osborne, Chas. T. Hamilton, C. C. Lingerfeldt, and J. H. Dillard. Left without excuse, Elders J. T. Bailey, T. G. Miller, G. L. Miller, G. L. Newton, J. C. Wright.

The report was adopted.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge made the report for the Committee on Foreign Missions. Facts and figures were quoted from the Assembly's Executive Committee showing it to be one of the best and most encouraging years in the history of the work. The report urges that all our churches take a part in this work.

The report was adopted.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator, asking God's blessing upon all of our missionaries, and especially those from our own Presbytery. The Stated Clerk was asked to convey this information to those from this Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion was read by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, and was adopted. The report recommends that all our pastors be urged to present these important subjects both from the pulpit and in personal visitation.

The Commission appointed to organize a church at Red Oak in Buncombe Co., reported that they met there on Nov. 25th, 1923, for this purpose, and a sermon was preached. But in view of the fact that only six of the thirty-one petitioners were present the organization was postponed. It was decided to call Presbytery to meet for the organization December 9th, 1923. The organization was duly perfected on that date by a called meeting of Presbytery.

The Commission appointed on Black Mountain church reported that there were no matters for record, and the Commission was discharged.

The Committee on Nominations, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chm., made the following nominations: Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., Chairman of Permanent Committee on Stewardship; Mr. Bruce Drysdale, Secretary of Permanent Committee on Men's Work; Rev. E. G. Clary, next Moderator; Rev. P. N. Gresham, to preach the next Presbyterial Sermon, on the subject, "Repentance unto Life."

The nominations were approved and adopted by Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was given authority and permission to correct and fill out the Statistical Report to the General Assembly after adjournment. (See report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence for corrected figures,— Stated Clerk).

Presbytery took recess for dinner until 1:15 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery re-convened at 1:15 P. M.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery entered into a free and informal discussion of certain matters that are to come before the General Assembly at its approaching meeting, in order to give the Commissioners Presbytery's views on these matters.

The Presbytery then adjourned with singing, prayer, and the benediction, to meet in regular session at Brevard, N. C., September 9th, 1924, at 8 o'clock P. M.

J. Q. Wallace, Moderator

Attest: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary

OF THE

SYNOD OF APPALACHIA

Nineteenth Annual Meeting

IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Canton, North Carolina
April 14-15-16, 1924.

"We pray in the right way," says D. L. Moody, "when we pray as though everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on us."

MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL AUXILIARY

Canton, N. C., April 14-16, 1924.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Asheville Presbyterial was opened on the afternoon of April 14, 1924, with a meeting of the Executive Committee and enrollment of representatives. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Wm. McKay, the Vice-President, Mrs. R. C. Anderson, presided.

MONDAY EVENING

The evening session was opened by singing hymn, "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit," and in the absence of the Canton pastor, Dr. W. M. Sikes, the devotional and communion was conducted by Rev. Paul N. Gresham, of West Asheville church. Mrs. S. H. McNeely, ex-president of the local Auxiliary, welcomed the Presbyterial. Mrs. H. B. Dendy, of Weaverville, responded.

A duet, "The Old Rugged Cross," was sung by Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Laney.

Mrs. R. D. Bedinger, of Africa, well known in Asheville Presbyterial, brought a very interesting message to us of the conditions in the Congo, physical, mental and spiritual, the educational, medical and financial work, and the many needs.

After some announcements, the meeting was closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. Paul N. Gresham.

TUESDAY MORNING.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Wm. McKay, the Nineteenth Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbyterial was formally called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. R. C. Anderson.

After Hymn, the devotional on "PRAYER" was led by Mrs. Anderson.

The secretary only referred to the minutes of last meeting as in printed form which had been sent to each Presbyterial and local auxiliary officer.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating—Mrs. R. P. Smith, Mrs. W. J. Hooker, Mrs. E. M. Thomas, Mrs. H. B. Dendy and Mrs. A. F. Doty.

Courtesies—Mrs. A. H. Morey, Mrs. J. Walter Smith, Mrs. D. W. Harrison.

Recommendations—Mrs. Paul N. Gresham, Mrs. J. E. Craddock, and Mrs. E. G. Clary.

In the absence of Sec. of Literature, Mrs. R. B. Willis was asked to take charge of the literature table.

Report of president was read by the secretary, supplemented by the vice-president. Mrs. Anderson stressed the Standard of Excellence, especially mentioning sections 5 and 7. The

secretary thanked the local auxiliaries for sending reports in on time and asked that this be repeated next year. The Treasurer's report was accepted after one correction. The Historian's report was brief but interesting.

The reports of Secretaries of Causes show an increase in every branch of the work. Secretary of Young People's Work did not report.

Mrs. Henry Miller, president Holston Presbyterial, brought echoes from Synodical which met last November in Sweetwater, Tennessee, and gave a helpful talk on the auxiliary budget, showing the advantage of systematic giving, and giving as an act of worship.

Miss Jennie Buck, of Mountain Orphanage, was introduced. Also Mrs. A. A. Anderson, of Etowah.

Mrs. Chas. H. Blackburn delighted her hearers with a solo.

After the Intercessory Hour, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess auxiliary at the Y. M. C. A.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The devotional was led by Mrs. Paul N. Gresham, subject—"What will it profit a community if it gains the world and loses its boys and girls."

Each auxiliary report shows an increase in spiritual development, in attendance, and in giving. It was unanimously decided to use the questionaire form in making reports of local Auxiliaries. The Presbyterial was happy to welcome Hazelwood Auxiliary into the Presbyterial.

Miss Buck presented the needs of the Mountain Orphanage and Mr. J. E. Lancaster represented Maxwell Training School.

A motion was made and carried that a telegram be sent to our president, Mrs. McKay.

Report of Nominating Committee was as follows:

Mrs. R. C. Anderson, President; Mrs. W. F. Swift, Vice-President; Mrs. Broaddus Estes, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Chas. H. Blackburn, Treasurer: Mrs. A. F. Doty, Historian; Mrs. Glenn Miller, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. Paul N. Gresham, Secretary Y. P. Work; Mrs. Jerry Cocke, Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial & Congregational Home Missions; Mrs. R. B. Coleman, Secretary Christian Community Service; Mrs. R. B. Willis, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. W. A. Ward, Assistant Sec. of Literature. These were unanimously elected.

TUESDAY EVENING

At 7:30 a pageant, "A Missionary Clinic," was presented by the ladies of Ora Street Auxiliary. After a reading by Mrs. Misenheimer, Dr. R. C. Anderson made an appeal in behalf of Montreat Normal. Dr. R. P. Smith again paid tribute to the

work of the women of Asheville Presbyterial. Rev. H. P. Dendy made an interesting address on Presbyterial Home Missions. The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. Anderson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

After an opening Hymn, the Devotional was led by Mrs. C. L. Grey, using "Prayer" for her subject. The Minutes were read and approved. Reports of committees were read and adopted. A motion was made, and, after some discussion, was carried that Asheville Presbyterial make her Special Birthday offering to the Montreat Normal.

The Officers for 1924-1925 were installed by Dr. R. C. Anderson.

TREASURER'S REPORT. APRIL 14, 1924.

Your Treasurer presents the following report for your consideration. For year ending April 1st, 1924.

April 18, 1923 Received from Mrs. Quinlan, Treas.	127.55
Mrs. A. A. Anderson, Etowah, gift	5.00
Collection at Presbyterial, Swannanoa	26.51
May 24, 1923, Tex-Mex. School, Montreat	44.65
May 28, 1923, Tex-Mex. School, Bryson City	11.00
May 28, 1924, Tex-Mex. School, Waynesville	33.00
May 28, 1923, Tex-Mex, School, Mills River Ch.	7.15
May 28, 1923, Tex-Mex, School, Black Mountain	18.15
June 2, 1923, Tex-Mex, School, Brevard	14.00
June 2, 1923, Tex-Mex. School, 1st Ch. Asheville	50.70
June 2, 1923, Tex-Mex. School, Hendersonville	48.00
June 2, 1923, Tex-Mex. School, Ora St. Asheville	17.05
June 2, 1923, Tex-Mex. School, Mills River (late gift)	4.00
Total	$406.86
Balance on hand received from Mrs. R. P. Smith at time of Mrs. Paul Brown's resignation, June 13, 1923.	$393.61
June 19th, Tex-Mex. School, Davidson River	7.00
July 3rd, Tex-Mex. School, Swannanoa	16.50
August 10, Tex-Mex. School, Black Mountain	15.00
August 15, Tex-Mex. School, Canton	17.15
November 20, Tex-Mex. School, West Asheville	5.79
Jan. 15th, First Church, Asheville, Synodical	$75.00
March 7th, First Church, Asheville, Presbyterial	75.00
March 8th, Canton	14.00
March 15th, W. Asheville	24.00
March 17th, Ora Street, Asheville	12.50
March 17th, Montreat	14.00
March 18th, Hendersonville	40.00
March 26th, Brevard	5.75
March 19th, Swannanoa	12.00

March 26th, Pisgah Forest	6.00
March 20th, Black Mountain	13.00
March 28th, Horse Shoe	2.00
April 7th, Weaverville	4.00
Total	752.30
Disbursements	
July 3rd, Mrs. Everett, stamps	$ 2.00
July 3rd, Mrs. McKay's expenses to Asheville	2.00
July 12th, Mrs. McMillan, for Tex-Mex. School	271.00
August 16th, Cash, for stamps	1.00
August 25th, Printing Minutes, Dr. Smith	24.75
August 25th, Mrs. McKay's expenses to Montreat	6.00
Oct. 1st, Mrs. Estes, stamps	1.50
Oct. 9th, Mrs. McKay's expenses to Synodical	20.00
Oct. 19th, Woman's Auxiliary, Printing	.56
Oct. 29th, Mrs. McKay's expenses to Brevard	5.41
Nov. 20th, Mrs. McMillan, W. Asheville Aux.	5.49
Jan. 16th, Mrs. Estes, stamps	1.00
Feb. 15th, Mrs. Estes, stamps	2.00
April 10th, Inland Press, Printing Programs	9.60
Total	$352.51
Total in Bank	$399.79

RESOLUTIONS OF COURTESY

We are sorry we were not all in Canton ten years ago to have enjoyed the meeting of the presbyterial which Mrs. McNeely spoke about in her address of welcome, but we are heartily thankful we are here and enjoying to the fullest the hospitality of these good people now.

Therefore, be it resolved by Asheville Presbyterial that we extend our thanks:

First, to the reception committee, Mrs. Sprang, Mrs. Hildebrand and Mrs. Osborne, who met and conveyed delegates to the church and then to the homes where we were entertained.

Second, to Rev. Paul N. Gresham, of West Asheville church who conducted the Communion service, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Sikes, who is leading evangelistic services in West Asheville church.

Third, to the several speakers, among whom is our beloved Mrs. R. D. Bedinger who brought us such an inspiring message from our African field; to Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. R. C. Anderson, and Rev. H. B. Dendy for their splendid messages.

Fourth, to the Ora Street church, Asheville, and those in Canton who assisted in the enjoyable pageant.

Fifth, to the Y. M. C. A. of Canton, the hospitality committee who served the delightful lunches, and to those in whose homes we were entertained, and all who furnished cars and assisted in any

way to the enjoyment of our stay in Canton.

Mrs. A. H. Morey
Mrs. J. W. Smith
Mrs. D. W. Harrison.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

First, That the next meeting of Asheville Presbyterial be held in the Ora Street Presbyterian church, as guest of the local Woman's Auxiliary.

Second, That the time be selected by the synodical officers as has been the custom in the past, in co-operation with our presbyterial officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Paul N. Gresham
Mrs. E. G. Clary
Mrs. J. E. Craddock

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FALL MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Fifty-Seventh Semi-Annual Session.

Brevard, N. C., Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 1924.

Asheville Presbytery convened in the Presbyterian church, Brevard, N. C., Tuesday, September 23rd, at 8 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. Q. Wallace, retiring moderator, from John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Presbytery was then called to order and constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following members were found present: **Ministers,**—R. F. Campbell, D. D., E. G. Clary, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, J. T. Gillespie, P. N. Gresham, John R. Hay, W. M. Sikes, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., J. Q. Wallace, and A. F. Doty. **Ruling elders,**—E. L. Gaston, Asheville, First; Isaac M. McCall, Etowah; R. L. Gash, Davidson River; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; C. C. Lord, Montreat; H. W. Creasman, Ora Street; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; A. B. Thomas, Waynesville; J. Q. McLaurin, Weaverville, W. T. Snyder, West Asheville.

Rev. E. G. Clary was elected moderator, and Rev. A. F. Doty temporary clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended the following hours of meeting, which were adopted: 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.; 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will. Rev. R. S. Eskridge was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

Rev. J. T. Gillespie offered his resignation as pastor of the Bryson City church that he might accept a call to the Third Presbyterian church of Louisville, Ky. A letter signed by Mr. S. W. Black, moderator of a congregational meeting of the Bryson City church, was put into the hands of the Stated Clerk, stating that the church concurred in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The Presbytery dissolved the relationship, and dismissed Rev. J. T. Gillespie to Louisville Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Seagle, rector of the Brevard Episcopal church, was introduced to Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Presbytery convened again Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and was led in devotional services by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following members were excused for tardiness and enrolled: Rev. W. S. Hutchinson; Ruling elder C. M. Siniard, Brevard; A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; and M. M. Brittain, Mills River.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees: (1) **Bills and Overtures**, Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Elder A. B. Thomas. (2) **Judicial**, Rev. S. R. Crockett, and Elder E. L. Gaston. (3) **Records of Presbytery**, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Elder H. W. Creasman. (4) **Minutes of Synod**, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Elder J. Q. McLaurin. (5) **Minutes of General Assembly**, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Elder W. T. Snyder. (6) **Audits**, Elders C. C. Lord and C. H. Alexander. (7) **Nominations**, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Rev. P. N. Gresham. (8) **Leave of Absence**, Rev. J. R. Hay, Elder G. C. Summerow.

The Moderator designated Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. S. R. Crockett to have charge of the Communion service at the close of the eleven o'clock sermon today.

Under communications attention was called to the fact that the Presbytery is meeting two weeks later than the time fixed by the Manual, and that the moderator had changed the date of meeting owing to conflict of date with the meeting of Synod.

Two communications from the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply were read and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly.

A letter from Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, relative to the proposed Amendments to The Book of Church Order together with copy of said Amendments was referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly.

A communication from the Assembly's Stewardship Committee was referred to Presbytery's Permanent Committee on this subject, of which Rev. R. S. Eskridge was made temporary chairman. The recommendations adopted by the Synod at its recent meeting in Knoxville were also referred to this committee.

A letter from The Christian Observer calling attention to

Church Paper Week in November was read, and its recommendation for the observance of said week was adopted.

Rev. John R. Hay, on behalf of the Brevard church, invited the members of Presbytery and visitors to go on an automobile ride immediately after dinner today. Presbytery accepted the invitation.

A certificate of dismission of Rev. B. F. Yandell from Congaree Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read. Also a certificate of dismissal of Rev. Wilmer MacNair from the Monmouth Classis of the Reformed Church in America to Asheville Presbytery was read. Also a certificate dismissing Rev. Joel T. Mitchell from Neosha Presbytery, of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., to Asheville Presbytery had been placed in the hands of certain brethren of the Presbytery but had been misplaced and was not before Presbytery. Two members of Presbytery testified to having seen it, so Presbytery proceeded as if it were in hand. These three brethren were examined together according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order and were duly received into membership in the Presbytery, and were asked to sign the usual obligations taken by ministers of this Presbytery.

A certificate of dismission of Licentiate W. K. Beatty from Bethel Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read. Mr. Beatty was received according to the usual manner. He was examined on all subjects required by the Book of Church Order for ordination and passed a most satisfactory examination. He was asked to preach his trial sermon for ordination before Presbytery tonight at the opening of the evening session.

The Presbyterial sermon was preached at eleven o'clock by Rev. Paul N. Gresham from Acts 17:30-31 on the subject, "Repentance Unto Life." The sermon was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper at which Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. S. R. Crockett presided.

Presbytery took recess for dinner and for an automobile ride until four o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery re-convened at four o'clock P. M., and entered upon its business with prayer.

The Commission appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to ordain and install Licentiate A. F. Doty at Ora Street reported the duty performed on Sunday night April 27th, 1924.

The Commission appointed to install Rev. R. S. Eskridge as

pastor of the Black Mountain church reported that the installation had not yet taken place. Ruling elder C. C. Lord was added to the Commission, and the installation service was left subject to such date as the church and pastor-elect should agree on.

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery at the Spring session, 1923, "to go to Black Mountain and investigate the situation with a view to action in aid of the church" would respectfull report:

1. That the duty was performed;
2. That the Commission found the church divided in regard to the work and character of the pastor, Rev. Harry Boehme:
3. That as no definite charges were preferred there was nothing upon which a judicial case could be constituted;
4. That the Commission did all it could to allay friction and to bring into accord the two parties in the congregation, in which effort it was at least partially successful;
5. That since the removal of the pastor to another Presbytery, the chief cause of friction has been taken away, and the spirit of unity and co-operation among the members has been steadily growing.

R. F. Campbell, Chm.

This report was adopted, and the Commisssion discharged.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported on the proposed Amendments to the Book of Church Order as follows:

In obedience to the duty assigned me by the Presbytery to examine and report on the Amendments to The Book of Church Order adopted by the General Assembly of 1924 and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent I beg leave to report,

1. That there seem to be no radical changes made by the Assembly's Committee in their revision of the Amendments proposed in their original report;
2. It is therefore recommended that in response to the expressed hope of the General Assembly that the Presbyteries will approve the Committee's report as a whole, unless they

feel that some vital principle is involved, this Presbytery do now give its consent to all the Amendments proposed in the report of the Assembly's Committee.

R. F. Campbell, Chm.

This report was adopted unanimously.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Assembly made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the Presbytery express its hearty approval of Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply as a Department in the office of the Stated Clerk of the Assembly;
2. That in accordance with the Assembly's action the Presbytery makes it the duty of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to notify all vacant churches of the Bureau of Vacancy and Supply, and to notify the Stated Clerk of the Assembly of all vacant churches and available men within the bounds of the Presbytery.
3. That the Superintendent of Home Missions be requested to avail himself of the aid of the Assembly's Bureau, and endeavor when necessary to put the sessions of vacant churches in touch with the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply.

R. F. Campbell,
W. T. Snyder.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions reported as follows, and its report was adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that in accordance with the action of the Presbytery at the last Spring meeting appointing a committee consisting of R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, and H. B. Dendy, all of whom are members of the Home Mission Committee, to secure an assistant for Dr. R. P. Smith in his work as Superintendent, the services of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Supt. of Home Missions in Savannah Presbytery, have been secured as Superintendent at the same salary he was receiving from that Presbytery, namely $3600 and the necessary expenses involved in the work, and that Mr. Rauschenberg will begin his work in this Presbytery October 1.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That Presbytery ratify the action of its committee in engaging the services of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg as Superintendent.

2. That the Presbytery appoint a special committee of five to consider ways and means of providing for Mr. Rauschenberg's salary, and that the Presbytery's Committee on Nominations be directed to nominate this committee.

R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

On motion the Presbytery directed that the salary of Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., remain as at present.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday School work reported through Rev. P. N. Gresham, and its report was adopted as follows:

Mr. J. E. Lancaster, who, as our field worker for four years, has comprehended his sacred task and to the same has kept true with singleness of aim, has given to us his resignation effective October 1st, 1924. In accepting his resignation with regret, we thank Mr. Lancaster for his work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope. We pray that God will lead him into a larger ministry in his kingdom. After a conference with the Home Mission Committee we recommend that his work be turned over to the Superintendent of Home Mission, Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg.

Signed: E. J. Griset, H. B. Dendy and P. N. Gresham.

On motion of Dr. R. F. Campbell the Presbytery voted to send all funds collected for Sunday School and Publication Work to the Assembly's Committee in Richmond, Va., on condition that Committee will continue to appropriate $1200 per annum to the work in Asheville Presbytery.

Rev. P. N. Gresham reported on his attendance to the General Assembly at San Antonio, Texas. He was commended for his diligence.

Mr. J. A. Miller also a commissioner to the Assembly reported his attendance. He was likewise commended for his diligence to duty.

The Committee on Bible Cause made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Bible Cause has no report to make, but would offer the following recommendation: That inasmuch as our Sunday School field worker has resigned his office the Bibles and Testaments and money from the sales be turned over to the Superintendent of Home Missions. Nine Bibles, three Testaments, and $1.05 is the amount on hand.

J. Q. Wallace, Chm., J. E. Lancaster.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 o'clock tonight, after prayer by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Presbytery re-convened at 7:30 P. M.

Licentiate W. K. Beatty preached his trial sermon for ordination from the text The sermon was accepted as satisfactory part of trial. His examination was then sustained in all its parts and as a whole.

Presbytery then entered upon a Popular Meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, presided. Addresses were made by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and President S. L. Woodward of the Montreat Normal School.

Rev. S. R. Crockett brought in a report on the Church and Manse Builders' League. He recommended that some person be appointed in each congregation to solicit subscriptions to the League on the basis of four calls per year for some definite building project, and that Rev. B. F. Yandell be added to the committee and made treasurer of the League.

The report and its recommendations were adopted after some discussion.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. F. Yandell till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery came together at 9 o'clock A. M., and was led in its opening devotions by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, corrected, and approved.

The report of the Special Committee on the Maxwell Training School deficit, appointed at last Spring meeting of Presbytery, was made verbally. It was found that some of the

churches had failed to pay the apportionments assigned them. Consequently the same committee was continued to clear up the deficit.

The Committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

The Nominating Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That Elder W. T. Snyder, of West Asheville Church, be the next moderator.

2. That Rev. Wilmer MacNair preach the Presbyterial Sermon on the subject: Religion In The Home, or Family Reilgion; Rev. Joel T. Mitchell to be his alternate.

3. That Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Stewardship, be made an additional member of the Home Mission Committee

4. That the Special Committee on Ways and Means of providing for Mr. Rauschenberg's salary and expense account be composed of the following: Elders T. S. Morrison, J. T. Bailey, Charles Grey, and Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

5. That Hon. Ruffner Campbell be elected to succeed himself as Trustee of Davidson College till Spring of 1926.

6. That Rev. B. F. Yandell take the place on the Foreign Mission Committee made vacant by Rev. J. T. Gillespie's leaving.

7. That Rev. W. K. Beatty take the place on Narrative Committee made vacant by the removal of Rev. J. T. Gillespie.

8. That Elder Galiatin Roberts take the place on the Committee on Evangelism made vacant by Mr. W. J. Bridges moving from our bounds.

9. That Rev. E. G. Clary take the place on the Committee on examination on Academic Studies left vacant by Rev. J. T. Gillespie's leaving.

H. B. Dendy, Chm., P. N. Gresham.

The Moderator appointed the following Commission to go to Hazelwood, take up and act on the call to Rev. B. F. Yandell, and install him pastor of the church there: Rev. S. R. Crockett to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., to preach and charge the pastor; Rev. Joel T. Mitchell, with Rev. Wilmer MacNair as alternate; Elder T. S. Morrison to charge the people, with Elder J. T. Bailey as alternate to him.

The following Commission was appointed by the Moderator to ordain and install Licentiate W. K. Beatty as pastor of Covenanters church, namely, Rev. H. B. Dendy to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. P. N. Gresham to preach and charge the pastor; Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., to charge the people, with Rev. A. F. Doty as alternate.

The Committee on Evangelism reported as follows and its report was adopted:

The work of Evangelism in our Presbytery is encouraging, but it is not satisfactory. For on the average it has taken thirteen members a whole year to add one soul to the church on profession of faith. Of the 217 persons added to the church on examination 152, or 70 per cent, came through the Sunday School. It is clear that some of our evangelistic muscles need to be exercised. We recommend, (1) That the first week in November be set apart as a week of prayer for a passion for souls, (2) That every church in the Presbytery be asked to report at the next Fall meeting of Presbytery on the work done in Evangelism and outpost mission work.

Respectifully submitted,

P. N. Gresham, Chairman.

The following paper was adopted and ordered sent to the next meeting of the General Assembly, namely,—

Whereas the question of changing the church year to conform to the calendar year was not given due consideration at the last General Assembly, and **Whereas** the mind of the whole church should be ascertained before such radical change is made, and **Whereas** the change appears to be unwise first in making the church year end in December and second in upsetting the work and plans of the Executive Committees, therefore

Be it Resolved, That Asheville Presbytery hereby overtures the General Assembly meeting in Lexington, Ky., May 21st, 1925, to re-consider its action of May, 1924, requiring the church year to conform to the calendar year after January 1st, 1926.

The Committee on Audits reported that it had no report to make.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported as follows and its report was adopted:

Your Committee on Synod's Minutes respectfully reports no new Minutes in hand. This report should be called for at the Spring meeting of Presbytery. We recommend that until the matter of the new time of meeting of the Synod be finally settled our meetings of Presbytery be on the SECOND MONDAYS OF APRIL AND OCTOBER, thus suspending the standing rule as to time; and that after the time of the meeting of Synod is settled we revise our Manual.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Hutchinson, Chm. Pro Tem.

The Committee on Stewardship made the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That Presbytery accept its quota of $36,000 apportioned to it by Synod.

2. That the third Sunday of March be appointed for the annual every member financial canvass in the churches.

3. That the churches be asked to lend all possible aid to the campaign for the Equipment Fund, the churches receiving an offering for this cause on the second Sunday in December, and that Presbytery retain fifty per cent of the funds so collected.

4. That Presbytery approves heartily of the "Birthday Offering Plan" of the Woman's Auxiliary to raise a part of the Equipment Fund.

R. S. Eskridge, Chm. Pro. Tem.

Rev. S. R. Crockett reported for the Judicial Committee that no businesss had come into their hands.

Rev. John R. Hay, Chairman of Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, reported that the Committee had no report to make.

The Committee on Men's Work had no report.

The Committee on Records of Presbytery reported the Minutes in good order.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions, read the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That in view of the serious falling off in the Foreign Mission receipts for the first five months of this year, the Presbytery at this session engage in special prayer that God will awaken our Church to the seriousness of the situation thus created and that He will imbue our pastors with a fresh sense of their missionary duty and responsibility.

2. That church schools of missions be organized in all the churches during January and February and that they be urged to study the text books on China recommended for the current year and in accordance with the plans prepared by the Education Department, and also use "Southern Presbyterian Missions Abroad," the Committee's Annual Report.

3. That our Christian Endeavor Societies be urged to use the six Missionary Programs prepared especially for the six missionary meetings provided for in the regular C. E. schedule.

4. That all Sunday Schools be urged to follow the Seven Year Plan for Missionary Education and to study, pray for, and give to the support of our work in the Congo in accordance with the $5 Share-Plan and that the booklet entitled "Our Prayer Each Week" be used as widely as possible.

5. That churches, societies, and individuals, assume, whenever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

6. That we call the Presbytery's attention to the following action of the last General Assembly:

"The General Assembly feels deeply the necessity of having better homes for our missionaries; that they should be provided with modern transportation facilities and suitable chapels worthy of the cause of the Master. Therefore it calls on the pastors prayerfully to lay this matter on the hearts of their people. It would be a fine thing for those churches having missionaries definitely assigned to them, to see that they have the physical equipment necessary for their fields, as authorized by the Assembly."

A resolution adopted by the Southern Presbyterian Mission

in Korea about Rev. P. P. Winn, a member of this Presbytery, was read as information. Special prayer was offered for Brother Winn and our missionaries in general. The Presbytery also directed Rev. R. S. Eskridge to write a letter of greeting to Brother Winn and the other missionaries on the Foreign field from the bounds of this Presbytery.

Presbytery suspended the standing rule calling for the observance of the Communion in connection with the sermon at eleven o'clock on the second day, and directed that hereafter the Communion be observed on the first night immediately after the opening sermon by the retiring moderator.

The Hazelwood church was selected as the place of next meeting of Presbytery. The time is Monday April 13th at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to send up the statistical report to Synod each year without its adoption by Presbytery.

The Committee on Leave of Absence read the following report which was adopted:

We recommend that the following brethren be excused for leaving before adjournment; Wednesday afternoon, Elders W. T. Snyder, G. C. Summerow, E. L. Gaston, J. Q. McLaurin, A. B. Thomas, and Revs. J. T. Mitchell and J. T, Gillespie. Wednesday night, Elders H. W. Creasman, M. M. Brittain, and Rev. A. F. Doty. Thursday morning, Revs. J. Q. Wallace, B. F. Yandell, W. K. Beatty, and H. B. Dendy.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Hay, Chm.

The free conversation on the state of religion in the Presbytery was dispensed with, and on motion it was made the first order of the day on the afternoon of the second day hereafter to hear the free conversation on the state of religion. Full meeting.

Rev. John R. Hay called the attention of Presbytery to the desirability of securing a title to the Highland church property at Highlands, N. C. The matter was put into the hands of the Home Mission Committee to handle.

The Presbytery adopted the following vote of thanks presented by Rev. P. N. Gresham: We desire to express our deepest gratitude to the Brevard church and to the people of Brevard for their abounding hospitality so graciously extended. They have done everything posssible to make this meeting what it

should be. We shall never forget their Christlike kindness. We express our thanks by a rising vote and with the request that the pastor of this church read this paper next Sunday morning to the congregation.

Preshytery adjourned with singing, prayer, and benediction, to meet in the First Preshyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Wednesday, October 1st, 1924, at 3 o'clock P. M.

E. G. Clary, Moderator.

A. F. Doty, Temporary Clerk.

Attest: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Asheville, N. C. October 1st, 1924.

Asheville Preshytery met pursuant to adjournment in the pastor's study of the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C., Wednesday afternoon October 1st, 1924, at three o'clock.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, the last moderator present, called the meeting to order and presided. The Presbytery was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith.

The following members were present: **Ministers,** Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. A. F. Doty, and Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D, Elder H. W. Creasman, of Ora Street church. Elder T. S. Morrison, of the First Church, Asheville, was present as a visitor, and was given the privileges of the floor.

Mr. T. S. Morrison, chairman of the special committee on ways and means for providing the salary of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg as Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist, spoke on that subject. After discussion by members of the Presbytery the Preshytery directed that the churches be asked through this special committee of which Mr. Morrison is the chairman and the Permanent Committee on Stewardship to take up a special collection for an amount sufficient to cover the necessary expenses for the next six months.

On motion the Presbytery instructed Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg to take up a collection wherever they preached, for the Home Mission work, and after reporting the amount to the local church treasurer, to forward the same to the treasurer of the Presbytery. This collection is

not to be counted on the local church's apportionment to this cause.

A certificate of dismission of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg from Savannah Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read. Brother Rauschenberg was examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, and was duly received into membership in the Presbytery and asked to sign the usual obligation.

The Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg made a pleasing address in which he expressed his appreciation of the Presbytery's call to the work of Superintendent of Home Missions and Evangelist. His work as such dates from today.

A call from the Weaverville church for the pastoral services of Rev. H. B. Dendy, promising $300 per year in regular monthly instalments, was read and found in order. The call was accepted by Brother Dendy and was placed in his hands. The Presbytery appointed the following committee to install him there on the 19th of October, namely, Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg to preside, preach, and charge the people; Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., to charge the pastor; Elder H. W. Creasman a member of the committee.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hazelwood church Monday, April 13th, 1925, at 8 o'clock P. M.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
Attest: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, December 16th, 1924, at two o'clock P. M., pursuant to the following call.

"Constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Dec. 16th at 2:00 P. M. to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. A petition to organize a Presbyterian church in White Oak township of Haywood County.

2. To consider the relation of Rev. F. Rauschenberg to the Sunday School work of the Presbytery and take whatever action seems wise.

3. To confer evangelistic powers upon Rev. F. Rauschenberg if the way be clear.

4. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Home Missions Committee that Rev. F. Rauschenberg be elected a member of that Committee.

E. G. Clary, Moderator."

Presbytery was opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell. The following members were enrolled, Ministers: H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, P. N. Greshum, R. S. Eskridge, and F. Rauschenberg. And Elder Henry Creasman of the Ora Street church.

Rev. H. B. Dendy acted as Moderator, and Rev. A. F. Doty Temporary Clerk.

1. The first item considered was the organization of a church in White Oak township in Haywood County. Rev. Dr. Smith presented the cause, and on vote of the Presbytery a church was decided upon for the said White Oak township of Haywood county. After reading of a petition with 35 names subscribed and with the amount of $290.00 pledged the Presbytery voted to pay 50-50 with them up to and not exceeding $1500.00. Rev. Dr. Smith stated that he had already the sum $232.00 on hand for the building. On motion of Dr. Smith the Presbytery expressed its readiness to act as soon as a bona fide title was given for the said land where the church will be erected. Rev. F. Rauschenberg stated to the Presbytery that the people asked for the church to be organized with the understanding that they would have preaching at least one Sunday in the month. This the Presbytery agreed to. The following Commission was appointed to organize the church: Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Chm., Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. Dr. W. M. Sikes, Rev. B. F. Yandell, Rev. Dr. R. P. Smith, and Elders J. T. Bailey, T. Glenn Miller, and T. S. Morrison.

2. Second item considered was the relation of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg to the Sunday School work. Dr. R. P. Smith spoke of the correspondence with Mr. R. E. Magill, and the matter was settled on as to the amount the General Assembly's Committee on Sunday School Extension would pay to our field worker, who would be Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, and the amount settled upon would be $100.00 per month. On motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell it was decided to continue to co-operate with the Sunday School Committee at Richmond, Va., and to leave the direction of the

policy in the hands of the Committees on Home Missions and Sunday Schools and Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg.

3. The third item was to confer evangelistic powers on Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg. Full evengelistic powers were conferred on Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg.

4. The fourth item was to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Home Missions Committee that Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg be elected a member of that committee. Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg was elected a member of that committee.

The Minutes were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
A. F. Doty, Temporary Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., January 22nd, 1925, at 2:30 P. M., in response to the following call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer:

"Constitutional requirements have been met, Asheville Presbytery is hereby called to meet Thursday Jan. 22nd at 2:30 P. M., at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville to consider the following matters:

1. (a) The resignation of Rev. John R. Hay as pastor of the Brevard church.
   (b) To dismiss him to Bethel Presbytery, Synod of South Carolina, that he may accept a call to the Clover church.
   (c) To transact any other matters connected therewith.

11..To consider distribution of the Assembly's Equipment Fund.

E. G. Clary, Moderator."

The following were present: Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, John R. Hay, P. N. Gresham Fritz Rauschenberg, B. F. Yandell. Elders Fred Harris, Brevard; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; H. H. Carson, Hendersonville, J. A. Smyth, Hendersonville.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. E. G. Clary, the Rev. H. B. Dendy acted as Moderator; and in the absence of Dr. Sikes the Rev. B. F. Yandell acted as clerk.

The matter of accepting the resignation of Rev. John R. Hay as pastor of the Brevard church was taken up. Ruling Elder Fred Harris, of the Brevard church, read a paper from that church concurring with Mr. Hay in his request for the pastoral relation to be dissolved. After discussion Dr. L. T. Wilds moved that Presbytery dissolve the relation and dismiss Mr. Hay to Bethel Presbytery. The motion was seconded and carried, and the pastoral relation was dissolved and Mr. Hay was dismissed to Bethel Presbytery.

Rev. H. B. Dendy was elected as Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief to succeed Mr. Hay.

Dr. Wilds moved that Mr. Rauschenberg, our Supt. of Home Missions, be made Chairman of the Assembly's Home Missions in the Presbytery, which was carried.

Rev. B. F. Yandell was placed on the examining committee in Philosophy, succeeding Mr. Hay.

Dr. R. P. Smith moved that the entire amount of our share (50 per cent) collected for the Equipment Fund, be given to the support of the work at the Maxwell Training School. Carried. Mr. H. A. Osborne, Chm. of Board of Trustees of the Maxwell Training School, was present and give a very interesting talk as to what is being planned for greater Maxwell if the necessary equipment can be had.

Minutes were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
B. F. Yandell, Temporary Clerk.

SPRING MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

58TH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Hazelwood, N. C., April 13th, 1925.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church, Hazelwood, N. C., Monday night, April 13th, 1925, at eight o'clock, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. G. Clary, the last Moderator, from Matthew 18: 21-22. The sermon was followed by the observance of the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer, and the roll was called. The following members were present: **Ministers,** E. G. Clary, S. R. Crockett, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham,

W. S. Hutchison, W. M. Sikes, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., J. Q. Wallace, L. T. Wilds, D. D., W. K. Beatty, B. F. Yandell, J. T. Mitchell, Fritz Rauschenberg. **Elders** H. A. Osborne, Bethel; C. C. Daugherty, Black Mountain; T. S. Boswell, Brevard; J. T. Bailey, Canton; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; M. M. Brittain, Mills River; S. L. Woodward, Montreat; J. E. Lancaster, Slagle Memorial: I. J. Brown, Waynesville.

Elder D. M. Killian, of Hazelwood church, was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. S. Hutchinson was elected Temporary Clerk.

Hours for meeting were fixed as follows: 9 to 12 A. M.; 2 to 4:30 P. M.; 8 P. M. to adjourn at will.

The Standing Rule calling for the Foreign Mission address at 11 o'clock on the third day was suspended, and it was directed that the Foreign Mission report be heard at 11 o'clock on second day, and that Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., of our Mission in Africa, be heard therewith. It was also directed that the Presbyterial sermon by Rev. Wilmer MacNair be heard at 11 o'clock on the third day.

A communication from Mr. J. A. Smyth was read, and Presbytery directed that Mr. Smyth be heard on the Men's Work first thing after the noon recess tomorrow, and that the remainder of the afternoon be given to the committees to prepare their reports.

It was made first order after devotional exercises tomorrow morning to receive Rev. J. R. Sevier, D. D., into the Presbytery on certificate from Augusta Presbytery, if the way be clear.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The Moderator called the Presbytery to order, and the Minutes of last night's session were read and approved. The Minutes of the two Called Meetings held since last regular meeting were also read.

After giving satisfactory excuses for tardiness the following members were enrolled: **Ministers,**—R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, and Wilmer MacNair. **Elders,**—P. R. Allen, Asheville, **First**; M. S. Misenheimer, Ora Street; L. E. Reighard, Swannanoa.

Rev. T. E. Simpson was excused from attendance at this

meeting and was also given permission to labor outside our bounds till next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., was excused for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery.

A certificate of dismission of Rev. Joseph R. Sevier, D. D., from Augusta Presbytery, was read, and Dr. Sevier was examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order and was received and enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery after signing the declaration customarily signed by our ministers.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees:

(1) Bills and Overtures, Revs. E. G. Clary, R. S. Eskridge, and Elder S. L. Woodward. (2) Judicial, Revs. S. R. Crockett, R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Elder C. C. Dougherty. (3) Minutes of Synod, Rev. A. F. Doty and Elder M. M. Brittain. (4) Sessional Records, books A to H, Rev. W. K. Beatty and Elder J. T. Bailey; books I to Q, Rev. H. B. Dendy and Elder H. A. Osborne; books R to Z, Rev. J. Q. Wallace and Elder T. S. Boswell. (5) Audits, Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Elder J. E. Lancaster. (6) Leave of Absence, Rev. B. F. Yandell and Elder I. J. Brown. (7) Nominations, Rev. F. Rauschenberg and Elder S. L. Woodward. (8) Systematic Beneficence, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., and Elders A. H. Morey and Rev. J. T. Mitchell.

The following communications were read and referred: From Davidson College, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

From Rev. H. H. Sweets, D. D., referred to Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

From Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

From the Hendersonville church asking that Presbytery overture the Assembly to designate a daily program of prayer for missions, referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., of East Hanover Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A call from the Brevard church for the pastoral services of Licentiate Vernon A. Crawford was read, and docketed. In this connection Presbytery ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in the Brevard church, May 13th at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking up this call.

Rev. R, P, Smith, D, D., arose to a point of personal privilege, and after making a statement offered his resignation as Superintendent of Home Missions. A number of brethren spoke of the high personal esteem and Christian affection in which Dr. Smith is held by his brethren and friends and of his long and faithful service. The Rev. H. B. Dendy moved that Dr. Smith's resignation be accepted and that he be elected Superintendent Emeritus and be retained as Treasurer of Presbytery, as editor of "Our Mountain Work," and that he have special oversight of our Mountain Orphanage work, and that his salary remain the same as at present. This motion was carried.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived Presbytery heard the report on Foreign Missions read by Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and pending its adoption Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., delivered most interesting and instructive address on the mission work in Africa. A rising vote of thanks was given Dr. Bedinger for his address. A collection for Foreign Missions was taken immediately, which amounted to a little over fifty dollars. The committee's report was docketed for seriatim consideration later in the meeting.

Presbytery then took recess, after being led in prayer, until two o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at two P. M., and heard an address by Mr. J. A. Smyth on the Men's Work in our bounds. After the address Presbytery voted to make an energetic effort to get the men of our churches to attend a conference on Men's Work in Asheville in October of this year. The Presbytery was then led in prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., for God's blessing on the Men's Work.

The Moderator appointed Mr. P. R. Allen a committee of one to tabulate the Sessional Reports on the Every Member Canvass.

The Committee to install Rev. R. S. Eskridge at Black Mountain was continued. The Committee consists of Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Elders E. J. Griset and C. C. Lord.

The Committee to install Rev. B. F. Yandell at Hazelwood reported the duty performed October 5th, 1924.

The Committee to install Rev. H. B. Dendy at Weaverville reported the installation having taken place October 19th, 1924.

The Commission appointed to ordain and install Rev. W. K. Beatty at the Covenanters church reported that it performed this duty on October 5th, 1924.

The Commission to organize a Presbyterian church in White Oak township, Haywood County, N. C., reported that a church was duly organized at the home of Mr. Robt. W. Teague, near Hepco post office, February 8th, 1925, with thirteen members, according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, except that the election of officers and the naming of the church were deferred till a later date.

Presbytery took recess until the evening session to allow the committees time for their work.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Presbytery met again at 8 P. M., and entered into a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Chm. of the Home Mission Committee, led the devotions and made the Committee's report. Interesting and helpful addresses were made by Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Supt. of Home Missions, Miss Ethel Lancaster, of the Maxwell Training School faculty, and Dr. R. P. Smith, Supt. Emeritus of Home Missions.

The work of the Church and Manse Erection League was put into the hands of the Home Mission Committee.

After prayer Presbytery took recess till 9 A. M. tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery assembled at 9 A. M., and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. R. F. Campbell Presbytery voted to direct the Stated Clerk to have the Presbytery's Minutes printed twice each year, that is, as soon as possible after each Spring and Fall meeting.

A communication from King College was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The Presbytery next heard Mr. S. L. Woodward on the work and needs of the Montreat Normal School.

Mr. J. E. Lancaster, Supt. of the Maxwell Training School, made his report which was adopted, and is as follows:

MAXWELL SCHOOL REPORT.

Enrollment, including community children, 7-8-9th, grades	31
Enrollment Maxwell boys	25
Enrollment, average for year	20
Enrollment, April 1, 1925	14
Number paying tuition	3

Two Teachers have given whole time to 7-8-9th, grade work.

Financial Summary, Receipts

Presbytery's Treasurer	1697.99
By Bal on hand April 1, 1924	$ 40.41
Equipment fund, (Synod)	1101.56
Equipment fund, Presbytery	608.47
Scholarship & Tuition	1533.25
Miscellaneous	1869.22
Total	$6850.90

Disbursements.

Salaries	$3160.00		
Equipment & Improvements	833.41	Bal. on hand	$876.62
1923 Accounts	342.65		
1923-24 Deficit	500.00		
Operating expenses	1547.66	Overdraft	409.44
Total	$6383.72		
Balance	$467.18		$467.18

Ruling Elder R. L. Gash, of the Davidson River church, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Rev. P. N. Gresham read the Statistical Report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., Chm. of Committee on Systematic Beneficence, made the following Statistical Report:

Churches	29
Ministers	24
Candidates for the ministry	1
Number of Elders	119
Number of Deacons	117
Added on examination	155
Added on certificate	271
Resident communicants	3131
Non-resident communicants	471

Total communicants	3602
Adult baptisms	74
Infant baptisms	34
Total Sunday School enrolment	4107
Contributions to Foreign Missions	$8554
Assembly's Home Missions	1162
Synod's Home Missions	1410
Presbytery's Home Missions	6312
Congregational Home Missions	1707
Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	945
S. S. Extension and Publication	1254
Educational Institutions	5412
Bible Cause	329
Orphan's Home	9936
Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	29,922
Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid	29,343
Miscellaneous Contributions	2320
Equipment Fund	206
Protestant Relief in Europe	128
Lord's Day Alliance	16

Attention should be called to the following facts: (1) Nine of the 26 churches reporting reported no additions on profession of faith in Christ. (2) Only seven of these churches contributed to the Assembly's Equipment Fund, five to Protestant Relief in Europe, and two to the Lord's Day Alliance.

We recommend:

1. **That all of our churches contribute to these three most worthy causes.**
2. **That special effort be made this year to win converts to Christ by prayer, personal work, evangelistic preaching, and evangelistic meetings, as this is the supreme mission of the Church.**
3. **That the churches consider seriously the Volunteer Plan of making the Every Member Canvass.**
4. **That the Stewardship Committee hold one or more Stewardship Conferences and that pastors make earnest effort to attend themselves and to get their people to attend.**

5. That the church treasurers be requested to send in benevolent contributions promptly the first of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Wilds, Jr., Chairman.

By a rising vote the Presbytery endorsed the Stewardship Conferences prior to the Every Member Canvass next Spring, and pledged attendance.

The eleven o'clock hour having arrived the order of the day was taken up. Rev. Wilmer MacNair preached the Presbyterial sermon on Religion in The Home.

After the sermon Presbytery took recess until one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Presbytery reconvened at one o'clock and entered upon its work with prayer.

Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. E. G. Clary, Chm., reported as follows on the request from Hendersonville church concerning a prayer program for missions: "For the reason that the Prayer Calendar seems to cover the same program your committee recommends that this request be not complied with." The report was adopted.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chm., reported thus:

The Committee on Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief submits to Presbytery the following report: We have on our list the following candidates for the ministry, J. M. Gaddy, R. P. Miller, and J. P. Moore, all now living in West Asheville. As medical missionary candidate we have Samuel L. Belk now working in a hospital in Charlotte, N. C.

Our contributions for Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for 1924-1925 were $945. Beneficiaries of the Relief Fund who reside in our Presbytery received $2650. One of the beneficiaries, Miss Mollie Hood, died November 23rd, 1924.

We recommend (1) that the same amount of aid be granted to the same persons as last year; (2) that all the ministers in this Presbytery endeavor with all their power to keep before the young people the fact that God and the Church are looking to them for ministers, missionaries, and Christian leaders.

This report was approved and its recommendations adopted.

On motion and after discussion the names of Candidates J. P. Moore and J. M. Gaddy were dropped from the roll of candidates, since they seem to have given up at least for the present their course of preparation. Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chm. of the Committee, was asked to notify them of Presbytery's action.

The Presbytery adopted the following Resolution offered by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., viz: Presbytery would call attention to the great value of the little paper, "Our Mountain Work," in keeping our people and the friends of our work informed as to the progress and needs of the cause committed to us, and urges pastors and Sessions to appoint some one to represent the paper and solicit subscriptions in their congregations.

The Committee on Church Societies, Rev. E. G. Clary, Chm. made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Woman's Work: 18 societies, 763 members, contributed $10,291.37.

Men's Work: 7 societies, 399 members, contributed $707.

Young People's Work: 18 societies, 376 members, contributed $257.35.

It is to be noticed that many of our ministers are not giving the number of various societies of the church. This report is therefore hardly fair to our Presbytery. The contributions in comparrison with former years are gratifying.

The matter of the deficit on operating expenses of Maxwell Training School was brought up, and on motion the special committee consisting of Dr. R. P. Smith, Chm., Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Mr. J. H. McConnell, was continued and instructed to report at the adjourned meeting at Brevard May 13th.

The Committee on Sessional Records, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chm., made the following report, which was adopted:

Records approved with the following exceptions:

1. No sessional record from Brevard church, nor from Bryson City church.
2. Bethel—No record of session meeting after April 1923.
3. Hazelwood—No record of opening or closing prayer at meeting Oct. 5, 1924.
4. Hendersonville—No record of opening or closing prayer at meeting August 21, 1924.

5. Ora Street—No record of closing meeting with prayer July 27, 1924.

6. Morrison—Book has not been to Presbytery since 1912.

7. Swannanoa—No record of prayer at meetings of June 8th, June 15th, and Sept. 21st, and Nov. 5th, all of 1924.

On motion Presbytery instructed the Stated Clerk to prepare forms to send delinquent churches as to non-attendance of representative at Presbytery and as to failure to send up their Sessional Record. It shall be the Stated Clerk's duty thus to notify all such churches.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chm. of Auditing Committee, reported that the Committee finds the Treasurer's books neatly and accurately kept, and in balance to a penny. The report was adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into its hands.

Rev. A. F. Doty, Chm. of Committee on Synod's Minutes, reported that nothing had been found in Synod's Minutes requiring immediate action of Presbytery. The report was adopted, and the committee was continued and instructed to report at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery in Brevard May May 13th.

Mr. P. R. Allen read a summary report tabulated from the Sessional Reports on the Every Member Canvass, showing the quotas and amounts subscribed by all churches reporting. Fifteen churches reported a total subscription of $27,210 to benevolences for the coming year, and $43,435 to current expenses. Seventeen churches reported use of envelopes. Seven churches reported no canvass.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions, made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That church schools of missions be organized in every church in the Presbytery in accordance with the plans prepared by the Educational Department and that they be urged to study the text-books on Brazil recommended for the current year.

2. That all Sunday Schools be urged to follow the Seven Year Plan of Misionary Education and to study and pray for our work in China during the year; that they contribute to our work in China during the year in accordance with the $5 share Plan.

3. That our Christian Endeavor Societies be urged to use the twelve Missionary Programs prepared especially for the twelve missionary meetings provided for in the regular C. E. Topic Schedule.

4. That every Sunday School and Young People's Society during the coming year be encouraged to pray very definitely for Foreign Missions, using the booklet entitled, "Our Prayer Each Week," prepared by the Educational Department.

5. That churches, societies and individuals assume, wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mision Work.

A summary report, based on the Narratives from the churches, prepared by Mr. H. A. Osborne, was read, adopted, and ordered sent to the Assembly.

Rev. B. F. Yandell, of the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported that the Committee had excused Rev. J. R. Sevier, D. D. Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. P. N. Gresham, and Rev. Wilmer MacNair. The report was adopted.

Presbytery instructed its Stated Clerk to find all missing copies of Presbytery, if possible, and to furnish the Library of Union Seminary at Richmond, Va., type written copies of same if printed copies are not available.

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was adopted and ordered sent to the Assembly.

Committee on Nominations, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chm. made the following report:

1. For next Moderator, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., with Rev. B. F. Yandell alternate.

2. To preach Presbyterial Sermon, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D. Subject: The Influence of The Minister's Life Upon His Work. Alternate, Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

3. That Dr. Paul H. Ringer, Dr. Kelly Bennett, and Mr. H. A. Osborne be re-elected to succeed themselves as Directors of the Maxwell Training School for a term of three years from date.

4. That Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., succeed himself as Trustee of Davidson College.

The report was adopted.

Rev. W. S. Hutchson was made Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion in place of Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., who was relieved of Chairmanship on account of Clerk's work, but who is retained on the Committee.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows: Rev. S. R. Crockett, Principal; Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., Alternate; Ruling Elder P. R. Allen, Principal; S. L. Woodward, Alternate.

The Murphy church was chosen as the place of the Fall meeting of Presbytery. The time is October 12th, 1925, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

By a rising vote Presbytery expressed its appreciation and thanks for the generous hospitality of the Hazelwood church, and invoked God's richest blessings upon the pastor and the people.

Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer, and the benediction, to meet in Brevard, N. C., May 13th at 8 o'clock P. M.

D. M, Killian, Moderator.

W. S. Hutchison, Temporary Clerk.

Attest: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
2. Academic Studies—Rev. E. G. Clary.
3. Languages, Latin Thesis, and Critical Exegesis—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D.
4. The Sciences—Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.
5. Philosophy—Rev. B. F. Yandell.
6. Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison.
7. Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. G. W. Belk, D. D.
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11. **Narrative**—Rev. W. K. Beaty, Chm., Dr. I. J. Archer and Mr. H. Arthur Osborne.
12. **Men of the Church**—Mr. J. A. Smyth, Chm., and Messrs. Bruce Drysdale, T. A. Miller, E. G. Everett, E. J. Griset, J. E. Lancaster and E. C. Dickinson.
13. **Audits**—Mr. T. S. Morrison, Chm., Mr. J. H. McConnell.
14. **Schools and Colleges**—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., Chm.; Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., Mr. W. H. McMurray.
15. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chm., and Mr. R. L. Gash.

THE MINUTES

OF

THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

IN

ITS 59TH AND 60TH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS

AND

CALLED MEETINGS

1925-1926.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Brevard, N, C., May 13, 1925.

Asheville Presbytery met in adjourned session at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Brevard Presbyterian church, and was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator D. M. Killian.

The following members were present: **Ministers**, R. P. Smith, D. D., R. S. Eskridge, A. F. Doty, W. S. Hutchinson, H. N. Gresham, B. F. Yandell. **Elders**, D. M. Killian, of the Hazelwood church, and C. M. Siniard, of the Brevard church.

The Rev. B. F. Yandell served as Temporary Clerk.

A certificate dismissing Rev. Albert E. Wallace from Mecklenberg Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read. Mr. Wallace was duly examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order and received into the Presbytery. A call from the Bryson City church for his pastoral services, promising a salary of $1,500 per annum and use of manse, was read, found in order, and placed in his hands. Mr. Wallace accepted the call, and Presbytery appointed the following committee to install him: Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., Rev. J. Q. Wallace, and Elder J. H. Dillard, with Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Elder William Patriquin as alternates.

Rev. A. F. Doty, Chairman of Committee on Synod's Minutes, reported on the Minutes, calling attention to the Synod's apportionment of six per cent of all benevolences to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. This matter was referred to the Committee on Stewardship.

A certificate of dismissal of Candidate Vernon A. Crawford from Charleston Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read. Mr. Crawford was duly examined and received as a candidate. Mr. Crawford had had some experience in preaching the Gospel with the approval of Charleston Presbytery, and this was accepted in lieu of licensure.

A call from the Brevard church for Mr. Crawford's pastoral services, promising him $1,800 per year and use of the manse, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The Presbytery then proceeded to examine Candidate Crawford with view to ordination.

He was examined on all subjects prescribed by the Book of Church Order for ordination and passed a satisfactory examination. He preached his trial sermon from John 20:31. The examination was sustained as a whole. Mr. Crawford was then sol-

emnly set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Rev. P. N. Gresham propounded the constitutional questions to pastor and people, and then delivered the customary charge to both, after which Vernon A. Crawford was duly declared the ordained and installed pastor of the Brevard church.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer and benediction to meet in Murphy, N. C., October 13th, 1925, at 8 o'clock P. M.

D. M. Killian, Moderator.
B. F. Yandell, Temporary Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C. August 7, 1926.

Asheville Presbytery met in called meeting at 3 o'clock P. M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., in accordance with the following call of the Moderator: Waynesville, N. C., July 24, 1925. The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in special session at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., August 7th, at 3 P. M., for the purpose of considering and acting on the application of Charles M. Pritchett, Jr., to be received as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and to transact any other business that may be necessary in connection therewith.

D. M. Killian, Moderator.

Presbytery was opened with prayer. The following members were found to be present: **Ministers**, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, R. S. Eskridge, A. F. Doty, F. Rauschenberg, P. N. Gresham, and Elder, P. R. Allen, of First Church, Asheville.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, the last Moderator present, acted as Moderater, and Rev. A. F. Doty served as Temporary Clerk.

In accordance with the Book of Church Order, Mr. Charles M. Pritchett, Jr., being found in waiting, was examined on Experimental Religion and on his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry, and was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry. Brief charges were delivered to the candidate by members of the Presbytery as to what is expected of him as a candidate for the ministry.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. Rauschenberg.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
A. F. Doty, Temporary Clerk.

FALL MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Fifty-Ninth Semi-Annual Session

Murphy, N. C., Tuesday Evening, October 13th, 1925.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church, Murphy, N. C., at 7 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. R. S. Eskridge on "Progressive Revelation", from the texts, John 17:8; 13:7; and 16:13. The sermon was followed by observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Moderator, Ruling Elder D. M. Killian, then called the Presbytery to order and led in prayer.

The roll was called and the following members found present: **Ministers**, W. K. Beaty, E. G. Clary, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, Wilmer MacNair, F. Rauschenberg, W. M. Sikes, R. P. Smith, J. Q. Wallace, Albert E. Wallace, P. P. Winn, B. F. Yandell. **Elders**, D. M. Killian, of Hazelwood; C. C. Lord, of Montreat; J. H. Dillard, of Murphy; J. E. Edwards, Ora Street; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; T. C. Miller, West Asheville.

Rev. B. F. Yandell was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. K. Beaty, Temporary Clerk.

After the new Moderator had taken the chair the report of the Devotional Committee was read and adopted, viz, Morning Session, 9 to 12 o'clock; afternoon session, 2 to 4:30 o'clock; evening session, 7 to adjourn at will. The devotional exercises to be conducted Wednesday morning by Elders H. C. Lindsley and T. C. Miller; Thursday morning by Elder J. H. Dillard and Rev. A. F. Doty. At 11 A. M. Wednesday Presbyterial sermon by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.

The following members were excused for absence from this meeting: Rev. Drs. R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, T. E. Simpson and L. T. Wilds. In the case of Dr. Wilds, Presbytery requested by vote that he change the date of his vacation so as not to conflict with the meetings of Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to inform him of this action.

The Minutes of the Adjourned meeting at Brevard, May 13, 1925, were read for information.

It was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning to hear Mr. H. A. Osborne concerning the Maxwell Training School.

The following paper, offered by Rev. F. Rauschenberg, was read and adopted: "Whereas the Synod of Appalachia, in recent session at Marion, Va., requested Rev. Dr. R. P. Smith to

write the history of his life in connection with the mountain mission work, appointing a committee of which Dr. R. F. Campbell is chairman, to secure funds to provide stenographic help in compiling such a book, and also requesting the Richmond Committee of Publication to publish the same when ready for the press;

Therefore, be it resolved that Asheville Presbytery in stated Fall meeting at Murphy, N. C., note this action with great pleasure;

First, because such a work will be an invaluable contribution to the Home Mission Literature of our beloved church, and

Second, because the self-sacrificing and fruitful labors of Dr. Smith over such an extended period of thirty or more years, during, in large measure, the pioneer days of Home Mission, eminently qualify him to write such a book.

We pledge to Dr. Smith and to the Committee to secure funds for stenographic aid and our hearty co-operation, and pray the Great Head of the Church to richly bless the enterprise and safeguard the health and person of His servant."

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery assembled at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and was led in devotional worship by Elders H. C. Lindsley and T. C. Miller.

The Moderator called the Presbytery to order, and the minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following members rendered excuses for tardiness and were enrolled: Revs. Vernon A. Crawford, S. R. Crockett and W. S. Hutchinson; and Elders, H. A. Osborne, Bethel; J. A. Miller, Brevard; J. F. Ramsey, Asheville First.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator: **Bills and Overtures**, D. M. Killian and H. B. Dendy; **Judicial**, R. S. Eskridge and H. C. Lindsley; **Records of Presbytery**, E. G. Clary and T. C. Miller; **Minutes of the Assembly**, A. F. Doty and J. E. Edwards; **Auditing**, A. E. Wallace and C. C. Lord; **Leave of Absence**, E. G. Clary and J. H. Dillard; **Nominations**, P. N. Gresham and J. Q. Wallace; **Vote of Thanks**, Wilmer McNair and T. M. Slagle.

The order of the day was taken up, and Mr. H. A. Osborne was heard with reference to the Maxwell Training School. He requested that five ladies be added to the Board of Trustees as

Advisory Members and that they be appointed by the present Board. Presbytery granted the request.

Mr. A. J. Luck, a member of the Ora Street church, presented himself as a candidate for the ministry. A letter of recommendation from the Session of the Ora Street church was read. Mr. Luck was then examined on experimental religion and his motives for seeking thee Gospl ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory, and he was received under the care of Presbytery and referred to the Committee on Education for the Ministry.

An overture from the Executive Committee of the Asheville Presbyterial, asking the re-publication of "Our Mountain Work", was read. The publication of this paper had been suspended about six months for lack of a suffiient subscription list. The Presbytery granted the request, and took immediate steps to have the paper published, by adopting the following resolution: That each church in the Presbytery be directed to furnish Dr. Smith with the name of each family in the church, and that the church place in its budget a sum sufficient to pay 50 cents for each subscription to "Our Mountain Work."

A written request from Rev. T. E. Simpson to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery till the Spring meeting was granted.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg was heard in regard to making efforts to pay off indebtedness on the Mountain Orphanage by Thanksgiving Day. The Presbytery voted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the Mountain Orphanage at 3:30 P. M. on Thanksgiving Day. A call from the Montreat church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., was read and docketed for this meeting.

The eleven o'clock hour having arrived the Presbytery heard with profit the Presbyterial Sermon preached by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., on "The Influence of the Minister's Life on His Work.'

After the sermon Presbytery took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Presbytery came together at 2 o'clock and was opened with singing and prayer.

The first order of the day was to engage in a free conversation on the spiritual life in the churches. Some interesting facts were brought out, which stimulated all to greater effort in the ministry. Something like an hour was given to this "conversation."

The Committee to install Rev. R. S. Eskridge at Black Mountain, Dr. R. P. Smith, Chm., reported that owing to the fact that the church was considering calling a pastor for full time service the installation had not taken place. The committee was discharged.

The Committee to install Rev. Albert E. Wallace at Bryson City reported the duty performed May 30, 1925.

The Committee on the Maxwell Training School deficit reported that the shortage was not yet made up, and that some of the churches had not met their apportionments. The Committee was continued, and Dr. R. P. Smith as the Chairman was authorized to call the attention of the churches again to their apportionments.

Rev. S. R. Crockett, a commissioner to the last General Assembly, reported his attendance on its sessions. He was commended for his diligence to duty.

The Standing Committees on Bills and Overtures and on Judicial Business reported that no matters had come into their hands.

The committee on Records of Presbytery, Rev. E. G. Clary, Chairman, reported that the Minutes of Presbytery were found in good order, correctly and neatly kept.

The Committees on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. A. F. Doty, Chairman, reported, recommending, (1) That Presbytery favor the Amendment to the Book of Church Order, Par. 151, as sent down by the Assembly; (2) That the church year remain as it is now, that is, from April 1 to March 31; (3) That the Presbytery appoint a Committee on Vacancy and Supply as suggested by the Assembly and that said Committee consist of Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chm., Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., and Ruling Elder E. J. Griset. The report was adopted.

The Committees on Audits and on Leave of Absence had no reports to make.

The Committee on Nominations offered its report through Rev. P. N. Gresham, which is as follows: (1) That Hon. Ruffner Campbell be re-elected as Trustee of Davidson College for the term expiring in Spring of 1929. (2) That Mr. J. E. Lancaster and Hon. Ruffner Campbell be re-elected Trustees of Maxwell Training School for the term expiring in Spring of 1929. (3) That Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., be nominated for Moderator of Presbytery at the next Spring meeting, with Rev. A. E. Wallace as alternate. (4) That Rev. F. Rauschenberg preach the Presbyterial Sermon next Spring on "The Offices of Elder and Deacon." Alternate, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D. This report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was received and approved.

Rev. J. Q. Wallace read the report on the Bible cause, which was received and its recommendations adopted as follows: (1) That the ministers of Asheville Presbytery present and urge from the pulpit the importance and necessity of knowing God's Word. (2) That all Christians be taught and exhorted to believe and practice the teachings of the Bible, as this is the greatest defense the Bible needs. (3.) That we take a more lively interest in the American Bible Society, endeavoring to give it a more prayerful support and at the same time increase our financial support to the cause. (4) That each church in the Presbytery take some definite step toward placing a Bible or a Testament in the possession of all who have no Bible.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by its Chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, and its recommendations were adopted, viz: (1) That the following new committee on Evangelism be appointed, P. N. Gresham, Chm., H. B. Dendy, F. Rauschenberg, W. M. Sikes, W. S. Hutchinson, A. E. Wallace, E. G. Clary, J. J. Conyers, Gallatin Roberts, J. T. Bailey, J. H. Dillard, S. W. Black, J. A. Smyth, L. J. Archer. (2) That Presbytery approve the buying of a tent for our evangelistic work and commit the financing of the project to the new Committee on Evangelism if the way be clear. (3) That we urge all of our churches to hold at least one revival meeting a year because experience teaches us that a revival meeting increases the efficiency of the Church in soul-saving work.

The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was read by Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Chm., and one recommendation was adopted, namely, That this Presbytery with its churches be urged to raise the percentage recommended by the Assembly for this cause.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., were requested to give to our church papers for publication the sermons they preached before this meeting of Presbytery on "Progressive Revelation" and "The Influence of a Minister's Life on His Work" respectively.

The Presbytery rescinded its actions of the Fall meeting of 1924 requiring Presbytery to meet on Monday night and the observance of Communion after the opening sermon, and voted

to meet hereafter on Tuesday night and to have the Communion service held at 11 o'clock on the second day.

After prayer Presbytery withdrew from business until 7 o'clock tonight.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at 7 o'clock P. M., and was opened with devotional exercises. Dr. R. P. Smith presided.

Rev. F. Rauscenberg read the report of his year's work as Superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday School Work and Evangelist. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

By request of your Committees on Home Missions, I give herewith a brief account of my first year's work in your bounds. Numerous matters have engaged my attention and time both in the Home Mission and in the Sunday School Work that cannot be tabulated.

I have held 13 meetings, preached 250 times, reached approximately 8,400 persons; there were 105 professions and 61 additions to our church. Have written 761 letters, traveled 6,888 miles. My expenses were $212.69, and receipts $609.11.

My connection with the Sunday School Work covers the past ten months. I visited 50 places and schools in the interest of the work. Travelled 3,672 miles, visited 184 homes, delivered 100 sermons and addresses, held 41 conferences with workers. One Sunday School was re-organized, and one church organized from Sunday School. There were 62 professions from the Sunday Schools.

Three Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held, with a total attendance of 221 pupils.

Your Committee has been exceedingly kind and considerate, co-operating in the fullest, and aiding in every way as I have sought to promote the work and adjust myself in the new field. The pastors, together with all the people where I have been, have extended me a hearty and cordial welcome and have made my labors pleasant indeed. Dr. Smith has proven a true friend and most helpful colleague all through the year. We have worked closely together, and his wide experience and wise counsel have been invaluable aid in the work. To this splendid spirit and fine co-operation upon the part of all, through the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit, is due the measure of success characterizing the work.

There is much work before us all in every part of the Presbytery. Challenging calls come ringing from many places.

Workers and funds are sorely needed. Confident in the continued and increasing efforts of our people and in the gracious and blessed power and presence of the Holy Spirit we go forth with renewed energy and faith for our Saviour and King that He may be known, loved and obeyed, that God may be over all.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of the privilege of serving in your midst and pledging my best efforts through Christ, for the future, I am,

Respectfully Submitted,

F. Rauschenberg.

After reading the report Mr. Rauschenberg addressed the Presbytery on the subject of "Christian Education." This was followed by another address on "Needs in Destitute Places in the Presbytery" by Rev. H. B. Dendy. The meeting was thrown open to others, and a number of helpful talks were made. Dr. Smith closed the hour with an interesting summary of the needs and outlook for the future in the Presbytery.

The Permanent Committees on Sabbath and Family Religion, Stewardship, Schools and Colleges, Men of the Church, had no reports to make.

The Trustees of Davidson College and of Maxwell Training School had no further reports to make.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Ora Street Church to hold its next regular Spring meeting in that church. The time is Tuesday, April 13, at 8 o clock P. M.

The report of the Committee on Vote of Thanks was read by Rev. Wilmer MacNair, and was adopted by a rising vote. It was requested that this paper be read to the congregation by the pastor at the Sunday morning service.

A committee was appointed to revise the Manual of Presbytery, namely Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. P. N Gresham.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. E. Wallace, to meet at the Mountain Orphanage, November 26, 1925, at 3:30 P. M.

B. F. Yandell, Moderator.

W. K. Beaty, Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., November 26, 1925.

Asheville Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment in the parlor of the Mountain Orphanage at 3:30 P. M., Thanksgiving Day, and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. C. Anderson. Rev. H. B. Dendy, last Moderator present, presided.

The members present were: Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. Wilmer MacNair, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., and Elders, C. C. Lord, of Montreat; J. T. McLaurin, Weaverville; and E. E. White, Black Mountain.

Rev. W. E. Finley, D. D., of French Broad Presbytery, U. S. A., was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery adopted the following resolution: That Presbytery express its pleasure in the Thanksgiving program rendered by the Orphanage children and others during the hour prior to the meeting of Presbytery; and that Presbytery record its gratification and thanksgiving to God for the payment in full of the indebtedness on the Mountain Orphanage and the burning this day of the cancelled notes; and also that Presbytery extend its thanks to the Orphanage Committee whose earnest efforts in raising the money made this payment possible.

A certificate of dismissal of Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., from Atlanta Presbytery was read, and pending its reception, Dr. Wilson was examined on Experimental Religion and his views touching Theology and Church Government. The examination was sustained as satisfactory, and Dr. Wilson was unanimously received into the Presbytery, and requested to sign the usual obligation.

A call from the Montreat church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., promising him $2,400 salary per year and use of manse, was read, found in order, and placed in his hands. Dr. Wilson accepted the call. A Committee was appointed to install him the second Sunday in December, viz: Rev. R. S. Eskridge to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. K. J. Foreman to charge the people, and Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., to charge the pastor, with Ruling Elder E. E. White, of Black Mountain, a member of the Committee.

Presbytery took note of the decease of Rev. G. W. Belk, D. D. since our last meeting, and the Moderator appointed Dr. R. C. Anderson as a committee of one to bring in a memorial of his life and labors to be read at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Dr. R. P. Smith explained the absence from this meeting

of Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Dr. Campbell was excused.

Dr. R. C. Anderson rendered excuses for his absence at the last two meetings of Presbytery, and he was excused.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Ora Street church, April 13, 1926, at 8 o'clock P. M.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., December 18, 1925.

Asheville Presbytery met in called meeting in the Pastor's Study of The First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 4 o'clock P. M., in response to the following call, and was opened with prayer:

"All requirements having been met. I wish to announce a called meeting of Asheville Presbytery for December 18 at 4 P. M., in the Pastor's Study of The First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., to transact the following business: (1) To consider a petition of the residents of Ivy Township, Buncombe County, asking that they be organized into a Presbyterian church, and to act upon the same if the way be clear. (2) To consider and act upon the resignation of Rev. J. Q. Wallace as pastor of the Franklin group of churches and to dimiss him to Enoree Presbytery.

B. Frank Yandell, Moderator."

Ministers present were: Rev. J. Q. Wallace, Moderator, Rev. A. F. Doty, Temporary Clerk, Rev R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. B. Dendy; Elders, J. J. Conyers, T. M. Morrison and E. J. Griset.

(1) The petition from the residents of Ivy Township relative to the organization of a Presbyterian church was read, stating that they would give the lot for the church and furnish one-half the amount of money to build the church, provided Presbytery would furnish the other half necessary to complete the same. The Presbytery voted to grant the request for an organization and to accept the proposition, and appointed a Commission to organize the church on Sunday afternoon, December 20, 1925, viz: Rev F. Rauschenberg, Ch'm., Rev. R. P. Smith, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. K. Beaty and Elders E. J. Griset, J. Q. McLaughlin; Alternate, George Hartfield.

(2) Rev. J. Q. Wallace, being Stated Supply of the Franklin

group of churches, requested that he be dismissed to Enoree Presbytery, and spoke to the Presbytery of his 15 years service and his regrets as to leaving the Presbytery. On motion the Presbytery granted his request and dismissed the Rev. J. Q. Wallace to Enoree Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. Rauschenberg.

J. Q. Wallace, Moderator.
A. F. Doty, Temporary Clerk.

CALLED MEETING.

Asheville, N. C. March 4, 1926.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Study of the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C., pursuant to the following call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.

Hazelwood, N. C.
Febraury 23, 1926.

"All requirements having been complied with I desire to call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery for Thursday, March 4, 4 P. M., at the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, to transact the following business:

To consider the application of Rev. V. A. Crawford for the Foreign Mission Field, if the way be clear.

B. F. Yandell, Moderator."

The members present were Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. A. F. Doty, and Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Ruling Elder T. S. Morrison, of the First Church, Asheville.

Rev. H. B. Dendy acted as Moderator, and Rev. A. F. Doty as Temporary Clerk.

The call was read, found in order, and its purpose taken up. The Presbytery heartily endorsed Rev. Vernon A. Crawford as a candidate for the Foreign Field, and recommended him to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. Presbytery expressed its regret at his vacating the pastorate of the Brevard church, but at the same time felt that for the sake of the kingdom at large his request should be complied with.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Elder T. M. Morrison.

A. F. Doty, Temporary Clerk.
H. B. Dendy, Moderator.

COMITTEES ON EXAMINATION.

1. **Experimental Religion**—The Moderator.
2. **Academic Studies**—Rev. E. G. Clary and Rev. H. B. Dendy,
3. **Languages, Latin Thesis and Critical Exegesis**—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D.
4. **Sciences**—Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Rev. W. K. Beaty.
5. **Philosophy**—Rev. B. F. Yandell and Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.
6. **Ecclesiastical History**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.
7. **Church Government and Sacraments**—Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.
8. **Theology**—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D.

TRUSTEES.

1. **Trustees of Presbytery**—Messrs. J. D. Murphy, T. S. Morrison and D. S. Watson.
2. **Trustees of Davidson College**—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., term expires Spring of 1927; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, term expires Spring of 1929.
3. **Trustees of Maxwell Training School**—T. M. Slagle, Thomas Bell, J. R. Sandifer, terms expire Spring of 1927; Paul H. Ringer, Kelly Bennett, H. A. Osborne, terms expire Spring of 1928; J. E. Lancaster, Bruce Drysdale, Ruffner Campbell, terms expire Spring of 1929.

PERCENTAGE FOR BENEFICIENT CAUSES.

Presbyterial Home Missions	30%
General Assembly's Home Missions	4 "
Synodical Home Missions	4 "
Foreign Missions	25 "
Synodical Colleges (King and Stonewall)	8 "
Ministerial Education and Relief	4 "
Pub. and Sunday School Extension	2 "
Bible Cause	1 "
Mountain Orphanage	15 "

Maxwell Training School	5 "
Montreat Normal School	2 "
	100 "

PRESBYTERIAL CONTINGENT FEES.

Churches	Amounts.
Andrews	$ 8.00
Asheville First	200.00
Bethel	10.00
Black Mountain	22.00
Brevard	20.00
Bryson City	20.00
Canton	22.00
Covenanters	6.00
Davidson River	18.00
Etowah	2.00
Franklin	12.00
Hayesville	4.00
Hazelwood	8.00
Hendersonville	50.00
Ivy Park	3.00
Mills River	16.00
Montreat	40.00
Morrison	8.00
Murphy	18.00
Oak Forest	7.00
Ora Street	15.00
Ravensford	5.00
Red Oak	3.00
Rugby	3.00
Slagle Memo.	8.00
Swannanoa	16.00
Waynesville	22.00
Weaverville	6.00
West Asheville	16.00
White Oak	3.00

THE ROLL

Ministers	Churches
1. R. C. Anderson, D. D.	1. Asheville, First
2. W. K. Beaty	2. Andrews
3. R. F. Campbell, D. D.	3. Bethel
4. E. G. Clary	4. Black Mountain
5. Vernon A. Crawford	5. Bryson City
6. S. R. Crockett	6. Brevard
7. H. B. Dendy	7. Canton
8. A. F. Doty	8. Covenanters
9. R. S. Eskridge	9. Davidson River
10. F. M. Eversole	10. Etowah
11. Kenneth J. Foreman	11. Franklin
12. P. N. Gresham	12. Hazelwood
13. W. S. Hutchison	13. Hayesville
14. Wilmer MacNair	14. Hendersonville
15. Joel T. Mitchell	15. Ivy Park
16. Fritz Rauschenberg	16. Mills River
17. J. R. Sevier, D. D.	17. Montreat
18. W. M. Sikes, D. D.	18. Morrison
19. T. E. Simpson, D. D.	19. Murphy
20. R. P. Smith, D. D.	20. Oak Forest
21. Albert E. Wallace	21. Ora Street
22. L. T. Wilds, D. D.	22. Ravensford
23. W. S. Wilson, D. D.	23. Red Oak
24. P. P. Winn	24. Rugby
25. B. F. Yandell	25. Slagle Memorial
	26. Swannanoa
	27. Waynesville
	28. Weaverville
	29. West Asheville
	30. White Oak (Hepeo)

SPRING MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

60th Semi-Annual Session.

Asheville, N. C., April 13, 1926.

The Presbytery of Asheville was convened in Ora Street church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday night, April 13, 1926, at 8

o'clock, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. B. Frank Yandell, retiring Moderator, from Acts 4:13.

The Moderator called Presbytery to order and led in prayer. The roll was called. The following members were enrolled during the sessions: **Ministers:** R. C. Anderson, D. D., W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, D. D., E. G. Clary, Vernon A. Crawford, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer MacNair, Fritz Rauschenberg, J. R. Sevier, D. D., W. M. Sikes, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., Albert E. Wallace, L.. T. Wilds, D. D., W. S. Wilson, D, D.. P. P. Winn, B. Frank Yandell.

Ruling Elders Present: D. S. Watson,First Church, Asheville; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; J. T. Bailey, Canton; T. G. Miller, Hazelwood; J. R. Willson, Hendersonville; J. M. Brittain, Mills River; S. L. Woodward, Montreat; J. H. Dillard, Murphy; H. W. Creasman, Ora Street; J. E. Lancaster, Slagle Memorial; L. E. Reighard, Swannanoa; R. L. Brevost, Wayneville; J. Q. McLaurin, Weaverville; T. C. Miller, West Asheville.

The Rev. Albert E. Wallace was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, Temporary Clerk.

Rev Tilden Scherer, D. D., of Holston Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit at a corresponding member.

Rev. T. C. Jordan, of Bethel Methodist Church, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. A. F. Doty, pastor of Ora Street church, read the report on Devotional Exercises, which was adopted. Hours for meeting are 9 A. M. to 12 Noon; 2 P. M. to 5:30; 8 P. M. to adjourn at will.

Supt. Carl Brindley, of the Mountain Orphanage, invited Presbytery to take dinner at the Orphanage tomorrow, the ladies of Ora Street serving the dinner. The invitation was accepted.

A request that Messrs. J. E. Lancaster and Ruffner Campbell be heard on the Maxwell Training School first thing tomorrow morning was granted.

Rev. Tilden Scherer, D. D., President of King College, was heard with appreciation in an address on King College.

The Moderator appointed a special committee consisting of Dr. Willis S. Wilson and W. M. Sikes to bring in a report on Dr. Scherer's address.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith, until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Presbytery assembled at 9 o'clock and was led in worship by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

The Moderator called Presbytery to order. The Minutes of last night's session were read, corrected and approved.

Mr. J. E. Lancaster read the report of the trustees of Maxwell Training School. Mr. Ruffner Campbell, a member of the Board of Trustees, addressed the Presbytery setting forth the conditions on which the Board agreed to run the school, and calling attention to the existing deficit in running expense. Mr. Campbell made the proposition to Presbytery that the Board of Trustees would be responsible for the absorption of the existing deficit provided Presbytery would assure the Board of an annual income of $2000 for the next two years from the Presbytery.

Mr. Lancaster's entire report and also Mr. Campbell's address were referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., was made Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges instead of Dr. R. P. Smith who remains a member of the committee.

The Moderator announced the appointment of these standing Committees: **(1) Bills and Overtures,** B. F. Yandell, W. K. Beaty, D. S. Watson. **(2) Judicial,** S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, H. W. Creasman. **(3) Minutes of Synod,** P. P. Winn, J. M. Brittain. **(4) Sessional Rocord,** A to D, R. S. Eskridge and J. Q. McLaurin; E. to M, P. N. Gresham and J. R. Willson; N to W, W. S. Hutchison and J. E. Lancaster. **(5) Audits,** Wilbur McNair, R. C. Anderson. **(6) Nominations,** W. M. Sikes, S. R. Crockett, T. C. Miller: **(7) Statistics,** B. F. Yandell and W. K. Beaty.

The following communications were referred: From Rev. J. E. Latham, D. D., to Committee on Bills and Overtures. From Rev. W. S. Campbell, D. D., Secretary of Lord's Day Alliance, to Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion. From Davidson College to Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Treasurer, invited the brethren of the Presbytery to inspect the Treasurer's books which he presented for the purpose.

The Sessional reports and Sessional records were distributed to their respective committees.

The Rev. S. R. Crockett was appointed to bring in a report on the narratives.

The Special Committee appointed to install Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., as pastor at Montreat reported the duty performed

December 13, 1925.

The Commission to organize a church at Ivy Park in North Buncombe reported the church organized December 20, 1925, in the store room of Mr. Lee Arrowood. Thirteen members were received on re-affirmation of their faith, and one on a profession of faith. The election of officers was deferred until a later date. The church voted to ask Rev. W. K. Beaty to serve it as Stated Supply.

The Committee appointed to revise the Manual reported that the work was not yet completed. The committee was continued.

Presbytery then took recess for a few minutes, preparatory to the eleven o'clock preaching service.

At eleven o'clock thee Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., on the subject: "Work Out Your Own Salvation." The sermon was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper at which Rev. W. K. Beaty and Rev. V. A. Crawford presided.

Immediately after this observance a Memorial of Rev. George W. Belk, D. D., deceased, was read by Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., and adopted by a rising vote. (See Appendix for Memorial.) A copy of this Memorial was directed to be sent to Mrs. G. W. Belk, widow of the deceased.

Presbytery then took recess until eight o'clock and repaired by automobiles to The Mountain Orphanage for dinner. After dinner an interesting program was rendered by the children of the Orphanage.

The afternoon was spent by the various committees in preparing their several reports.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Presbytery re-convened at eight o'clock P. M., and was opened with a song and a prayer.

With Rev. P. N. Gresham presiding Presbytery entered into a Popular Meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Mr. Gresham read the report of the Home Missions Committee, and pending its adoption the following addresses were made:

Rev. B. F. Yandell spoke on "The Work in The Hazelwood Field." Rev. E. G. Clary made an address on "The Work at Murphy and Vicinity" and Prof. S. L. Woodward told of "The Montreat School and Its Work."

The report of the Home Missions Committee was then adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have given due diligence and prayerful consideration to the work committed to our hands. By the favor of God this work has prospered greatly during the past year. We call special attention to the following facts:

1. All the workers have been paid in full to April 1.

2. Two of our fields have become self-supporting, Murphy and West Asheville.

3. The Andrews work has been re-organized, a Sunday School of 35 members established, plans are under way for building a manse, and steps are being taken for securing a regular pastor. Your committee is making a liberal appropriation for this cause.

4. The Franklin, Morrison, Slagle field became vacant on January 1. We have taken steps to place the work there upon a firmer foundation. The churches responded nobly. They have doubled their contribution for pastor's salary and with liberal aid from the committee have called Mr. J. A. Flanagan, of the senior class of Columbia Seminary. He has accepted and expects to begin work at the close of the Seminary.

5. The Black Mountain Church has voted to go to full time and has called the Rev. G. A. Nichols, of Charleston.

6. We have organized a new church at Ivy Park, near Democrat, with some 15 members. A lot was given by Mr. Lee Arrowood and they are financing their own building.

7. A lot in Biltmore Heights was donated to us by Mr. T. T. Gooding. A mission Sunday School is proposed there. This work has been placed in charge of Rev. A. F. Doty and the men of the Ora Street Church.

8. We are glad to report that "OUR MOUNTAIN WORK" again began publication last November. We are mailing out some 1200 copies every month, about twice the number heretofore published. The churches in the main are loyally supporting the paper. Those still due money on account are urged to pay up at once. We cannot over-emphasize the value to our work of the paper.

9. During the year an advance step of prime importance was made. The $27,000.00 debt on the Orphanage property is a thing of the past. The churches and friends of the institution

responded nobly and we are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for enabling us to wipe out this debt.

10. During the year we disposed of the old Morrison School property, and the proceeds were turned over to the Trustees of the Maxwell School.

11. A deed to a beautiful lot in Grovemont has been turned over to us by Mr. E. W. Grove. When developments warrant, we hope to open a work.

12. Your Committee has met regularly every month and in called sessions, and details that have occupied our time and attention are far too numerous to transcribe on paper.

13. We are planning to place a young woman in the field for the summer to do outpost Sunday School work under the direction of our Superintendent.

14. The Builders' League, a work committed to us at the last Spring meeting of Presbytery, has been organized and is functioning. We have issued three calls, and as a result will soon pay in full the $1000.00 pledged to the Manse fund at Hazelwood. This important cause has been organized in only a few of our churches, and we are hoping to secure the co-operation of all during the coming year.

Our Superintendent and Superintendent-Emeritus have been very diligent in the work, and their labors have been abundantly blessed.

Dr. R. P. Smith, in addition to his work as Treasurer, General Superintendent of the Orphanage, and Editor of "Our Mountain Work," has preached in vacant churches and on special occasions, and has rendered invaluable service to the Committee and the Superintendent by his wise counsels and efficient co-operation.

Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Superintendent, has been indefatigable in his labors, which have been greatly blessed, as will be seen from the following report of his work.

To the Home Missions Committee of Asheville Presbytery:

As I have given you each month in detail a written report of the work throughout the Presbytery, these reports being on file, I shall content myself with a brief summary of my activities during the past church year.

In the conduct of the work I have traveled 8,480 miles, preached 245 times, conducted 10 evangelistic meetings covering a total of 111 days. These meetings were at Bethel, Weaverville, Murphy, West Asheville, Slagle Memorial, Red Oak, Ora Street, Dillingham, Hazelwood, Canton—these last two being return engagements.

During the year I was privileged to witness 129 professions of faith, and 72 joined our Church by profession while I was present and 6 by letter. Some of the pastors assured me that others would come in later.

I have written 643 letters in the regular work and 461 calls have gone out in the interest of the Builders League, making a total of 1104 letters.

I have held a number of congregational meetings and numerous conferences with churches, church officers and individuals regarding different phases of the work during the year.

I have supplied various churches during the year in the absence of the pastor. Have regularly ministered to the Andrews flock and God has graciously blessed the work there. Have also kept in touch with the Franklin field since Bro. Wallace left, and have visited them three different Sabbaths.

Was privileged to have a small part in the matter of the Orphanage debt, assisted Dr. Smith in re-establishing Our Mountain Work, and am caring for the business end of the paper.

Have been charged with the clerical end of The Builders League and am happy to report the first three calls have just about netted sufficient funds to pay the $1,000.00 promised Hazelwood on their Manse. In this connection I am going to ask that I be given an opportunity to speak for a few minutes more in detail to the Presbytery concerning the finances of the Builders League and also of our Mountain Work.

I have had the privilege of baptizing three infants and five adults and of witnessing many reconsecrations in the meetings.

I can testify to the earnest spirit characterizing our pastors and I have striven in every way to aid them in their work of love.

That part of my work more properly coming under the head of Sabbath School Extension I have covered in my report to the Presbytery's Committee on Publication and S. S. Extension.

We trust we shall soon have a man at Andrews. Then all the fields will be regularly supplied. By direction and permission of your committee I have employed a young lady to do out-post mission Sunday School work during the summer.

There are many things to be thankful for in the past year, and the future is bright with hope and many open doors are before us. That we may all have strength and grace for the common task is my prayer.

I desire to record my deep appreciation of the kindly co-operation by the brethren in the field, and by all your committee, and my heartfelt gratitude for the sympathetic interest in my work and the patience with which you have all borne with me in my labors.

To the Great Head of the Church be the praise and honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed): F. Rauschenberg.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Pastor and Session of each church be urged to see that the work of the Builders' League be presented to the congregation and an earnest effort be made to secure the enlistment of all our people in the membership of the League.

2. That churches receiving aid from the Home Mission funds go forward toward self-support as rapidly as possible, in order that new fields may be opened and supplied with workers.

3. That church treasurers forward regularly each month to Dr. R. P. Smith, Presbytery's Treasurer, the contributions for the beneficent causes.

4. That the Mountain Orphanage, Maxwell Training School, and the Montreat Normal be commended to the earnest prayers and consecrated liberality of our people.

5. That the Pastors and Sessions of all our Churches be urged to watchfulness for opportunities to open new work in their fields.

6. That the church of Hazelwood and Bethel be permitted in accordance with their request, to change the terms of their call to their pastor, Rev. B. F. Yandell, by the addition of $100 from each church to the pastor's salary, and that they be commended for this action.

R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., Secretary of Synod's Work, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member. Dr. Craig addressed the Presbytery on the work he is doing in the Synod of Appalachia, emphasizing especially its educational feature.

Ruling Elder J. T. Bailey extended an invitation from the Canton Church for Presbytery to hold its next Fall meeting in that church. The invitation was accepted by the Presbytery. The date is October 12, 1926, at 8:00 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery adjourned with the benediction until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at nine o'clock, A. M., and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. E. G. Clary.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

A communication from Rev. T. E. Simpson, D. D., requesting permission to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery was heard. Presbytery granted the request until the Fall meeting, and also voted to advise Dr. Simpson to become a member of the Presbytery in which he is laboring if he expects to continue to remain outside our bounds.

A letter from our mission workers in Korea was read, commending Rev. P. P. Winn for the splendid work he has done in that field. The letter was placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Missions to bring in a suitable report concerning the same.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted, and is as follows:

The Stewardship Committee makes the following report: Two conferences on Stewardship for the Presbytery were held, at Waynesville, February 10 and at Asheville February 11.

The Committee made out and mailed to each church its apportionment for the Benevolent Cause. It also sent to each Church an E. M. C. report card, urging that a report on the canvass be made thereon and mailed to the Chairman of this Committee in order that he might in turn report to the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee.

Recommendations:

1. That in our table of percentage apportionments, instead of the present arrangement, two per cent be taken from the ten per cent assigned to Schools and Colleges and be given to the Montreat Normal School.

2. That the table of percentage apportionments and contingent fees be printed in each issue of the Minutes of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Wilds, Jr., Chairman.

The report of Dr. R. P. Smith, as Treasurer, was adopted and

he was commended for his excellent work.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, offered the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee submits the following report:

1. Candidates for the ministry, three, namely, A. J. Luck, Roy P. Miller and Chas. M. Pritchett. For Medical Missions, Samuel L. Belk. For Mission Service, Miss Evangeline Hope. Mr. Luck is in his first year at Columbia Theological Seminary. Mr. Belk is at Davidson College and Miss Hope is at the Assembly's Training School. Mr. Miller and Mr. Pritchett are not in school.

2. The amount of money contributed by Asheville Presbytery to this cause for the year is $1271.

3. Beneficiaries from the Relief Fund, from the bounds of this Presbytery, have received a total of $2600 from the Committee at Louisville, Ky.

4. Difference between amount contributed and amount received, $1329.

Recommendations:

1. That we commend Mr. A. J. Luck for his excellent work at the Seminary.

2. That we recommend to our Executive Committee that the following amount be granted to the following beneficiaries: Mrs. Harriet N. Davis, $400; Mrs. Kate Hudson, $180; Miss Lila Riley, $250; Mrs. Anna Sample, $500; Mrs. Irene Ver Hulst, $300; Rev. P. P. Winn, $400.

3. That our pastors urgently commend this worthy cause to the liberality of our people.

4. That we all pray earnestly to the great God of the harvest that He may thrust forth laborers into the harvest field, and that we be very diligent in presenting this cause to our young people

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, read the report of that Committee, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully report that there has come into its hands the report of the Maxwell Training School, from April 1st, 1925 to April 1st, 1926, and a report from Davidson College for 1926. These reports have been carefully reviewed and we note with great pleasure most gratifying progress in both of these institutions and would express to the management of these institutions Presbytery's high appreciation of the excellent work done by those in charge.

The Maxwell School has enrolled 24 students with an average attendance of 20. It is doing the regular High School work with three teachers in charge in the Maxwell School Building.

The pupils not in the High School grades are taught in the public school building with four teachers in charge. The management in charge of Maxwell School chooses the teachers for the public school and there is co-operation between the Maxwell School and the public school to provide teaching for the children of the community.

A full time farm manager has been employed and the boys are given training in the home and on the farm by this manager.

The average cost per boy, not counting the salaries and equipment, is about $100. Or counting salaries and not equipment, the cost is about $260.

The total contributions and receipts for the school amount to $10,422.38. Of this amount $1,442.45 was received on scholarships and tuition. From the regular fund, 5 per cent of the Benevolences, $1,236, for improvement and equipment, $4,839.17, from miscellaneous sources $2,904.76.

The total disbursements for equipment was $4,908.32, being $69.15 more than was received for this purpose.

The total receipts for operating expense was $5,583.21.

The total disbursements were $5,406.19, leaving a balance in the treasury of $107.87.

Your Committee would recommend, (1) That the Presbytery assure the Directors of the Maxwell School that the Presbytery will appropriate to the School for this year 5 per cent of the regular donations to the Benevolent causes as set forth in our budget, which appropriation should amount to approximately $2,000.

2. That extra gifts to the School shall not be taken account of in making up this 5 per cent, but only the unspecified gifts shall be credited to any church for benevolences on its regular budget, and the 5 per cent of the regular unspecified contributions to the benevolences as set forth on the budget is the amount promised to the Maxwell School.

3. That the Maxwell School be most heartily commended to our people and the churches for liberal support.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Davidson College has an enrollment this year of 639 students. The endowment has been enlarged $200,000, $75,000 of this being

donated by the General Education Board; $125,000 coming from other sources.

Beginning with 1926, the College will begin to receive the benefit of the large gifts of the late J. B. Duke.

The late James Sprunt left a legacy of $50,000 and the Board of Trustees has named one of the two chairs of Bible, "The James Sprunt Chair of Bible."

Five additional members have been elected on the Faculty which gives a teaching staff of 38.

The future of the College is very bright.

Dr. Robert L. Kelly, of New York, Executive Sec. of the Association of American Colleges, has made a survey of Davidson College for the purpose of detecting its weak points to correct them and to strengthen its strong points. This survey shows the College still has many needs, some of the needs being a larger and better reference library, scholarships for poor boys, the improvements of the ground for recreation, and funds for the completion of the Chambers Building. The Presbytery would express the high appreciation of the great work being done by Davidson and the excellent service of those in charge of the Institution and the magnificent gifts of the friends of the Institution for its equipment and endowment.

Davidson is commended to our people for their liberality.

No reports from King College, Stonewall Jackson College and the Montreat Normal School have been placed in our hands, but on direction of the Presbytery to make report on these institutions, your Committee would respectively submit the following facts secured from reliable sources:

KING COLLEGE

King College has enjoyed a most successful year with an enrollment of 120 students, the largest in the history of the institution. The Faculty is composed of a group of most excellent men, experts in their several subjects.

King has been given $100,000 by an honored alumnus on condition that $500,000 be subscribed for an endowment fund. The donor suggested that the college ought to receive $750,000 within the next three years and that of this amount Bristol should give $100,000.

Already plans are on foot to secure this amount in Bristol by the time of the commencement.

We heartily appreciate the generous gift received by King College and sincerely hope that the desire of the donor may be realized.

Stonewall Jackson College.

Stonewall Jackson College is having a year of great encouragement, with its buildings about full of students, and with a most excellent faculty of consecrated teachers.

We are glad to learn that the President, Dr. Fred W. Alexander, after several months illness, has been able again to take up his duties and is preparing for vigorous work in another year.

Montreat Normal School

The Montreat Normal School has made splendid progress in its work. The enrollment for the year has reached 113, and very satisfactory work is being done. Scholarships have been provided for more than fifty girls and loans made to a number of girls who needed help in paying their board.

The school has been fortunate in securing a faculty, each member of which has had special training for the work she is doing.

Many books have been added to the Library, and other needed equipment has been provided.

The increasing number of pupils enrolled and the necessity that has arisen for meeting the requirements of the affiliating agencies make additional equipment necessary.

Recommendations:

1. That King College, Stonewall Jackson College and the Montreat Normal School be asked to submit brief reports to the Spring Meetings of Asheville Presbytery, and that these reports be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges a few days before the meeting of Presbytery.
2. That the Presbytery express to those in charge of these institutions and all donors to these institutions, its high appreciation of the services rendered and all money donated.
3. That these institutions be heartily commended to our people and churches for their liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Anderson, Chairman.
R. P. Smith.
R. S. Eskridge.

The eleven o'clock hour having arrived a popular meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions was engaged in. Rev R. S. Eskridge read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and action was deferred until later in the sessions.

The Rev. Gaston Boyle, missionary to Brazil, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a corresponding member. After brief devotional worship the Rev. Mr. Boyle spoke most interestingly of his work in Brazil. He was followed by Rev. P. P. Winn, who spoke on the good work he has been doing in Korea.

Presbytery then took recess until two o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Presbytery resumed business at two o'clock, P. M., and was opened with prayer.

The recommendations of the Foreign Mission Committee's report were taken up seriatim, amended, and the following were adopted:

1. That, in view of the steady decline of the Assembly's Causes' proportion of the total church gifts, falling from 22 per cent in 1913 to 15 per cent in 1925, this Presbytery take action at this meeting to enlarge its gifts to the Assembly Causes.

2. That a committee, consisting of Revs. R. C. Anderson, R. P. Smith, L. T. Wilds, H. B. Dendy, and Ruling Elders P. R. Allen and I. J. Archer, be appointed to take into careful consideration the re-adjustment of percentages as between the beneficent causes of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly, and to report at the next Fall meeting of Presbytery.

3. That our ministers be asked to acquaint their congregations with more of the facts of our Foreign Mission Work, by preaching, by mission study classes, and by all other proper means whereby they may be informed as to the missionary enterprise.

4. That the Presbytery thank the Rev. Gaston Boyle and the Rev. P. P. Winn for their excellent addresses on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The Committees on Sessional Records reported, approving the following books: Asheville, First; Brevard, Canton, Covenanters, Davidson River, Hazelwood, Hendersonville, Mills River, Murphy. The following were approved with exceptions: Bethel, Bryson City, Etowah, Ora Street, Swannanoa, Waynesville, Weaverville

and West Asheville. The following churches sent up no records: Andrews, Black Mountain, Franklin, Hayesville, White Oak, Morrison, Oak Forest, Ravensford, Red Oak, Rugby, Slagle Memorial.

Rev. C. W. Bates, of the Methodist Protestant Church, Asheville, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman, made its report. The report was approved, and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery endorse the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 14-21, and urge its observance in all churches as an occasion for giving information and advancing the interests of this growing work.

2. That Presbytery again urge the Sunday Schools to observe the annual Home Mission Day, Nov. 21st, with an offering for Assembly's Home Missions.

3. That all pastors be urged during the year to preach on Assembly's Home Missions, emphasizing its place in our denominational life and growth.

The special committee to report on Dr. Tilden Scherer's address submitted the following report:.

The Presbytery has heard with interest the address of President Scherer, of King College, and rejoices that the fine work of King College is being enlarged by an increased student body. The Presbytery notes with pleasure that plans are maturing to secure a larger endowment and equipment fund, and ultimately to raise the college to Standard grade.

The Permanent Committee on Sabbath Schools, made its report through Rev. P. N. Gressam, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee reports 26 schools with a total membership of 4390. These schools have contributed $2660 to the benevolent causes, and $3224 to current expenses and miscellaneous purposes.

The labors of Rev. F. Rauschenberg as Sunday School worker have been greatly blessed. His report shows that he has visited various points in the Presbytery 67 times, and has travelled 4187 miles to do so. The Statistical Report shows that 120 pupils have been added to the Communion during the year. We recommend that the Sunday School work be continued under the same plans as as present.

which was adopted and is as follows:

Churches	30
Ministers	25
Candidates for the Ministry	3
Number of Ruling Elders	121
Number of Deacons	124
Added on Examination	181
Added on Certificate	318
Resident Communicants	3395
Non-Resident Communicants	536
Whole number of Communicants	3931
Adult Baptisms	75
Infant Baptisms	40
Total Sunday School Enrolment	4390
Contributions to Foreign Missions	$10472
Assembly's Home Missions	1435
Synod's Home Missions	1561
Presbytery's Home Missions	7907
Congregational Home Missions	1423
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1271
Sunday School Extension and Publication	1320
Educational Institutions	5907
Bible Cause	356
Orphan's Home	14365
Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	39164
Pastors' Salaries actually paid	27690
Miscellaneous Contributions	5348

Dr. R. C. Anderson was heard in the interest of the "Assembly Inn" at Montreat. Presbytery expressed its conviction of the importance of completing the "Inn" as soon as possible and commended it to the liberality of our people.

The Statistical Report to the General Assembly was read by the Stated Clerk, and it was adopted and ordered sent to the Assembly. It is identical with the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence as printed above.

Presbytery, by a rising vote, adopted the following resolution of thanks: That we express our heartfelt thanks to the Ora Street Church and community for their bounteous hospitality.

It was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at a time to be fixed by the Moderator.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned with singing, prayer and the benediction to meet at the call of the Moderator.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Canton, N. C., Tuesday, October 12th, 1926, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Albert E. Wallace, Moderator.
Vernon A. Crawford, Temporary Clerk.

ATTEST: W. M. Sikes, Stated Clerk.

Total Quotas to Benevolent Causes, Apr. 1 1926 to Mar. 31, 1927.

Andrews	$ 152
Asheville, First	22000
Bethel	326
Black Mountain	600
Brevard	600
Bryson City	650
Canton	700
Covenanters	100
Davidson River	500
Etowah	76
Franklin	250
Hayesville	76
Hazelwood	326
Hendersonville	6000
Ivy Park	32
Mills River	300
Montreat	1700
Morrison	100
Murphy	600
Oak Forest	100
Ora Street	352
Red Oak	51
Rugby	26
Ravensford	128
Slagle Memorial	128
Swannanoa	500
Waynesville	700
Weaverville	128
West Asheville	400
White Oak (Hepco)	32
Total	$37633

MEMORIAL OF REV. G. W. BELK, D. D.

Reverend George Washington Belk was born in Walkersville, North Carolina, September 30, 1859. He fell asleep peacefully in Orlando, Florida, November 8, 1925, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was graduated at Rutherford College, and in 1889 he was graduated from Union Theological Seminary, then at Hampden Sidney, Virginia. He was ordained to the Ministry by Mecklenberg Presbytery, North Carolina, May 21, 1889.

In 1890 he was married to Miss Mary Blanton, of Cumberland County, Virginia. He served the churches of Amity and Robinson from May, 1889 to 1891, when he removed to Chatham, Virginia. In this latter field he rendered a great and remarkable service, not only as pastor of the Chatham church, but in organizing and building churches and schools in the outlying country districts.

In 1900, he moved from the Chatham field to become pastor of the Graham Street Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1902 the Graham Street church moved its location and under the excellent leadership and through the untiring efforts of Dr. Belk built what is now known as the Tenth Avenue Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. In a very real sense Dr. Belk was the organizer and builder of the Tenth Avenue Church. In 1905 he left the Tenth Avenue Church and became the pastor of Albemarle and Norwood churches in North Carolina. In 1909 he accepted a position as Evangelist of the Synod of North Carolina. He continued in this work for three years when at the call of the General Assembly he became one of the Assembly's Evangelists and continued in this work for seven years.

In 1920 he accepted a call to the church at Montreat, North Carolina, and served as pastor of this church most successfully until a few month before his death, when on account of failing health he was compelled to

give up the work.

Dr. Belk was author of "The Presbyterian Faith", "The Baptism of John", and a number of other booklets and leaflets and numerous poems. In June, 1925, Davidson College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Mr. Belk, an expression of its appreciation of Mr. Belk in his scholarly attainments, and the splendid service he had rendered the church.

Dr. Belk filled every position which he was called to occupy with marked fidelity and ability. He was a strong, earnest practical preacher of the Word, sound in the faith, yet broad and liberal in his views with a strong passion for winning souls to Christ. He loved the work of an Evangelist and through the many meetings which he held all over the country thousands made profession of their faith in Christ, and many churches were revived and refreshed because of his ministry. He was energetic, well equipped, earnest and zealous, loyal and consecrated, and labored unceasingly up to a short time before his death. He was a man of striking personal appearance, tall and erect, genial in spirit, having the love that thought no evil and the grace that spoke no evil of any one. He had a keen sense of humor and was optimistic in temperament. He was cheerful, poetic and musical. He literally lived in the sunshine, poetry and music of life.

He and his good wife, both having most cheerful and bright dispositions were a most congenial and happy couple. They were blessed with a large, bright and happy family of children, four boys and four girls. Two of the sons, Rev. J. Blanton Belk, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida, and Rev. G. W. Belk, Jr., of Fort Mill, South Carolina, are successful pastors, and one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Belk Stamps, is a missionary in China. The other two boys are at college and the three girls are engaged in Christian service.

The funeral services were conducted by Reverends R. C. Anderson, J. R. Bridges and A. R. Shaw. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery of Tirzah church, South Carolina, in the community where he spent his boyhood.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed): R. P. Smith.

Asheville, N. C.

Your Committee on the records of Asheville Presbytery would beg leave to report that the records be approved with the following exception that at an adjourned meeting May 13, 1925; the approved labors of a young man in Charleston Presbytery was accepted for licensure in lieu of the authorized and appointed examination provided in the Book of Church Order.

M. W. Doggett, Chair.

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ADJOURNED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., June 8th, 1926.

Asheville Presbytery met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator in the Study of the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C., at three o'clock P. M., and was opened with prayer.

Rev. B. Frank Yandell, the last Moderator present, served as Moderator, and Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., acted as clerk.

The following members were enrolled: *Ministers*—R. F. Campbell, D. D., E. G. Clary, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, P. N. Gresham, Fritz Rauschenberg, W. M. Sikes, D. D., R. P. Smith, D. D., and B. F. Yandell. *Elders*—C. A. Lowery, of Franklin church, and L. E. Reighard, of Swannanoa church.

A certificate of dismission of Candidate J. A. Flanagan from Bethel Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was read, and Mr. Flanagan was regularly received into the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine Candidate Flanagan with a view to licensure. His diploma from the Presbyterian College of South Carolina was accepted in lieu of examination on college work.

The Moderator appointed Rev. E. G. Clary and Rev. P. N. Gresham as a committee to examine and report on Mr. Flanagan's written Exegesis, Thesis, and Popular Lecture.

The Moderator then examined Mr. Flanagan on Experimental Religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

The examination on Theology was conducted by Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, and was also sustained as satisfactory. The examintion of Church Government and the Sacraments was made by Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and was also sustained. Mr. Flanagan's diploma from Columbia Seminary was accepted in lieu of examination on Church History.

The committee appointed to examine the written Exegesis, Thesis, and Popular Lecture reported, recommending their approval as satisfactory. The report was adopted.

Mr. Flanagan preached his trial sermon from Matthew 21:28, which was considered eminently satisfactory. The examination as a whole was then sustained, and Mr. Flanagan was duly licensed as

a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

The following calls for pastoral services of Licentiate Flanagan were read and placed in his hands: From Franklin church, promising $800 per year and use of manse; from Slagle Memorial church, promising $200 per year; and from Morrison church, promising $200 per year. The calls were accepted by Mr. Flanagan.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Flanagan in this group of churches on July 4th, viz: Revs. R. C. Anderson, D. D., J. R. Sevier, D. D., and W. S. Wilson, D. D., with Rev. Wilmer MacNair and Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg as alternates to each of the other ministers. Also elders, C. A. Lowery, of Franklin, and S. W. Black, of Bryson City.

At the Franklin church, Dr. Sevier will preach, Dr. Wilson will preside and propound the Constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor, and Dr. Anderson will deliver the charge to the people.

At Morrison church, Dr. Anderson will preach, Dr. Sevier will preside and propound the Constitutional questions and charge the pastor, and Dr. Wilson will charge the people.

At Slagle Memorial church, Dr. Wilson will preach, Dr. Anderson will preside and propound the Constitutional questions and charge the pastor, and Dr. Sevier will charge the people.

Rev. H. B. Dendy read a letter from Rev. Albert E. Wallace in which he offered his resignation as pastor of the Bryson City church. Rev. B. F. Yandell stated that he moderated a congregational meeting of the Bryson City church in which the church concurred with the pastor in asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The Presbytery then by vote formally dissolved the pastoral relationship.

Mr. Dendy stated that Rev. Mr. Wallace and his wife were both ill in the city of Charlotte, and that he as Chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief had asked the Assembly's Committee at Louisville, Ky., to make an appropriation to Mr. Wallace's financial relief, and that an appropriation had already been made. The Presbytery unanimously endorsed Mr. Dendy's action in recommending this appropriation by the Assembly's Committee. The Presbytery then engaged in prayer for Brother Wallace and his wife, after which a donation of $52.50 was made to Brother Wallace by the brethern present.

A call from the Swannanoa church for the full time pastoral services of Rev. R. S. Eskridge, promising him $1450 salary per

year, was read, found in order, and placed in Mr. Eskridge's hands. The call was accepted by him. The following committee was appointed to install him as pastor of the church on June 27th, viz: Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., Chm., Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., and Ruling Elder E. E. White, of Black Mountain. Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., is alternate to each of these brethern.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the Moderator or Stated Clerk.

B. FRANK YANDELL, *Moderator.*

W. M. SIKES, *Stated Clerk.*

ADJOURNED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., July 16th, 1926.

Asheville Presbytery met in adjourned session on a call issued by the Stated Clerk, in the Study of the First Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C., at three o'clock P. M., and was opened with prayer.

Rev. B. F. Yandell, the last Moderator present, presided, and Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., served as Temporary Clerk.

The following members were enrolled: *Ministers*—R. C. Anderson, D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, Wilmer MacNair, Fritz Rauschenberg, R. P. Smith, D. D., W. M. Sikes, D. D., and B. F. Yandell; Elder J. T. Bailey, of the Canton church.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of June 8th, 1926, were read and approved.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., a member of the committee to install Rev. R. S. Eskridge pastor of the Swannanoa church, reported that the installation was duly perfected on June 27th, 1926.

Rev. Fritz Rasuchenberg, Chairman of the Commission to ordain and install Licentiate J. A. Flanagan, reported that he was regularly ordained and installed pastor of the Franklin, Morrison, and Slagle Memorial churches on Sunday, July 4th, 1926.

Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., offered his resignation as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. The resignation was accepted, and Rev. W. S. Wilson, D. D., of Montreat was elected as his successor. A package containing a complete file of the Minutes of the Presbytery was turned over to Dr. R. C. Anderson to be delivered to Dr. Wilson, the new Stated Clerk.

Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., offered his resignation as pastor of the Canton church, and asked for a certificate of dismission to Tuscaloosa Presbytery, Ala., that he might accept a call to the Chair of Theology in Stillman Institute. Ruling Elder J. T. Bailey, of the Canton church, stated that the church had regretfully concurred with the pastor in asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

The Presbytery dissolved the relationship, to take effect September 8th, 1926, and granted Dr. Sikes a letter of dismission to Tuscaloosa Presbytery. The Presbytery also instructed the new Stated Clerk to write a letter of appreciation to accompany the certificate of dismission.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, reported the death of Mr. T. S. Morrison, who was president of the Asheville Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, Incorporated, and stated that the Committee recommended to Presbytery (1) That Mr. J. H. McConnell be elected president of the Corporation to succeed Mr. Morrison, and (2) That Mr. P. R. Allen be elected a member of the Home Mission Committee. The recommendations were adopted as reported.

A petition requesting the organization of a Presbyterian church at Riverside Heights was read by Rev. P. N. Gresham. The petition and petitioners are as follows:

We the undersigned residents of Riverside Heights and surrounding territory, desiring for ourselves and children the services of the House of God, and seeing the rapidly developing nature of our territory, do earnestly petition Asheville Presbytery to organize us into a church. We promise to submit ourselves to the government of the Presbyterian church, and to study its peace and unity and purity. Signed: W. W. Nelson, Mrs. W. W. Nelson, Pearl Lominac, A. E. Eve, Mrs. A. E. Eve, Mrs. L. H. Howard, Edward Eve, Aline Pons, Frank Pons, Henry Currille, Mrs. Henry Currille, and Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer.

The petition was granted, and the following Commission was appointed to organize the church Sept. 5th, 1926, viz: Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Chm., Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. Wilmer MacNair, Rev. A. F. Doty, and Elders P. R. Allen, J. H. McConnell, and T. C. Miller.

The Presbytery entered into an informal discussion of the Assembly's Stewardship and Budget System for the benefit of Dr. R. F. Campbell who is a member of an Assembly Ad Interim Committee studying the subject.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, with the privilege of meeting at the call of the Moderator or Stated Clerk, if necessity requires before the regular Fall session.

The Minutes were read and approved.

B. F. YANDELL, *Moderator.*

W. M. SIKES, *Temporary Cerlk.*

FALL MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

61st Semi-Annual Session.

Canton, N. C., Tuesday Evening, Oct. 12th, 1926.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Canton, N. C., at eight o'clock p. m., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Wilmer MacNair from the text, Psalm 29:9.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. B. F. Yandell, the last moderator present, presided until the new officers were elected. The roll was called and the following members found present: Ministers, R. C. Anderson, D. D., W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, D. D., E. G. Clary, V. A. Crawford (2), S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer MacNair, Fritz Rauschenberg, R. P. Smith, D. D., W. S. Wilson, D. D., B. F. Yandell. Elders, H. A. Osborne of Bethel, J. A. Miller (2) of Brevard, J. T. Bailey of Canton, W. C. Dillingham of Covenanters, C. A. Lowery of Franklin, D. M. Killian (2) of Hazelwood, Dr. I. J. Archer of Montreat, M. W. Bell of Murphy, J. A. Edwards of Ora Street, J. E. Lancaster of Slagle Memorial, W. E. Davidson of Swannanoa, I. J. Brown of Waynesville, J. Z. Russell of West Asheville.

Rev. W. K. Beaty wa selected Moderator and Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Temporary Clerk.

Dr. Robert Yost of King College addressed the Presbytery in the interest of the campaign to raise $750000.00 to standardize King College.

The report of the Devotional Committee was read and adopted, viz: Morning Session, 9 to 12:30; Afternoon Session, 2:30 to 4:30; Evening Session, 7:30 to adjourn at will. The devotional exercises to be conducted Wednesday morning by Rev. R. S. Eskridge and the Presbyterial sermon to be preached at 11 a. m. preceeding

the celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

Presbytery then adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. E. G. Clary, until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning Session

The Presbytery convened at 9 o'clock and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

The minutes of the session of Tuesday evening were read and approved. Also the minutes of the adjourned meetings in Asheville, June 8, 1926 and July 16th, 1926 were read and approved.

Dr. R. C. Anderson stated that he had delivered a package containing the records of the Presbytery to the new Stated Clerk and the Clerk acknowledged the receipt of the package.

Dr. J. J. Fix of Abingdon Presbytery was invited to sit as a Visiting Brother and was introduced to the Presbytery by the moderator.

Rev. A. F. Doty, Chairman of the Committee on Leave of Absence, appointed at the Spring Meeting, reported as follows: Rev. J. T. Mitchell excused from attending the meeting, Dr. J. R. Sevier excused after the morning session of Wednesday, Elder J. H. Dillard of Murphy excused after the Wednesday evening session.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees: (1) Bills and Overtures, B. F. Yandell, A. F. Doty, J. Z. Russell, (2) Judiciary, P. N. Gresham, Wilmer MacNair, W. E. Davidson (3) Records of Presbytery, F. Rauschenberg, I. J. Brown (4) Minutes of General Assembly, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith (5) Auditing, H. B. Dendy, C. A. Lowery (6) Leave of Absence, J. T. Bailey, J. E. Lancaster (7) Nominations, R. S. Eskridge, E. G. Clary, I. J. Archer (8) Resolutions, S. R. Crockett, J. A. Flanagan, M. W. Bell.

In an additional report of the Devotional Committee, Rev. H. B. Dendy and Rev. E. G. Clary were appointed to preside at the Communion Service and Elders M. W. Bell, A. V. Halyburton, I. J. Archer and I. J. Brown were appointed to serve the elements.

The following communications were read and referred: From Dr. J. D. Leslie, Stated Clerk of the Assembly, to the Home Missions Committee. From Dr. Homer McMillan, to the Home Missions Committee. From Dr. S. M. Tenney, Curator of the Presbyterian Historical Society, to the Historical Committee. From the Stated Clerk of Synod, to the Home Missions Committee and the Stewardship Committee. From the Christian Observer and the Presbyterian of the South, to the Committee on Minutes of the

General Assembly. From Synod's Stewardship Committee, to Presbytery's Committee on Stewardship. From Dr. L. T. Wolds resigning the chairmanship of the Stewardship Committee.

Presbytery accepted the resignation of Dr. Wilds and elected Rev. H. B. Dendy as his successor.

The Special Committee on Readjustment of Percentages as between Presbytery, Synod and Assembly reported through its Chairman, Dr. R. C. Anderson. After prolonged discussion the report was made the unfinished business for the afternoon session.

Presbytery then took recess for five minutes to prepare for the eleven o'clock preaching service and the observance of The Lord's Supper.

At eleven o'clock the Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, on the subject: "The Offices of Elder and Deacon." The sermon was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper. Presbytery then took recess, at 12:30, for dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

The Presbytery re-convened at 2:30 p. m., and was opened with prayer by Rev. V. A. Crawford.

The unfinished business was taken up and, after additional discussion, the following substitute for the whole report, offered by Dr. R. F. Campbell, was adopted: "That the present percentages be allowed to stand for another year with this exception, viz., that two per cent be taken from Synod's Schools and Colleges and given to the Montreat Normal School."

The following resolution by Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman of Home Missions, wa adopted. "That in view of the importance to our work of the publication, 'Our Mountain Work,' and in view of the successful financing of the paper during the past twelve months, be it resolved that Presbytery approve the same plan and that each church be requested to place in its budget a sum sufficient to pay fifty cents for each subscription to the paper, a copy being furnished to each family in the church."

The books of Mr. Rauschenberg, treasurer of the Builder's League and Business Manager of "Our Mountain Work," were placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

Dr. R. C. Anderson addressed the Presbytery on the Montreat Normal School and the work of the Mountain Retreat Association stressing the importance of the completion of Assembly Inn.

Mr. J. E. Lancaster was heard on a question of personal privilege regarding the distribution of funds for the Maxwell School.

Mr. Elsa Reece Boroughs, a member of the First Church of Asheville, was presented as a candidate for the ministry. Dr. R. F. Campbell explained that due to lack of time credentials from the session could not be presented but that he would see that such credentials were turned over to the Committee on Christian Education. Mr. Boroughs was then examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory and he was received under care of Presbytery and referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Franklin church to hold its stated spring meeting in that church.

Dr. J. J. Fix, our Synodical Secretary, was heard in the interest of our Young People's Work with particular emphasis on the importance of the Presbyterian League to develop them in the knowledge of their own church.

The commission to organize a church at Riverside Heights reported that the church was organized with sixteen members Sept. 5, 1926. That the name chosen for the new organization was the Robert Bingham Presbyterian Church and that the Rev. P. N. Gresham had accepted their invitation to serve as Stated Supply until the next meeting of Presbytery. The report was adopted and the church enrolled.

The Committee to Revise the Manual was continued and Rev. W. S. Wilson was made a member of the committee and directed to act as chairman.

Dr. Campbell commended highly Dr. H. W. McLaughlin's book on The Country Church.

Presbytery engaged in a free conversation on the state of religion in the churches. The reports sounded a distinctly optimistic note and made us all feel like going forward with renewed zeal.

The Stated Clerk reported that the Presbyterial Register of Ministers was not in satisfactory shape and he was instructed to revise and bring up to date as far as possible, using his own discretion. He was also authorized to have the minutes bound.

Presbytery adopted resolutions submitted by Dr. S. M. Tenney, Curator of the General Assembly's Historical Department, with the exception of the resolution calling for deposit of its Original Minutes with the society. Those adopted are as follows:

I—That the Presbytery give its hearty approval to the establishment of an Historical Society for our Church,

II—That the Presbytery direct its Stated Clerk to regularly file two copies of its printed Minutes and all other official papers printed by the Presbytery with the said named Historical Society,

III—That this Presbytery commend the Historical Society to all churches and individuals throughout its bounds for contributions of historical interest and for financial support.

The report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was approved and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery urge the observance of Home Mission week, Nov. 14-21, and urge upon pastors the imperative duty of making a profound study of the perils facing the Church and Nation; and that this knowledge be crystalized into such definite action as may arouse our Church to the high claims of Home Missions as the essential basis of the permanence and progress of our beloved church.

2. That Presbytery urge the Sunday Schools to observe the annual Home Mission Day, Nov. 21st using the splendid programs prepared by the Educational Committee."

F. RAUSCHENBERG
S. R. CROCKETT.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly was adopted and is as follows: Inasmuch as the Pensacola General Assembly adopted the following resolution presented by the Stewardship Committee: "That the Assembly reaffirm its previous actions with the reference to 'Church Paper Week' and remind the whole Church that it has requested the Woman's Auxiliary to cooperate with the church papers in making an Every Family Canvass in each congregation, during the first week in November, in an effort to introduce a church paper into every home." The Presbytery requests each pastor to bring to the attention of religious reading, and to encourage the Woman's Auxiliary to make an Every Family Canvass of the congregation during the week November 7-14 to secure new subscribers for the Church papers.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Auditing, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, reported the books of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Treas. on "Church and Manse Erection," and "Our Mountain Work," to be neatly and accuratel kepty. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Records of Presbytery, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman, reported that they had examined the printed minutes of the 59th and 60th Stated Sessions of 1925-26 together with the adjourned and called meetings and found them correctly and neatly kept. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by its Chairman, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, and its recommendations were adopted, viz: 1.—That churches, societies, and Sunday Schools be urged to allocate the Foreign Mission Apportionments in their budgets to the support of definite parts of the Foreign Mission work, thus establishing vital and inspiring contact with the Foreign Field. 2.—That we observe the week ending Feb. 5, 1927, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly as a special Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. 3.—We recommend that our churches be urged to meet their apportionments to Foreign Missions as the one and only practical way of solving the deficit problem.

The Committee on the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman, reported in answer to a communication from Dr. Leslie's office that the Chairman had kept in touch with the Bureau and is co-operating as far as possible. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations made report through its chairman, Rev. R. S. Eskridge and its recommendations were adopted, viz: That no moderator be nominated until the spring meeting of Presbytery. That Rev. Vernon A. Crawford be appointed to preach the Presbyterial sermon on the subject, "Was Jesus of Nazareth the Messiah?" Rev. S. R. Crockett to be his alternate. That Rev. J. A. Flanagan be added to the Committee on Bible Cause and that he be chairman of the committee, that Rev. Rev. E. G. Clary be a member of the Committee on Religious Education, Rev. W. K. Beaty of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion and Mr. J. H. McConnell of the Committee on Stewardship.

The Home Missions Committee made report as follows: A paper fro mthe Synod of Appalachia in regard to an evangelistic campaign and the establishment of Mission Sunday Schools throughout the bounds of the Presbyteries has been referred to this Committee. In response to this action of Synod the Presbytery recommends: 1—That the pastor and session of each church consider the practicability of holding at least one special evangelistic meeting during the next year. 2—That every church be urged to consider prayerfully the establishment of Mission Sunday Schools in the nearby territory.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, recommended that Rev. Joel T. Mitchell be recommended to the Assembly's Committee for assistance

at the rate of $400.00 per year. The recommendation was adopted.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Presbytery's Commissioner to the General Assembly reported his attendance. The report was received and his diligence commended. It was stated on the floor of Presbytery that Mr. P. R. Allen also attended the meeting of the Assembly and this was received as his report and his diligence commended.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write again to Rev. T. E. Simpson and call his attention to the action at the Spring Meeting in regard to his continued absence.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was adopted and is as follows: Execused—Mr. Lowery, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Miller, Mr. Russell, Mr. Cleary, Dr. MacNair, Mr. W. C. Dillingham.

It was moved and carried to strike out the order for special prayer for the Ad-Interim Committee on Survey tomorrow at 9 a. m. and have the prayer at the close of the afternoon session, the prayer to be led by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

The report of the Presbytery to the Synod of Appalachia was read and approved.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 with special prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy, as ordered above.

Wednesday Night Session.

Presbytery re-convened at 7:30 p. m. A popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was held, Dr. R. F. Campbell, presiding. Addresses were made by Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Mr. Carl Brindley, Dr. R. P. Smith and Elder I. J. Brown.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. S. R. Crockett and was adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge asked for an expression of opinion by Presbytery on the question of his engaging in worldly avocations. Presbytery went into executive session to consider this request. After considerable discussion the following motion, by Rev. B. F. Yandell, was adopted: That Asheville Presbytery go on record as sanctioning the relationship now existing between Rev. R. S. Eskridge and the Swannanoa church—as to hi engaging in so called "Worldly care and avocations—and that it sees nothing wrong in his receiving salary from that church as at present paid.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Franklin, N. C., Tuesday, April 12th, 1927, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

W. K. BEATY, *Moderator.*

W. S. HUTCHISON, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest: WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

CALL MEETING.

Asheville Presbytery met at four o'clock p. m., Nov. 15, 1926, in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., in compliance with the following call of the Moderator:

Dillingham, N. C., Nov. 3, 1926. Constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet Monday, Nov. 15, 1926, at four p. m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. (a) The resignation of Rev. B. F. Yandell as pastor of the Hazelwood Church.

(b) To dismiss him to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, if the way be clear.

2. (a) The resignation of Rev. E. G. Clary as pastor of the Murphy Church.

(b) To transact any other matters connected therewith.

3. (a) To receive the Rev. James Waite.

(b) To arrange for his installation as pastor of the Canton Church, if the way be clear.

W. K. BEATY, *Modertor.*

Presbytery was opened with prayer by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The following members were present: Ministers, B. F. Yandell, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, R. P. Smith, R. S. Eskridge, Willis S. Wilson, R. F. Campbell, A. F. Doty, and Elder T. G. Miller of the Hazelwood Church.

Rev. B. F. Yandell, the last Moderator present presided until the meeting was opened and then called Rev. H. B. Dendy to the chair.

Rev. B. F. Yandell then offered his resignation as pastor of the Hazelwood Church and asked to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg. Elder T. G. Miller stated that the congregation of Hazelwood Church reluctantly concurred in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation and Presbytery accepted his resignation and granted him a certificate of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Rev. E. G. Clary asking to be dismissed to Cherokee Presbytery. The Clerk also read a letter from the session of the Murphy Church stating that the congregation there concurred in the request of Rev. E. G. Clary for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

Presbytery then accepted the resignation of Rev. E. G. Clary as pastor of the Murphy Church and granted him a certificate of dismission to Cherokee Presbytery.

The Rev. James Waite failed to appear and therefore no action was taken in his case. The minutes were read and dopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

H. B. DENDY, *Moderator.*

WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

CALL MEETING.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., in compliance with the following call of the Moderator.

Dillingham, N. C., Feb. 21, 1927.

To the Ministers of the Presbytery of Asheville: Constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet Thursday, March 3, 1927, at 3 p. m., at the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, to consider and act on the following matters:

1. To receive Rev. A. T. Taylor from the Presbytery of Mobile and take steps for his installation at Hazelwood and Bethel;

2. To go into and act upon any matters pertaining to the Maxwell Training School;

3. The request of the Rev. A. E. Wallace that he be permitted to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery.

W. K. BEATY, *Moderator.*

Presbytery was opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The following members were present: Ministers, H. B. Dendy, Wilmer MacNair, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Grasham, F. Rauschenberg, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, A. F. Doty and Willis S. Wilson.

Elders: H. A. Osborne, Bethel; J. E. Lancaster, Slagle Memorial; George Hartfield, Weaverville; T. G. Miller, Hazelwood.
Rev. H. B. Dendy the last Moderator present presided.

The call was found in order. The certificate of dismission of Rev. A. T. Taylor from Mobile Presbytery was read and after examination on Experimental Religion, Theology and Church Government he was received into the membership of this Presbytery and his name ordered enrolled. For satisfactory reasons the matter of arranging for his installatioi at Hazelwood and Bethel was deferred until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. A. E. Wallace was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery.

After discussing the situation at the Maxwell Training School the following committee was appointed to go into all matters pertaining to the school and make recommendations to the spring meeting of Presbytery: T. G. Miller, R. L. Prevost, H. A. Osborne, Dr. Kelly Bennett, R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell and J. H. McConnell.

The minutes were read and adopted. Presbytery adjourned with prayer

H. B. DENDY, *Moderator.*

WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

SPRING MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

62nd Semi-Annual Session.

Franklin, N. C., April 12, 1927.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church of Franklin, N. C., Tuesday, April 12, 1927, at eight o'clock and was opened with a sermon from Matt. 23:23 by Rev. W. K. Beaty, the Retiring Moderator.

Presbytery having been called to order and led in prayer by the Retiring Moderator, the roll was called and the following ministers and elders were found present:

Ministers: R. C. Anderson, D. D., W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, D. D., Vernon A. Crawford, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, (2), A. F. Doty, (2), F. M. Eversole, J. A. Flannagan, P. N. Gresham, F. Rauschenberg, R. P. Smith, D. D., A. T. Taylor, Willis S. Wilson, D. D.

Ruling Elders: J. W. Moore, First Church, Asheville; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; S. P. Verner, Brevard; W. C. Dillingham, Covenanters; Jack Stribling, Franklin; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; J. F. Goodman, Hendersonville; C. E. Dorsey, Montreat; J. J. Gray, Morrison; Candler Morgan, Oak Forest; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; R. L. Prevost, (2), Waynesville; George Hartfield, (2), Weaverville; Thomas Furness, (2), Canton; W. E. Davidson, Swannanoa; M. S. Misenheimer, (2), Ora Street; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville.

Rev. F. M. Eversole of Chunju, Korea was elected Moderator and Rev. Vernon Vernon A. Crawford, Temporary Clerk.
Rev. J. K. Coit, of Athens Presbytery; Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., of Holston Presbytery; Rev. W. A. Murray, of Kings Mountain Presbytery and Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick of Charleston Presbytery were invited to sit as visiting brethern.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Church read the report on Devotional Exercises, which was adopted. Hours for meeting are 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2:30 p. m. to 5; 8 p. m. to adjourn at will. Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick and Rev. A. T. Taylor to administer the Communion. Elders; J. W. Moore, C. E. Dorsey, J. F. Goodman and S. P. Verner. Presbyterial sermon to be preached by Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.

The reading of the minutes of the last Stated Meeting and of Call Meetings was dispensed with.

The excuses of Rev. F. M. Eversole, Rev. J. T. Mitchell and Rev. P. P. Winn for absence from the fall meeting of Presbytery were accepted.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, the pastor of the Franklin Church welcomed the Presbytery to Franklin in a most cordial manner.
It being noted that no member of the Committee on Foreign Missions was present, Presbytery directed the Moderator to appoint some one to make the report at this meeting. Rev. P. N. Gresham was appointed.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator until nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Presbytery met at 9 a. m., according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees: (1) Bills and Overtures, W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, T. M. Slagle; (2) Judiciary, R. C. Anderson, A. T. Taylor, J. W. Moore; (3) Minutes of Synod, P. N. Gresham, S. P. Verner; (4) Records of Sessions, A-D, A. T. Taylor and J. J. Gray; E-M, A. F. Doty and W. C. Dillingham; N-W, S. R. Crockett and J. F. Goodman; (5) Audits, R. C. Anderson, C. E. Dorsey; (6) Nominations, R. P. Smith, J. A. Flanagan, D. M. Killian; (7) Statistics, F. Rauschenberg, P. N. Gresham, W. T. Snyder; (8) Leave of Absence, V. A. Crawford, Candler Morgan; (9) Resolutions, F. Rauschenberg, H. A. Osborne.

Sessional reports and Sessional records were distributed to their respective committees.

A Certificate of Dismission of Rev. W. A. Murray, from King's Mountain Presbytery, was read, and he was examined, received and enrolled as a member of the Presbytery.

The following communications were read and reerred: From Rev. R. S. Eskridge asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Swannanoa church, to a special committee consisting of Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. H. B. Dendy and Elder D. M. Killian, to report at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery. From Davidson College, to the committee on Schools and Colleges. From the Montreat Normal School, to the committee on Schools and Colleges. From the Mountain Orphanage, to permanent committee on Orphanages. From the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, to the Stewardship committee.

An invitation to the inauguration of Rev. B. R. Lacy, Jr., D. D., as president of Union Theological Seminary was read and received as information.

A request from Mr. E. D. ~~Meachan~~ McMahan, pastor elect of the Conton church, was read and sent to the docket. A communication from Rev. W. Hooper Adams, through Dr. Campbell, was also sent to the docket.

A letter was read from Rev. T. E. Simpson, D. D., asking that he be excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery and that he be granted a letter of dismission to Pee Dee Presbytery. He was excused and dismissed as requested.

A letter from the Committee on Near East Relief was read, received as information and the endorsement requested was granted; which is as follows: "We hereby confirm the endorsement given Near East Relief by the General Assembly and favor continued cooperation by our Churches, Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies."

A request from the Ravensford Church, which has no session, for letters of dismission to the following members was granted: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Patriquin, Mrs. E. J. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Witcomb. The Ravensford church was then dissolved and its name removed from our roll.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. W. A. Murray from the Black Mountain Church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Upon his acceptance, Rev. W. A. Murray and Elder W. E. Davidson were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

The report of the Special Committee on the Maxwell Training School was read and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev. A. T. Taylor from Hazelwood and Bethel Churches were read, found in order and placed in his hands. These calls having been accepted, Rev. A. T. Taylor and Elder H. A. Osborne were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes before the morning preaching service.

At eleven o'clock the Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. Vernon A. Crawford from Luke 15:3-7. The sermon was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper. Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick and Rev. A. T. Taylor presided.

Presbytery then took recess for dinner and a visit to the Maxwell school.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:50 and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

Permission was given to the Home Missions Committee to withdraw for a few minutes to discuss important business.

Rev. P. N. Gresham called the attention of Presbytery to the fact that Mr. A. C. Choate, a deacon in the West Asheville church was in attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery.

The committee to Revise the Manual reported that some progress had been made and that they hoped to present a complete repor tat the adjourned meeting. Rev. W. A. Murray was placed on the committee in place of Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

Presbytery took recess until the Home Missions Committee returned.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 4:20 p. m.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Stewardship was adopted and is as follows: "Your Stewardship Committee reports that the full quota sent down by Synod has been accepted. This has been sent down to the churches and most all the churches have accepted their quotas. It looks now as if we will come nearer reaching our quota for this year than in any previous year. We do not now see the way to place Union Seminary on the budget for this year but we recommend that we do it as soon as possible and will consider it and report to the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. P. N. Gresham presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions:

We desire to make the following report: During the year our work was so contracted as to bring its actual cost to $1,243,885, which is $36,079 less than the cost for the preceeding year. The year's regular receipts were $1,181,068 or $62,817 less than the cost. Receipts for the regular work for the previous year were $1,248,516.

During the year the receipts designated on the debt were $44,567, reducing it from $271,697 where it stood on April 1, 1926, to $227,130. The addition of this last year's deficit of $62,817 makes the debt on April 1, 1927, $289,947.

The receipts for the physical equipment on the field were $108,145 as against $155,413 for the preceeding year.

For the year ending March 31, 1926, of every $11.00 given by our church for any and every purpose, $10.00 remained in our Southern States where one out of every three persons, according to the United States census, is a Protestant church member, and only $1.00 carried Christ to the unreached millions in our Foreign Parish; of our 2235 ministers 2095 remain in the homeland, while 140, or only one in 16, are preaching Christ to the heathen world; of our 426,177 members 461,817 remain at home, while 360 have gone forth as missionary teachers, doctors and nurses, or only one in

1284. Would Christ approve these proportions?

Recommendations:

1. That Church Schools of Missions studying the approved mission study book be organized in all our churches during January, 1928.

2. That Sunday Shools and Young Peoples' Societies give prayer for Foreign Missions a definite place in their programs, using the booklet "Our Prayer Each Week."

3. That Sunday Schools study our Mexico Mission work this year and apply their Foreign Mission gifts to the $60,000 to be raised this year by our Sunday Schools for Mexico, such offerings to be credited on their local churches' Foreign Mission apportionments.

4. That Young People's Societies apply their foreign mission offerings to the special missionaries assigned by the General Assembly to Young People's Societies for support, such offerings to be credited as above.

5. That ministers keep foreign missions, in its Scriptural emphasis and proportion, before their people by frequent sermons and by visits of foreign missionaries, such visits being gladly arranged for by the foreign mission office upon request.

6. That churches, societies and individuals assume, wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the foreign mission work.

7. That special prayer be made now for our foreign mission work and for China in particular. (Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator.)

P. N. GRESHAM, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was adopted and is as follows: "We find the minutes in good order. The following suggestions are made to the Presbytery:

1. The Presbyterian Historical- Society, Rev. S. M. Teny, D. D., curator, is recommended as a safe depository of minutes, manuscripts, etc.

2. That Presbytery urge the pastors and sessions of the churches to subscribe for the Appeal for each household within their congregations and that it be mailed only to bona fide subscribers.

P. N. GRESHAM,
S. P. VERNER.

Dr. R. C. Anderson made a verbal report on the Assembly Inn at Montreat and Presbytery ordered that a committee of five be appointed to devise ways and means of raising a definite contribution from Asheville Presbytery for the Assembly Inn, this committee to report to the adjourned meeting of Presbytery. The Moderator appointed the following committee: Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman; Re. Willis S. Wilson, Dr. J. A. Sinclair, J. Adger Smythe and J. F. Beaty.

The Special Committee to consider the resignation of Rev. R. S. Eskridge made the following report which was adopted:

"That inasmuch as Presbytery has no official communication from the Swannanoa congregation, our Stated Clerk be asked to write Mr. Eskridge to this effect, and to ask him to have congregation act on the matter and report their official action to the adjourned meeting of Presbytery in Church House of First Church, Asheville at 3 p. m., May 13th.

R. P. SMITH,
H. B. DENDY,
D. M. KILLIAN.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report which was adopted: "Your Committee reports three candidates for the ministry, namely: Elsa Reece Boroughs, attending King College; A. J. Luck, in his middle year at Columbia Theological Seminary; Roy P. Miller who has been under our care for several years and gives no promise of making any preparation." On motion from the floor it was decided that Mr. Roy P. Miller be requested to appear before the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to let us know as to his intentions to go on with his preparation.

"Mr. Samuel L. Belk, candidate for Medical Missions, is now attending Davidson College. Miss Evangeline Hope is attending the Assembly's Training School.

We have had good reports from all of these showing that they are doing good, earnest work.

During the past year our committee rendered assistance to beneficiaries of the Relief Fund in the following amounts: Mrs. Harriet N. Davis $408; Mrs. Kate Hudson $180; Rev. Joel T. Mitchell (six months) $180; Miss Lila Riley $252; Mrs. Anna E. Sample $540; Mrs. Irene B. Ver Hulst $360; Rev. Albert E. Wallace $600; Rev. P. P. Winn (H. R.) $480; Mrs. M. C. Wilson $170 for five months. The same amounts are recommended for the com-

ing year except that Re. A. E. Wallace is discontinued, Mrs. Sample is reduced to $450 and the amount to Mrs. Wilson will be $350.00.

Our Churches gave to these causes last year $1397.60 and the committee expended in our Presbytery $4690.00."

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

Rev. H. B. Dendy offered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Education and Ministerial Relief on account of the heavy burden of committee work assigned to him. His resignation was accepted and Rev. S. R. Crockett was elected to fill the vacancy.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. W. A. Murray as pastor of the Black Mountain church made the following report which was adopted: Time, May 1, 1927, at 11 a. m. Commission: Rev. R. S. Eskridge; to preside and propound the constitutional questions. Dr. W. S. Wilson, to preach the sermon. Dr. R. C. Anderson, to charge the pastor with Rev. F. Rauschenberg as his alternate. Elder S. L. Woodward, to charge the people with Dr. I. J. Archer as his alternate.

Presbytery took recess until 8 o'clock and wts led in prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Wednesday Night Session.

Presbytery reconvened at eight o'clock and was opened with devotional exercises. With Dr. R. F. Campbell, the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, presiding Presbytery engaged in a Popular Meeting in the interest of Home Missions.

Dr. R. P. Smith addressed the Presbytery on the subject, "Sixty Years Ago and Today—Some Contrasts."

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Supt. of Home Missions, read his report of the year's work which was adopted and which is as follows:

To the Home Missions Committee of Asheville Presbytery:

In the prosecution of my work during the past church year I have traveled 9415 miles, preached 186 times. My expenses amounted to $405.24 and my receipts were $476.74. I have conducted a very voluminous correspondence concerning the various problems and conditions in our work, having a record of 608 letters written.

In addition to the correspondence incident to the work, I have sent out 270 calls through the Builders League. The three calls

of the first year enabled your committee to pay Hazelwood $1000 in full, for their Manse. The first to calls on the second year have realized sufficient funds to meet the $750.00 appropriation to White Oak Church and they propose beginning the construction of their church building. Both these gifts were timely and will produce rich returns. Only eleven of our churches are members of the League, and, in these eleven churches the contributors numbers only about 140 persons. These 140 persons are aiding, far more than they know, a great work and it is hoped that all our churches and people will soon have a part in building the needed Manses and Churches in the Presbytery.

We have published twelve monthly issues of "Our Mountain Work" during the year, at a cost of $408.26. The paper year begins with the November issue, owing to Presbytery's ordering resumption of publication in November, 1925. Most of the churches have responded loyally to Presbytery's request that each church send a copy to every family, providing for the cost in the Budget, if necessary. Despite this fact, it appears, the subscriptions will only finance the paper for ten months. The paper is a welcome visitor in the homes of those now receiving it, and we are sure all our churches and people would heartily furnish the necessary list of paid subscribers if they fully realized how this monthly letter, touching the various details of OUR work, goes into the hands of kind friends far beyond the bounds of the Presbytery, carrying the Home Mission, Orphanage and Homeless Boy APPEAL that meets with a ready and generous response, greatly aiding us to do OUR WORK.

It has been my privilege to assist in eight Special Meetings during the year: Bethel, Ivy Park, Riverside Heights, Morrison, Etowah, Slagle Memorial, Davidson River and Franklin all held meetings that were marked by generous attendance and a growing spirit of earnestness. The Professions and additions were what we could reasonably expect and the spirit of earnest interest and renewed consecration deeply gratifying. The pastors, with whom I was associated devoted themselves to the work, and the meetings, in large measure, were successful because of their good and faithful work. The offerings, in most cases, were far in excess of what they had done before. There were 32 professions in the eight meetings, 27 joining our church and 13 were received by letter.

The West Asheville Mission, at Riverside Heights, was organized as the Robert Bingham Memorial Church. There is a bright future for this people and Mr. Gresham and his people are to be commended for their good work.

The Pastor and People of the Ora Street Church took charge and organized a Mission Sunday School at Biltmore Heights. They have built, paid for and dedicated a neat, comfortable little building nd the work is flourishing.

After correspondence with some Presbyterians at Highlands, accompanied by the Franklin pastor, I visited the people there and arranged for Mr. Flanagan to preach for them. Out of this has come the organization of a Sunday School and we are planning for a church organization before long.

A few of our self supporting churches were without pastors during a large part of the year. It was our pleasure to assist in supplying their pulpits and in aiding them to secure acceptable men, as they requested our services. All are now provided for, excepting Bryson City, and they are in touch with a man.

Some of the Mission Fields were vacant during the year and I visited them on the Sabbath as often as possible. All are now provided for and with practically all of our pulpits filled we are confidently expecting all the vacant churches now supplied to more than make up for any shortages the past year.

All the men in the field are doing good work.

Mr. Hutchison and his people have built a beautiful brick Manse at Davidson River and the Mills River Church has relieved the Committee of $100.00 on pastor's support. They are planning to multiply the work by dividing the field in the near future.

Mr. Dendy and the Weaverville people are doing a work that should have the hearty support of every Presbyterian. Their new building is more than half completed and they are paying as they go. Thought they have raised about four thousand dollars in their own membership they have increased their contributions to benevolences and are planning to go to self-support as soon as the church is paid for. The church is a credit to Weaverville and will compare favorably with any church in the Presbytery. Mr. Dendy is caring for the work at Red Oak and at Ivy Park also. The Sunday School at Ivy Park is in a flourishing condition and the building is nearing completion and without a cent of cost to the Presbytery.

Mr. Beaty is doing some good, solid work at Dillingham in the old Covenanter Church. Reports coming from his field indicate he is preaching in a most acceptable manner the simple, heart-searching, life-amending Gospel and the people are growing in the faith. This church was the first to pay its apportionment for benevolences in full.

Mr. Flanagan has just about completed his first year in the Franklin field. He has greatly endeared himself to the people of all his churches and substantial gains have been made all along the lines.

Mr. Taylor has been several months in the Hazelwood field and his people express themselves as highly pleased with his work.

Rev. G. M. Hollingsworth, of Wilmore, Ky., has been secured as a County Evangelist for Graham County, and a part of Cherokee. He is to have headquarters at Andrews, serving as Stated Supply of that church, and is to work out of Andrews throughout the surrounding territory. He is expected in the field by May 1st.

The Murphy Church has secured as pastor the Rev. J. P. Anderson, D. D., of LaFayette, Ga.

Canton has called Mr. E. D. McMahan, of the Senior class of Columbia Seminary and he has accepted the call subject to graduation and consent of the Presbytery.

Black Mountain has gone to self-support and has called the Rev. W. A. Murray who has been acceptably serving the church for a number of months. Renewed interest is being manifested and plans are on foot for building a Manse.

Swannanoa has likewise gone to self support and full time, and with this forward step new life and substantial growth are manifest in every department of the church work.

Bryson City, though without a pastor for a year, has maintained a flourishing Sunday School and the Woman's Auxiliary has had the best year in its history.

Oak Forest Church has been faithfully cared for for sometime by Mr. J. W. Moore, an Elder in the First Church, Asheville. Mr. Moore and the church now feel the time has come to secure the srrvices of a minister.

In connection with the Sunday School work committed to my charge I have visited churches, towns and communities ninety times during the year, made 194 visits in the homes, delivered 88 sermons and addresses and taught Bible classes 19 times. Held 79 conferences regarding Sunday School work and five schools were organized. We received 17 persons upon profession of faith from the Sunday schools. Six D. V. B. Schools were held in the Presbytery. A Christian Endeavor Society was organized at Davidson River and a Young Woman Sunday School Missionary was maintained for three months at Hickerson Creek in Cherokee County.

One of the Committee, Mr. T. S. Morrison, an Elder of the First Church, Asheville, has passed to his reward. He was with us from the beginning. For thirty years he attended, regularly, all the monthly meetings, missing only two or three in all that time, and giving untsintedly of his wise counsel and ready help.

There is much work to be done, and, as I come to know the field better there is a growing sense of the importance and magnitude of the task. God hath indeed wroguht graciously by the hand of faithful workmen throughout the thirty years, some of whom remain, their bows abiding in strength. That the younger men, and those who are yet to come, may catch the vision and the spirit that laid the foundations and began so well the building of the superstructure, and carry on—in His Name—is my prayer.

For the unfailing kindness and hearty co-operation of the brethren in the field; for the generous aid and wise counsel of my colleague and fellow-worker, Dr. R. P. Smith; for the cordial, friendly advice and assistance of your Chairman in every time of need; for the benefit of the mature judgment of the entire Committee, desiring with sympathetic interest and understanding, to direct our work along safe lines that Christ might have pre-eminence in all things—I desire to express my deep appreciation.

May the Great Head of the Church bless and greatly prosper all His work and workers in the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. RAUSCHENBURG.

The report on The Mountain Orphanage was read by Mr. Carl Brindley, the Superintendent. This was adopted and is as follows:

There are now 60 children in the Orphanage.

Of the 60 children there are 20 boys and 17 girls under 12 years of age.

There are nine boys and 14 girls 12 years or older.

The total days care given children at the orphanage during the year was 21,121. This is an average of 57 1-2 children for the year.

Over one-third the children here for the full year gained in weight 10 pounds or more.

Over one-third of the children here for the full year grew in height 3 inches or more.

During the year there were 54 formal applications for the admission of children into the orphanage. In addition there were at least as many informal applications which were turned away with the statement that there was no room.

The value of the orphanage property, including land, buildings and all equipment, is $117,450.00, divided as follows:

Land $36.500. Main building $75,000. Cottage $2,500.

Furniture and fixtures $2,500. Machinery and equipment $600.

Live stock $350.

The value of the farm and dairy products is estimated to be $3,500.00.

The actual expense per child, including estimated value of all donations, was 66 cents per day.

The cost of food bought and estimated value of donations was 10 1-2 cents per day for each child. This does not include the cost of the farm and dairy products produced on the place.

The cost of food per child, including estimated value of all donated food and actual cost of farm and dairy products was 19 1-2 cents per day.

The cost of schooling per child was $27.42 for the year or .152

The cost of schooling per child was $27.42 for the year or $1.52 per day of school attendance. The cost of white elementary schools in North Carolina per day of school attendance is .187.

~~in North Carolina per day of school attendance is $1.87.~~

All but three of our 60 children who are over 10 years of age are Christians and are church members. (40 church members),

The working staff of the Orphanage consists of:

Superintendent. Three teachers, Three full time matrons. One part time matron for special duty. Beginning April 1st, one boys' worker. Total working staff, nine.

The actual cost of operating the Orphanage, money passing through general fund, was $11,221.35.

The most urgent need for building just now is for a structure which may be used for work shop, storage room, and play shed. It is necessary to have this if we are to give the children now in our care the proper care and training. This building should also care

for the needed laundry.

A letter from Mr. J. H. McConnell, Chairman of the Orphanage Committee, was read in connection with the above report and received as information.

Dr. E. M. Craig, Secretary of Synod's Work, addressed the Presbytery in the interest of the evangelistic work of the Synod and stressed the importance of the "Appalachian Appeal" and Synod's new Mission Study Book.

A report on the Montreat Normal School was made by Mr. S. L. Woodward, the superintendent, and remarks were made on the work of the school by Dr. R. C. Anderson, the president.

Report of Committee on Schools and Colleges:

The last spring meeting of Presbytery requested all schools and colleges receiving financial aid from Presbytery to make annual reports to the spring meeting of Presbytery, Reports only from Davidson College and the Montreat Normal School have been placed in our hands. A report from the Special Committee appointed to investigate the Maxwell School has also come into our hands. All of these have received careful consideration.

As to the report of the Special Committee on Maxwell School we recommend that the recommendation of the Special Committee that the school be taken over and placed under the special control of the Presbytery, be adopted.

2. That the following committee be appointed to conduct the affairs of the school, under the direction of the Presbytery: T. M. Slagle, H. A. Osborne, R. L. Prevost, Dr. Kelly Bennett, Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D. ,and Rev. H. B. Dendy. With an Advisory committee of women as follows: Mrs. E. C. Quinlan of Waynesville Mrs. C. A. Thomas of Asheville, and Mrs. W. B. McGuire of Franklin.

3. That this committee be required to bring the annual report of the school to the adjourned meeting of Presbytery and also to present to the adjourned meeting an auditor's report of the financial status of the school.

In regard to Davidson College: We find in the president's report facts to justify rejoicing and thanksgiving.

The college is doing great work and gratifying prgoress is being made. There are 38 instructors in the faculty, a gain of six over last year, all of these are professing Christians. There is an en-

rollment of 642 students, a gain of thirty-one over last year and many others seeking entrance were turned away. Six hundred and twenty-eight of the students are members of evangelical churches. Five hundred and nine are Presbyterians and ninety-two are candidates for the ministry. The school is sound religiously and morally. The fundamental doctrines of our church are believed and taught.

Money is now coming in from the Duke Foundation but the expenses of the school are increased in proportion.

The special urgent need is sufficient funds for the building of the Main Central Building at an estimated cost of $400,000, more than half of which has been subscribed.

The Montreat Normal School is making gratifying progress in every respect. It has ten well equipped Christian teachers, an excellent Superintendent and Lady Principal. The Christian atmosphere and influence is unsurpassed. The school majors in Christian character of both its teachers and pupils, while at the same time it gives the best advantages in academic courses. It has an enrollment of 115 students of more than average character. The school receives approximately $1000.00 from the Presbytery and Synod, the remainder of the support comes mainly from scholarships given by individuals or church societies. To properly standardize the school it is needful to have a more permanent basis of support. Last year the school closed without debt but special efforts will have to be made to have no debt at the close of this session since contributions are not so easily secured on account of the change in the financial conditions of the country. The school is in great need of funds now with which to meets its obligations.

Attention is called to the fact, that it appears that the actions of the Presbytery at its las spring meeing and the last fall meeting as to the apportionments made to the Montreat Normal School, were not called to the attention of our Treasurer. As a consequence the school has not received its full quota of its apportionment. The spring meeting of Presbytery apportioned two per cent of its budget, the fall meeting increased this to four per cent. This would give out of the budget of $38,000.00 something more than $1500.00 while amount actualiy received is $400.00. What can we do to correct this?

All of the faculty and student body are members of some evangelical church, a number of these students are volunteers for life service, and twenty-two this year have recited the Shorter Catechism.

We recommend:

1. All schools and colleges receiving support from the Presbytery be requested to make report to the spring meeting of Presbytery.

2. That Davidson Colege be assured of the Presbytery's appreciation of the good work it is doing and that the college be commended to the churches and people of the Presbytery for their prayers, sympathy and support.

3. That in the light of the great work the Montreat Normal School is doing and its urgent need of funds to meet its present obligations, and to put the school on a stronger financial basis, the Presbytery make as liberal appropriation to the school as possible.

4. That pastors be asked to call the attention of their people to the special advantages and claims of the school, nd to remember the school in prayer.

5. In the light of the fact that we are now trying to establish a boys school within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery, and the French Broad Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is maintaining a similar school within the bounds of our Presbytery, The Farm School near Swannanoa, we recommend that a committee of three, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. B. Dendy and the third to be chosen by the Moderator, be appointed to confer with all interested parties and to devise ways, means and plans if possible to combine these two schools under the control of Asheville Presbytery, wholly or in part, and this committee to report back to Presbytery. This committee may also take under consideration any other plans that may seem fair, practicable and feasible, of combining and strengthening our Educational Work.

R. C. ANDERSON, *Chairman*

The Moderator appointed Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., the third member of the committee called for in the above report.

Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell, until 9 a. m., Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning Session.

Presbytery met at nine o'clock and was led in devotional exercises by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The attention of Presbytery was called, by Rev. S. R. Crockett, to the fact that Ruling Elder J. C. Rose and Deacon W. R. Harbeck, Jr., of the Waynesville Church were present as observers of the proceedings of Presbytery.

Dr. R. P. Smith, Treasurer, was directed by Presbytery to reassess the Presbyterial Tax and notify the various churches.

The Treasurer's Report, by Dr. R. P. Smith, was received, ordered printed in the minutes and is as follows: Presbytery's Missions, $12,238.56; Assembly's Missions, $1320.64; Synod's Missions, $827.18; Foreign Missions, $8574.36; Colleges, $2713.21; Min. Edu. and Relief, $1363.57; S. S. Extension, $1300.14; Bible Cause, $384.84; Mountain Orphanage, $12,554.55; Maxwell Training School, $3260.47; Montreat Normal, $418.29; Miscellaneous, $5011.89; Contingent Fund, 575.00; Not disbursed $4526.03.
Total, $55,048.73.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg and Mr. J. F. Moore were appointed a committee to report on Men's Work.

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made report which was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That the Sunday Schools be urged to study Home Missions as a part of the Church's great missionary responsibility, and that the gifts of Home Mission Day, Sunday, June 26, 1927, be applied to the Highland School Building, Guerrant, Kentucky.

2. That the Young People's Societies be urged to apply their Home Mission offerings to the Blue Ridge Academy, which school the General Assembly has assigned them as their special responsibility.

3. That the Presbytery endorse the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 13-20, and urge its observance in all the churches as an occasion for giving information and advancing the interests of this growing work.

4. That the Presbytery urge all pastors to preach upon Home Missions in November, the Home Mission Month, and all churches not taking the Every Member Canvass for benevolences be urged to make an offering for this cause.

The Committee on Audits reported that they had examined the books of the Presbyterial Treasurer, the Treasurer of the Church and Manse Erection League, the Business Manager of our Mountain Work and found that "the entries on each of these books

correspond to the cancelled bank vouchers submitted. The books appear to be in good and regular order."

C. E. DORSEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Sessional Records reported. It appears from the reports as submitted that the following books were approved without exception: Brevard, Canton, Davidson River, Etowah, Franklin, Hayesville, Hazelwood, Hendersonville, Ivy Park, Mills River, Montreat, Morrison, Murphy. The following with exceptions: Asheville, First; Black Mountain, Covenanters, Ora Street, Waynesville, Weaverville. The following churches sent up no records: Andrews, Bethel, Bryson City, Oak Forest, Robert Bingham, Slagle Memorial, Swannanoa, West Asheville, White Oak.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported no business had come into their hands and was discharged.

The Judiciary Committee reported no business and was discharged.

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, Dr. R. P. Smith and is as follows: Rev. J. A. Flanagan to preach the Presbyterial Sermon, selecting his own subject; Mr. P. R. Allen to be a member of the Home Missions Committee; Rev. A. T. Taylor of the Committee on Foreign Missions; Rev. W. K. Beaty of the Committee on Religious Education; Rev. Vernon A. Crawford of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion; Mr. P. R. Allen of the Committee on Audits, and Mr. Geo. Wright of the Committee on Stewardship.

The Committee to Arrange for the Installation of Rev. A. T. Taylor reported as follows: Time, May 1, 1927. Hazelowod, at 11 a. m., Dr. R. P. Smith to preach and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. S. R. Crockett to charge the pastor; Rev. F. Rauschenberg to charge the people.

Bethel, at 3 p. m., Rev. F. Rauschenberg to preach and propound the questions; Rev. S. R. Crockett to charge the pastor; Dr. R. P. Smith to charge the people. Elder D. M. Killian to complete the commission. Rev. A. F. Doty, Rev. P. N. Gresham and Elder H. A. Osborne alternates.

The Committee on Young People's Work reported through Rev. P. N. Gresham as follows: Your committee finds that twelve churches making report have seventeen organizations with a total membership of 508 young people who have contributed to all causes $268.00. Eighteen churches either have no young people's work or have not reported. We therefore recommend that every

church be urged to place proper emphasis on Young People's Work and send in a good report from a live organization at the next spring meeting of Presbytery.

The committee on Religious Education reported as follows:

Your committee finds 29 Sabbath Schools with a total membership of 4688 members and these have contributed to all causes $7604.00. There were added to the church on profession of faith 104 members. We recommend that a special prayer be made every Sunday for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all our Sunday Schools.

Mens Work. Your committee on Men's Work would report as follows: We have received reports from 18 churches. Of these reporting, 12 have no organization. Several hope to organize in the near future. Ora Street, Brevard, First Church, Asheville; Canton and Hendersonville report organizations. These report a male church membership of 792, of whom 309 are in the men's organizations. These organizations are under the control of the session and are functioning well along the lines usually persued by such organizations. They mean much to the life of their churches and we urge our pastors and sessions to perfect organizations as soon as possible.

F. RAUSCHENBERG, *Chairman.*

The Stated. Clerk was authorized to complete the Statistical Report to the Assembly and forward the same to Dr. Leslie.

The Sabbath School Report for the Assembly was presented by Rev. P. N. Gresham, adopted and ordered forwarded.

Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence: W. T. Snyder, Thomas Furness, George Hartfield and Rev. W. K. Beaty were excused after the morning session Wednesday. W. E. Davidson after 4 p. m. Wednesday. Rev. R. C. Anderson and Rev. H. B. Dendy after the night session Wednesday.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Andrews Church for the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Women's Work reported that they have Woman's Organizations, with 1254 members who have contributed to all causes $13,915.00. "We recommend that the women of our Church be commended for their fine work.

The Committee on Stewardship made its report, which is as follows:

Churches	30
Ministers	25
Candidates for the Ministry	3
No. of Ruling Elders	127
No. of Deacons	131
Added on Examination	178
Added on Certificate	363
Whole No. of Communicants	4,024
Adult Baptisms	86
Infant Baptisms	60
Total Sunday School Enrollment	4,750
Contributions to Foreign Missions	$ 9,321.00
Building Expense	18,766.00
Synod's Home Missions	1,095.00
Assembly's Home Missions	1,713.00
Assembly's Training School	138.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	8,274.00
Congregational Home Missions	1,429.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,473.00
Sunday School Extension and Publication	1,493.00
Orphans' Home	8,632.00
Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	33,568.00
Pastors' Salaries Actually Paid	28,479.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	3,734.00

Rev. F. Rauschenberg and Elder L. B. Nichols were appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises at the fall meeting of Presbytery at Andrews.

Presbytery was led in praer by Dr. R. P. Smith and proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly to meet at ElDorado, Ark., May 19. Rev. R. F. Campbell and Dr. R. P. Smith, Elders Gallatin Roberts and J. H. Dillard were elected principals. Alternates were: Rev. F. Rauschenberg to Dr. Campbell and Rev. V. A. Crawford to Dr. Smith. Elder T. G. Miller to Mr. Roberts and S. W. Black to Mr. Dillard.

Presbytery by a rising vote expressed its sincere appreciation of the hospitality of the Franklin Church and also of the people of Franklin. Its thanks for the use of the Methodist Church for committee meetings, the Masonic Building for our noon lunch and for automobiles furnished for the trip to Maxwell School.

It was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Friday, May 13, 1927, at 3 p. m.

The minutes were then read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with singing and prayer to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Friday, May 13, 1927, at 3 p. m.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Andrews, N. C., Tuesday, October 4th, 1927, at 8 p. m.

F. M. EVERSOLE, *Moderator.*

V. A. CRAWFORD, *Temporary Clerk.*

ATTEST: WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Asheville Presbytery met, persuant to adjournment at Franklin, N. C., in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., Friday, May 13, 1927.

Rev. H. B. Dendy the last Moderator present presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith. Rev. W. A. Murray acted as temporary clerk.

The following members were present: Ministers; R. P. Smith, D. D., R. F. Campbell, D. D., H. B. Dendy, L. T. Wilds, D. D., Willis S. Wilson, D. D., W. A. Murray, A. F. Doty, J. A. Flanagan, W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer McNair, R. S. Eskridge and F. Rauschenberg. Elders; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; T. G. Miller, Hazelwood; J. W. Moore, Asheville First; J. T. Bailey, Canton; H. A. Osborne, Bethel.

Mr. E. D. McMahan a candidate for the ministry under the care of Piedmont Presbytery presented his credentials and was received under the care of this Presbytery. An order was taken for his examination with a view to licensure.

The examination by the Moderator on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry was sustained as satisfactory.

His diploma from the Presbyterian Colelge of South Carolina was accepted in lieu of examinations on collegiate subjects.

The examination on Theology by Dr. R. F. Campbell was sustained as satisfactory. His examination on the sacrements and Church Government by Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Dr. R. P. Smith was sustained as satisfactory and his diploma from Columbia Theological Seminary was accepted in lieu of examination on Church History.

The Thesis, Greek Exegesis and Popular Lecture were assigned to a committee for examination and on the recommendation of this committee were sustained as satisfactory.

After prayer by Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Mr. McMahan preached a sermon from the text Heb. 7:25 and the sermon was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. The examination as a whole was then sustained and after answering in the affirmative the questions prescribed in the Book of Church Order Mr. E. D. McMahan was licensed to preach the Gospel.

A call from the Canton Church, promising a salary of $2000.00 a year and a manse, was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

A committee, consisting of Rev. F. Rausenberg, Mr. J. T. Bailey and Mr. McMahan was appointed to arrange for his ordination and installation.

Rev. W. Hooper Adams presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Sedalia, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and after a satisfactory examination was received as a member of this Presbytery and his name ordered enrolled.

The matter of continuing Mr. Roy P. Miller as a candidate for the ministry was discussed and decision reserved until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The committee to arrange for the ordination and installation of Mr. E. D. McMahan as pastor of the Conton church reported as follows: Time, June 5, 1927, at 11 a. m. Commission to ordain and install, Rev. J. A. Flanagan to preach Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg to preside and charge the pastor; Rev. Wilmer ~~MacNir~~ MacNair to charge the people; Rev. S. R. Crockett alternate. Elders R. L. Prevost and T. G. Miller. J. T. Bailey alternate.

The report from the Maxwell Training School was received but the Auditor's Report was not finished. It was ordered that this report from the school, the auditor's report and all matters pertaining to the school be submitted to Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held June 2nd at 2 p. m., in the Church House of the First Church of Asheville.

Rev. S. R. Crockett was added to the Committee on Maxwell Training School.

Rev. A. E. Wallace was granted a letter of dismission to St. Johns Presbytery.

The pastoral relation between Rev. R. S. Eskridge and the Swannanoa Church was dissolved and the Stated Clerk was instructed to request Mr. Eskridge to be present at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery June 2nd at 2 p. m., to satisfy Presbytery as to his standing as a minister and his relation to this Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. L. T. Wilds and adjourned to meet Thursday, June 2, 1927, at 2 p. m., in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

H. B. DENDY, *Moderator.*

WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Asheville Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., at 2 p. m., June 2, 1927.

The following ministers and elders were present: Ministers; Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D. D., and Rev. W. H. Adams; Elders R. L. Prevost of Waynesville, H. A. Osborne of Bethel and T. M. Slagle of Slagle Memorial.

Dr. R. F. Campbel the last Moderator present presided and the meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of May 13th were read for information.

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to Ora Street, West Asheville and Murphy churches and urge them to pay their contingent fees.

A communication from Dr. Leslie, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, in regard to the support of the Historical foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, was read and referred to the Treasurer of Presbytery with instruction to pay it out of the Contingent Fund.

Presbytery considered again the situation at the Maxwell Training School. The report of the auditor was not finished but Mr. Jones, the auditor, was present and made a partial report and stated that the full report would be finished within the next few days. Presbytery requested him to prepare an accurate statement of the

assets and liabilities of the School as of March 31, 1927. He was also requested to prepare a statement of receipts and disbursements covering the whole period from Oct. 1, 1923 to March 31, 1927.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge was present and stated his difficulties to the Presbytery in regard to signing the obligation required of ministers entering the Presbytery. After a full discussion in a sympathetic and brotherly way Presbytery requested him to continue to consider and pray over his difficulties until the fall meeting of Presbytery in the hope that he could see his way clear to sign the obligation. To confer privately with any of his brethern if he so chooses and that Dr. R. F. Campbell, the Moderator, lead the Presbytery in prayer at adjournment for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to Mr. Eskridge in his consideration of this matter.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator in accordance with the above action.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Moderator.*

WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Total Quotas to Benevolent Causes, April 1, 1927 to March 31, 1928.

Andrews	$ 152
Asheville First	22000
Bethel	326
Black Mountain	600
Brevard	600
Bryson City	650
Canton	700
Covenanters	100
Davidson River	500
Etowah	76
Franklin	250
Hayesville	76
Hazelwood	326
Hendersonville	6000
Ivy Park	52
Mills River	300
Montreat	1800
Morrison	100
Murphy	600
Oak Forest	100
Ora Street	352
Red Oak	51
Robert Bingham	128
Rugby	26
Slagle Memorial	128
Swannanoa	500
Waynesville	700
Weaverville	300
West Asheville	600
White Oak	30
Total	$38123

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. **Experimental Religion**—The Moderator.
2. **Academic Studies**—Rev. H. B. Dendy.
3. **Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis**—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D. D.
4. **Sciences**—Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., and Rev. W. K. Beaty.
5. **Philosophy**—Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.
6. **Ecclesiastical History**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.
7. **Church Government and Sacraments**—Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D.
8. **Theology**—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D. D.

TRUSTEES

1. **Trustees of Presbytery**—Messrs. J. D. Murphy, P. R. Allen and D. S. Watson.
2. **Trustees of Davidson College**—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., term exxpires spring of 1930; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, term expires spring of 1929.

PERCENTAGE FOR BENEFICIENT CAUSES.

Presbyterial Home Missions	30%
General Assembly's Home Missions	4 "
Synodical Home Missions	4 "
Foreign Missions	25 "
Synodical Colleges	6 "
Ministerial Education and Relief	4 "
Publication and Sunday School Extension	2 "
Bible Cause	1 ",
Mountain Orphanage	15 "
Maxwell Training School	5 "
Montreat Normal School	4 "

PRESBYTERIAL CONTINGENT FEES

Churches	Amounts
Andrews	$ 8.00
Asheville First	200.00
Bethel	10.00
Black Mountain	25.00
Brevard	25.00
Bryson City	20.00
Canton	25.00
Covenaners	8.00
Davidson River	13.00
Etowah	4.00
Franklin	15.00
Hayesville	4.00

Hazelwood	10.00
Hendersonville	75.00
Ivy Park	4.00
Mills River	16.00
Montreat	50.00
Morrison	8.00
Murphy	20.00
Oak Forest	8.00
Ora Street	15.00
Robert Bingham	5.00
Red Oak	3.00
Rugby	3.00
Slagle Memo.	8.00
Swannanoa	16.00
Waynesville	25.00
Weaverville	10.00
West Asheville	25.00
White Oak	3.00

THE ROLL

Ministers

1. R. C. Anderson, D. D.
2. W. K. Beaty
3. R. F. Campbell, D. D.
4. Vernon A. Crawford
5. S. R. Crockett
6. H. B. Dendy
7. A. F. Doty
8. R. S. Eskridge
9. F. M. Eversole
10. J. A. Flanagan
11. Kenneth J. Foreman
12. P. N. Gresham
13. W. S. Hutchison
14. Wilmer MacNair
15. Joel T. Mitchell
16. W. A. Murray
17. E. D. McMahan
18. F. Rauschenberg
19. Jos. R. Sevier, D. D.
20. R. P. Smith, D. D.
21. Arthur T. Taylor
22. L. T. Wilds Jr., D. D.
23. Willis S. Wilson, D. D.
24. P. P. Winn

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in session at Rogersville, Tenn.

Sept. 13, 1927

Lamme W. Hay
Moderator

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES

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CALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER THE TWELFTH

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SIXTY-THIRD

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

ANDREWS, N. C.

CALL MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, of Asheville, N. C., in compliance with the following call of the Stated Clerk:

Montreat, N. C., Sept. 2, 1927.

The constitutional requirements having been complied with, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, of Asheville, N. C., Sept. 12, 1927, at 3:00 P.M., to transact the following business:

To examine Mr. A. J. Luck for licensure and to license him to preach the gospel if the way be clear.

WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Presbytery met in compliance with the above call and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The following members were present: Ministers, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. W. Hooper Adams, Revs. A. F. Doty, H. B. Dendy, W. S. Hutchison, S. R. Crockett, and Willis S. Wilson; Elder, H. W. Creaseman, of the Ora Street Church.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, the last Moderator present, presided, and Rev. W. S. Hutchison acted as Temporary Clerk.

The call was read and found in order.

Candidate A. J. Luck was present and applied for licensure. His diploma from the College of the Immaculate Conception was accepted in lieu of examination in Academic Studies. The examination in Theology was conducted by Dr. R. F. Campbell and was sustained as satisfactory. Dr. Wilson conducted the examination on Sacraments and Church Government which was sustained. The reports on Mr. Luck's work in the seminary were accepted in lieu of examinations on the original languages of the Holy Scriptures and Church History.

Parts of Trial were assigned to committees for examination and report as follows: Critical Exegesis on Rom. 8:1-8 to Dr. Adams; Thesis on the Inspiration of Scripture to Dr. Wilson; Popular Lecture on Rom. 5:1-5 to Mr. Dendy. These were severally sustained as satisfactory. Mr. Luck preached on Eph. 4:8 and his sermon was accepted as satisfactory.

The examination as a whole was then sustained as satisfactory and Mr. A. J. Luck was duly licensed to preach the gospel in accordance with Paragraphs 115 and 116 of our Form of Government.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. W. Hooper Adams.

H. B. DENDY, Moderator.

WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

FALL MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sixty-Third Semi-Annual Session

Andrews, N. C.
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1927.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Andrews, N. C., at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., from the text, Matt. 17:20.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by Rev. W. K. Beaty, the last Moderator present.

The roll was called and the following members found present: Ministers, W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, Vernon A. Crawford, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, A. F. Doty, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, Kenneth J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer MacNair, E. D. McMahan, F. Rauschenberg, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, Arthur T. Taylor, L. T. Wilds, Jr., Willis S. Wilson; Elders, L. B. Nichols, of Andrews; S. R. McKee, of Asheville First; H. A. Osborne, of Bethel; C. M. Siniard, of Brevard; J. T. Bailey, of Canton; W. C. Dillingham, of Covenanters; A. L. Leach, of Franklin; L. M. Richeson, of Hazelwood; A. H. Morey, of Hendersonville; C. C. Lord, of Montreat; J. H. Dillard, of Murphy; Candler Morgan, of Oak Forest; G. H. McKinney, of Ora Street; H. C. Lindsley, of Waynesville; P. C. Miller, of West Asheville; R. W. Teague, of White Oak.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg was elected Moderator, and Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, Temporary Clerk.

Presbytery was welcomed to Andrews in brief, cordial addresses by Rev. John Church, Pastor of the Methodist Church; by Rev. W. H. Ford, Pastor of the Baptist Church; by Rev. W. F. Lefstead, Pastor of the Lutheran Church; and by Judge D. S. Russell, the Mayor of Andrews.

To these cordial words of welcome a fitting response was made by the Moderator.

Rev. John Church, Pastor of the Methodist Church, of Andrews; Rev. W. H. Ford, of the Baptist Church; Rev. W. F. Lefstead, of the Lutheran Church; and Rev. E. M. Craig, D.D., of Holston Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. D. H. Ogden, Jr., and Mr. Willie Dendy, candidates for the ministry, were also introduced to the Presbytery.

The report of the Devotoinal Committee was read and adopted and is as follows: Morning Session, 9:00 to 12:30; Afternoon Session, 2:30 to 5:00; Evening Session, 8:00, to adjourn at will. Drs. L. T. Wilds and J. R. Sevier to administer the Sacrament, assisted by Elders J. T. Bailey, L. M. Richeson, W. C. Dillingham, and A. L. Leach.

On the invitation of the pastor of the Methodist Church, Presbytery decided to hold the Wednesday evening session in that church and an invitation to the members of the other churches of the town was extended through their pastors.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Wednesday Morning Session

The Presbytrey assembled at 9:00 o'clock and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. D. McMahan.

The minutes of the Tuesday evening session were read and approved, also the minutes of the Call Meeting of Sept. 12, 1927, were read and adopted.

Revs. W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer MacNair, J. R. Sevier, L. T. Wilds and Kenneth J. Foreman were excused for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES—R. P. Smith, A. T. Taylor, J. H. Dillard.

2. JUDICIARY—R. F. Campbell, A. F. Doty, L. M. Richeson.

3. RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY—W. K. Beaty, Wilmer MacNair, P. C. Miller.

4. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY — L. T. Wilds, Jr., J. R. Sevier, S. R. McKee.

5. AUDITING—A. H. Morey, Kenneth J. Foreman, C. C. Lord.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE — P. N. Gresham, L. B. Nichols.

7. NOMINATIONS—H. B. Dendy, L. T. Wilds, Jr., R. W. Teague.

8. RESOLUTIONS—W. S. Hutchison, S. R. Crockett, G. H. McKinney.

The following communications were received:

From Rev. Joel T. Mitchell, giving reasons for absence and regretting his inability to be present. Referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

A certificate from Cherokee Presbytery, dismissing Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D. Dr. Anderson was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother. After examination on Experimental Religion, Theological Views and Church Government he was received as a member of the Presbytery and signed the obligation required of ministers entering Presbytery.

A call from the Murphy Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D., was read, also the minutes of the congregational meeting at which the call was made, authorizing certain parties "to prosecute the call." The call was signed by these parties without other authorization by the congregation. Presbytery after noting the irregularity, and also the evidence in hand that the call had been in all other respects regularly made out to him, placed the call in his hands.

Upon his acceptance, Dr. Anderson and Elder J. H. Dillard were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was referred to Presbytery's Permanent Committee on this cause.

A paper from the Assembly's Work Committee in regard to the Every Member Canvass, was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, sending down the Directory of Worship for our advice and consent, was referred to the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly.

A letter from Dr. S. M. Tenney, Curator of the Presbyterian Historical Foundation, requesting us to place our records on deposit in the new fireproof quarters of the Foundation at Montreat. The Stated Clerk reported that he had in his possession copies of the printed minutes of the Presbytery from the organization of the Presbytery to the present time, with the following exceptions: The first to the ninth meetings, the fourteenth, nineteenth and twentieth meetings, and that he had minutes of these meetings in typewritten form, and that there was in his possession a book of written minutes of the twenty-second to the thirty-fifth meetings of Presbytery. Presbytery ordered that all of these records be deposited with the Historical Foundation.

The Stated Clerk stated, in this connection, that the Presbyterial Register of Ministers, which had previously been reported by him as being incomplete, could be completed from the records now in hand and that he was willing to do the work if the Presbytery wished it done. Presbytery insrtucted him to make the Register as complete as possible and commended his diligence.

A communication from Converse & Company on Church Paper Week was received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly.

A communication was received from Dr. E. M. Craig, of the Synod's Work Committee regarding Stewardship, "The Appalachian Appeal," and "Highways and Byways of Appalachia." Dr. Craig was heard in a brief address on these features of the Synod's work. Presbytery gave its hearty approval and commended the use of these publications to the pastors and people of the Presbytery.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman of the Commission to ordain and install Licentiate E. D. McMahan, reported that he was regularly ordained and installed pastor of the Canton Church, Sunday, June 5, 1927.

The Commission to install Rev. A. T. Taylor, reported through its Chairman, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, that Mr. Taylor was regularly installed pastor of the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches on Sunday, May 1, 1927.

Mr. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., a candidate for the ministry, was received by certificate from Mobile Presbytery under the care of Asheville Presbytery. It was made the order of the day that he be examined for licensure at 2:30 P.M., and the written parts of his examination were placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Presbytery took a brief recess before the Communion Service.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:00 A.M., and was led in prayer by Rev. A. T. Taylor. Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor of the Franklin Church, preached the Presbyterial Sermon from Romans 1:14-16, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Presbytery took recess until 2:30 P.M.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery met at 2:30 P.M., and was led in prayer by Rev. Willis S. Wilson.

Mr. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., preached, as part of his examination for licensure, from Luke 9:23. The sermon was heartily sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

The committee to examine his Thesis, Popular Lecture and Greek Exegesis reported favorably, commending Mr. Ogden's good work, and these were sustained by the Presbytery as satisfactory.

The examinations on Theology, and Church Government and Sacraments, were sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Ogden's degrees from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary were accepted in lieu of examinations on academic studies, the original languages of the Scriptures and Church History.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Candidate Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., was licensed to preach the Gospel as provided in Paragraphs 115-116 of our Form of Government.

Presbytery engaged in a Free Conference on the State of Religion in which reports of an encouraging nature were made from nearly all of the churches.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Hendersonville Church to hold the next Stated Meeting in that church.

The time for taking recess was extended for thirty minutes.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Superintendnet of Home Missions, made a verbal report on the Home Mission program of the Presbytery, and stressed the importance of "Our Mountain Work" and "The Builders' League" in carrying out this program. The report was received and his diligence commended.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Max-

well Training School was approved, its recommendations adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee in order to facilitate its work has organized with Mr. H. A. Osborn, Chairman; R. L. Prevost, Treasurer; and S. R. Crockett, Secretary.

This committee meets regularly once each month, with the first meeting of each quarter held at Maxwell.

We would respectfully submit the following:

I. That the Auditor's Report ordered by Presbytery has been completed to the satisfaction of your committee. However, we would state that owing to certain details of the accounts being lacking, the auditor found it impossible to arrive at a perfect balance, the difference amounting to only about $36.00. We believe that this difference arises from the fact that the report covers the long period of four years' work, under different administrations, and that a very faulty system of bookkeeping was used, and not in any way from maladministration of office. Mr. Jones, the Auditor, has urged a new system of bookkeeping, which system has been adopted, and we feel confident that in the future there will be no trouble in keeping the books in balance.

This Auditors' Report is available to any member of Presbytery who wishes to see it, but is too long to present here in full.

The report shows total receipts of $36,918.25; total disbursements of $35,038.30; balance in bank of $1,503.40; cash in hand, $6.40, making a total of $36,548.10, showing a deficit of $370.15. Since this audit was completed two items amounting to $333.33 have been discovered and accepted by Mr. Jones, which reduces this deficit to $36.82.

II. Report of the condition and work of the school since April 1, 1927.

1. Financial:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF MAXWELL SCHOOL AS OF APRIL 1, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1927

Receipts

Bank Balance, 4-1-27	$1,503.40	
Scholarships	61.00	
Tuitions	530.00	
Special Donations	1,713.36	
Produce and Livestock	205.42	
Poles and Wood	911.63	
Miscellaneous	257.42	
		$5,182.23

Disbursements

Salaries	$1,070.60	
Supplies	1,361.12	
Wages	80.45	
Repairs	297.64	
Clothing	81.51	
Equipment	77.24	
Miscellaneous	655.39	
Poles and Wood	447.78	
		$4,071.73
Balance on Hand		$1,034.29

In reference to the $7,000.00 (or about) received from the sale of the Morrison property and which Prsebytery directed should be used as equipment fund for Maxwell, we will state that approximately $2,900.00 has been put into equipment; $1,175.00 is in a lot in Franklin, taken in on this deal; $1,025.00 is in a note from J. E. Lancaster for a car, also taken in on this deal. This leaves $1,900.00, which by reason of urgent needs has been used for maintenance. The present committee proposes to try to put this amount into equipment as soon as possible, and so balance these two accounts.

2. In addition to this detailed report on the financial condition of the school, we would like to state that since the drainage of the farm, the crops this year, with the exception of the wheat, have been wonderfully good. Since the first of April a good silo has been built and filled; a water

system with a five-thousand gallon reservoir and shower baths has been installed. The farm has nine hogs, which according to state opinion have put on weight at a better rate than any other bunch in Macon County. A nice modern hen house has been built and the school is getting a fine start towards a good flock of poultry. But the chief things at Maxwell are the boys. We have had, on an average, about thirty. At present we have thirty-one. The high school department has been consolidated with Franklin in accordance with the county plan,

At preesnt we have four workers employed to carry on the work. One of these is very satisfactory as supervisor of the farm work, but your committee feels that it must find a suitable man who will be able to see to and guide the Christian training of the boys, present this work impressively to our people and to head up the work generally. We are now seeking such a man. With the improved condition of the farm we feel that the larger boys will soon be largely self-supporting. And we hope soon to be able to open up a home for smaller orphan boys, especially for those who are willing and able to pay their own way. We find there is a growing demand to provide for such a class of orphan children.

The rest of the committee feels that a word of personal appreciation is due our Chairman, Mr. H. A. Osborn, for the splendid service he has rendered the school. The present improved condition of the farm and the encouraging outlook for the future is largely due to the efficient work and good advice he has given to the carrying on of the work of the school.

All of the committee would also express their appreciation for the helpful service rendered by the Woman's Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS—We have no radical or specific recommendations to make except to ask for the patient and hearty co-operation of the Presbytery and of our people while we try to carry on this good work committed to us. We would ask that our pastors call the attention of their

congregations to Maxwell and ask for their sympathetic and substantial support.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

H. A. OSBORNE, Chairman.
S. R. CROCKETT, Secretary.

Presbytery took recess till 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night Session

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 o'clock P.M., was opened with devotional exercises, and engaged in a Popular Meeting on Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell presided.

Four small children from the Mountain Orphanage sang and recited Scripture much to the delight and edification of all present, after which Mr. H. T. Deatheridge, the new Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, addressed the Presbytery on the work being done there and the need of additional equipment to properly carry on the work.

Dr. R. P. Smith followed Mr. Deatheridge giving a resume of the work done for homeless children by the Presbytery. Through the years from the beginning of this work in a small way, home, education and Christian training have been given to four hundred such children and out of this large number, only two have made what the world would call failures.

This was followed by an address by Mr. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., on the work being done at White Oak Church and the Pigeon River country in which it is situated.

Prof. L. B. Nichols then spoke of the work at Andrews, and remarks were made by Revs. F. Rauschenberg and H. B. Dendy on the general work of the Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until 9:00 A.M., Thursday.

Thursday Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and approved.

The Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made its report which was received and the recommendations adopted. The recommendations are as follows:

1. That all pastors be requested to preach on Home Missions in November, and that all churches not providing for this cause in the Annual Every Member Canvass be urged to make an offering during the month for Assembly's Home Missions.

2. That all churches and societies be urged to observe Home Mission Week, November 13-20, with the annual Thank Offering for Home Missions.

3. That we pledge anew to the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions our fullest co-operation and support in all its work.

The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was read and its one recommendation was adopted, namely: That the Presbytery call upon all its churches and individual members to greatly increase, and, if possible, double their Foreign Mission gifts this year.

Rev. S. R. Crockett and Elder R. W. Teague were appointed a committee to arrange for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., at White Oak Church.

Rev. H. B. Dendy read the report on Stewardship, which was received, amended and its recommendations adopted as follows: (1) That Presbytery emphasize the importance of every church making an earnest effort to reach the amount asked of it. (2) That our Presbytery accept the quota of $38,000.00 sent down to us from Synod for 1927-28.

(3) That in lieu of the percentage basis of distribution recommended by Synod, our Presbytery adopt the same percentage basis as for this year, namely, Presbytery's Home Missions 30%, Assembly's Home Missions 4%, Synod's Home Missions 4%, Foreign Missions 25%, Colleges 6%, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief 4%, Sunday School Extension (Religious Education) 2%, Bible Cause 1%, Maxwell Training School 5%, Mountain Orphanage 15%, Montreat Normal 4%. (4) Inasmuch as facts are the fuel that feeds the fires of zeal and liberality, and inasmuch as God's people and their work for God often perish for lack of knowledge, and inasmuch as our Superintendent of Home Missions is a walking clearing house of the appealing facts of our work,

Resolved, that the Presbytery call on the pastors and sessions of our churches to invite and welcome, the Superintendent and the Superintendent Emeritus to their pulpits to present the facts of our work to our people, that we may have an adequate supply of high-grade fuel to keep the home fires burning.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented its report, which was received, amended and its recommendations adopted, and is as follows:

1. The "Directory of Worship:" We recommend that this Presbytery give its advice and consent to the Directory of Worship as sent down to us by the Assembly, but the following changes are offered as suggestions: Par. 307, substitute "benediction" for "blessing be pronounced"; 330, strike out "upon the presentation of the offering"; 358, strike out paragraph beginning, "He shall invite," etc., which would invite non-churchmembers and which is properly covered in the next paragraph. Chapter XIII—An optional form of the marriage ceremony, at least the vows to be taken, should be included. Chapter XV—An optional form for the committal of the body.

2. Church Paper Week, Nov. 6-13: We recommend

that every church make diligent effort to put the paper in every home; and that the roll of our churches be called at the spring meeting to ascertain the percentage of homes receiving a paper.

3. The Assembly's Training School: We recommend that pastors encourage to attend this school our young people, who have personality, a good educational background, and real promise of usefulness as Christian workers.

4. Candidates for the Ministry: We recommend that Sessions, Presbyteries and Educational Institutions use increasing care both in their commendation and supervision of all candidates applying for assistance.

5. Presentation of Assembly's Causes: We recommend that the Presbytery call special attention to the action of the General Assembly instructing the Assembly's Work Committee to designate a month, or months, for each of the Assembly's Causes, and directing pastors and sessions to see that each cause be presented from the pulpit during the designated month or months, and provide at their discretion for the taking of a free-will offering for these causes over and above the budget; and that the Presbytery instructs pastors and sessions to observe faithfully the direction of the General Assembly on this matter.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Elder J. H. Dillard, Commissioners to the General Assembly at Eldorado, Ark., reported their attendance, and, after congratulations to Dr. Campbell on being elected Moderator of the Assembly by various members, these reports were received and their diligence commended.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through its Chairman, Dr. R. P. Smith, and the report was received and adopted as follows: We recommend that the following resolutions sent to us from the Historical Society of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches be adopted:

1. To give this cause of our Assembly our hearty support.
2. To call upon the churches throughout our bounds to deposit their early volumes of records.
3. To direct its Stated Clerk to regularly file two copies of all printed minutes with the Historical Society.

The Committee on Judiciary reported that no business had come into their hands and was discharged.

Rev. S. R. Crockett read the report of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, which was adopted as follows:

1. Where most of the churches in America are reporting a constant decrease in the number of candidates for the ministry, our reports show constant increase. We now have more candidates than ever before in the history of our Church.

2. Aid is being given to 420 aged and infirm ministers and needy widows at a rate which will amount to $186,-424.00. This, however, will have to be reduced by March 31, 1928, unless the receipts show a marked increase.

3. The Committee in Louisville is proceeding steadliy with the perfecting of our Ministers' Annuity Fund which will ultimately relieve the church of the necessity of offerings for Ministerial Relief.

4. A complete survey of the educational work and responsibility of the Presbyterian Church in the South is being made. An effort will be made to put all our educational work on a more business-like basis, and to secure more thorough correlation of institutions and a better system of Christian Education.

5. The Student Loan Fund has already assisted 1,428 boys and girls to attend our own colleges. The Fund is almost exhausted and many applications for loans will probably have to be declined.

6. Those in charge of our Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries are facing some serious financial problems and ought to have more of the thought and sympathy and prayers of the Presbyterian family.

7. Definite effort is being made to reach with the influence of the church, the large number of our boys and girls in State Educational Institutions.

8. This Committee is receiving a smaller percentage of the amount asked by the General Assembly than any other of the Assembly's agencies.

The following committe was appointed to install Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D., as pastor of the Murphy Church, October 23, 1927: Dr. R. P. Smith to preside and preach the the sermon; alternate, Rev. S. R. Crockett; Rev. F. Rauschenberg to charge the people; alternate, Rev. W. K. Beaty; Rev. J. A. Flanagan to charge the pastor; alternate, Rev. A. T. Taylor; Elder, D. S. Russell.

The report of the Committee on Records of Presbytery was read by Rev. W. K. Beaty and adopted as follows: We have examined the printed minutes of the sixty-first and sixty-second stated sessions of 1926-27, together with the minutes of the adjourned and called meetings, and find them neatly and correctly kept, with the following exceptions:

Page 11—The sentence, "The Presbytery requests each pastor to bring to the attention of religious reading," is evidently incomplete.

Page 18—There appears the name of Mr. E. D. Meachan which should be E. D. McMahan.

Other errors in the form of faulty spelling or typographical mistakes the Clerk was directed to correct before filing as permanent records.

The committee to install Rev. W. A. Murray as Pastor

of the Black Mountain Church reported that duty performed on May 1, 1927.

The Committee on Auditing reported that no business had come into their hands and was discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted: Leave of absence granted to Rev. A. F. Doty and Elder G. H. McKinney after Wednesday afternoon. Revs. J. A. Flanagan, L. T. Wilds, Jr., J. R. Sevier, and Elders A. S. Leach, A. H. Morey after Wednesday evening. Revs. W. K. Beaty, H. B. Dendy and Elder W. C. Dillingham after 10:30 Thursday morning. Elders Candler Morgan, T. C. Miller, J. H. Dillard and Rev. J. P. Anderson after 11:20 Thursday morning. Rev. Joel T. Mitchell was excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Nominations had no report to make.

The Stated Clerk reported to Presbytery that Rev. R. S. Eskridge had signed the Obligation required of ministers at this meeting of Presbytery and Presbytery expressed its gratification at this action on the part of Mr. Eskridge.

The Committee to Revise the Manual made a report by reading a part of the revised Manual and indicating certain features of the old Manual that would be omitted and the general arrangement and contents of the new Manual. After specifying that the duties of the Stated Clerk be amended, by stating that he should send out copies of the docket to the ministers of Presbytery ten days before each meeting, and also, that it should be stated that Tuesday after the second Sunday in April and October should be the time for the Stated Meetings of Presbytery, the report was adopted and the committee instructed to have it printed.

The Committee to arrange for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., as Pastor of White Oak Church made the following report which was adopted: Dr. R. P. Smith to preach the sermon; Rev. S. R. Crockett to be alternate to Dr. Smith and to preside and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. F. Rauschenberg to charge the pastor; Rev. E. D. McMahan, alternate; Rev. A. T. Taylor to charge the people; Elder J. T. Bailey, alternate. Other members of the Commission, Elders L. E. Richeson and R. W. Teague. Time, Nov. 6, 1927, at 3:00 P.M.

Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., and Elder A. H. Morey were appointed as the Devotional Committee for the spring meeting of Presbytery.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted: We desire to record our appreciation of the hospitality of Andrews. Our welcome to this charming little city has been manifold. It began on the highway in the kindness of Mr. Ross, the Superintendent of Construction, who opened the road for our passage; the business people here have been most courteous, the pastors of the Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran Churches came in person with words of brotherliness, Mayor Russell was present to express the good-will of the entire community, and the homes of the people received us most cordially. These things of good-fellowship have worked together with God's grace in bringing rich blessing to us all. We wish to assure our friends that we return to our homes full of a sense of the beauty of nature around their town and of the graciousness of humankind within.

Presbytery directed that copies be sent to the churches of the town to be read from the pulpits Sunday morning.

Dr. D. W. Richardson, of Enoree Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and welcomed as a visiting brother.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with the singing of a hymn and the benediction by Dr. D. W. Richardson.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Hendersonville, N. C., Tuesday, April 10, 1928, at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

F. RAUSCHENBERG, Moderator.

VERNON A. CRAWFORD, Temporary Clerk.

Attest: WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Willis S. Wilson, S. C.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

1. Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
2. Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.
3. Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.
4. Sciences—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Rev. W. K. Beaty.
5. Philosophy—Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.
6. Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.
7. Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D.
8. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.

TRUSTEES

1. Trustees of Presbytrey—Messrs. J. D. Murphy, P. R. Allen, and D. S. Watson.
2. Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., term expires spring of 1930; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, term expires spring of 1929.

THE ROLL

Ministers

1. W. Hooper Adams
2. J. P. Anderson, D.D.
3. R. C. Anderson, D.D.
4. W. K. Beaty
5. R. F. Campbell, D.D.
6. Vernon A. Crawford
7. S. R. Crockett
8. H. B. Dendy
9. A. F. Doty
10. R. S. Eskridge
11. F. M. Eversole
12. J. A. Flanagan
13. Kenneth J. Foreman
14. P. N. Gresham
15. W. S. Hutchison
16. Wilmer MacNair
17. Joel T. Mitchell
18. W. A. Murray
19. E. D. McMahan
20. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr.
21. F. Rauschenberg
22. Jos. R. Sevier, D.D.
23. R. P. Smith, D.D.
24. Arthur T. Taylor
25. L. T. Wilds, Jr., D.D.
26. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.
27. P. P. Winn

Churches

1. Andrews
2. Asheville First
3. Bethel
4. Black Mountain
5. Brevard
6. Bryson City
7. Canton
8. Covenanters
9. Davidson River
10. Etowah
11. Franklin
12. Hayesville
13. Hazelwood
14. Hendersonville
15. Ivy Park
16. Mills River
17. Montreat
18. Morrison
19. Murphy
20. Oak Forest
21. Ora Street
22. Red Oak
23. Robert Bingham
24. Rugby
25. Slagle Memorial
26. Swannanoa
27. Waynesville
28. Weaverville
29. West Asheville
30. White Oak

THE MINUTES

OF THE

CALL MEETING

OF

THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

DECEMBER TWENTY-THIRD,

1927

Asheville, N. C.

AND OF THE

SPRING MEETING

THE

SIXTY-FOURTH

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

APRIL TENTH,

1928

CALL MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., in compliance with the following call of the Moderator:

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 12, 1927.

The Constitutional requirements being complied with, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery for December 23rd, at three o'clock, at the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville to transact the following business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between the Ora Street Church and the Rev. A. F. Doty.

2. To grant the Rev. A. F. Doty a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, if the way be clear, in order that he might accept a call to the pastorate of the North Charlotte Presbyterian Church.

F. Rauschenberg, *Moderator.*

Presbytery met pursuant to the above call and was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. D. McMahan.

The following members were present: Ministers, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. A. F. Doty, Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. E. D. McMahan, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.; and Elder, Dr. J. F. Ramsay of the First Church of Asheville.

The call was read and found in order.

Rev. A. F. Doty offered his resignation as pastor of the Ora Street Church. After hearing from the congregation, through the reading of the minutes of a congregational meeting in which they concurred in his request, the resignation was accepted and the pastoral relation dissolved.

Rev. A. F. Doty was then granted a letter of dismissal to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

F. Rauschenberg, *Moderator.*

Willis S. Wilson, *Stated Clerk.*

SPRING MEETING
of Asheville Presbytery
Sixty-Fourth Semi-Annual Session

Hendersonville, N. C., Tuesday, April 10, 1928.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville, N. C., at 8:00 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. F. Rauschenberg, from the text, Mark 6:34.

Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following ministers and elders found present: Ministers, J. P. Anderson, R. C. Anderseon, W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, Vernon A. Crawford, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, Kenneth J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer MacNair, W. A. Murray, E. D. McMahan, Dunbar Ogden, Jr., F. Rauschenberg, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, L. T. Wilds, Jr., Willis S. Wilson; Elders, D. S. Russell, of Andrews; P. R. Allen, of Asheville First; H. A. Osborne, of Bethel; E. E. White, of Black Mountain; S. P. Verner, of Brevard; J. T. Bailey, of Canton; W. H. Jarrett, of Covenanters; C. F. Woodfin, of Davidson River; M. R. Anderson, of Etowah; J. E. Rice, of Franklin; C. L. Gray, of Hendersonville; J. H. Burgin, of Mills River; S. L. Woodward, of Montreat; O. C. Starnes, of Oak Forest; H. W. Creaseman, of Ora Street; L. H. Watkins, of Slagle Memorial; R. L. Prevost, of Waynesville; M. V. Jenkins, of White Oak.

Prof. S. L. Woodward of the Montreat Normal School was elected Moderator and Rev. E. D. McMahan Temporary Clerk.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Morning session from 9 to 12:30; Afternoon session, 2 to 5;

Evening session, 8 P. M., to adjourn at will. Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr., to conduct the devotional service Wednesday morning, and Rev. J. A. Flanagan to conduct the service Thursday morning.

Dr. R. F. Campbell and Dr. R. P. Smith to administer the Sacrament at 11 A. M. Wednesday morning, assisted by Elders S. L. Woodward, H. A. Osborne, J. T. Bailey, S. P. Verner, P. R. Allen, H. W. Creaseman and E. E. White.

The unprinted minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett until 9 A. M. Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Presbytery convened at 9 A. M. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr.

The minutes of the Tuesday evening session were read and approved.

Revs. R. C. Anderson, W. A. Murray, A. T. Taylor, W. Hooper Adams and Joel T. Mitchell were excused for absence from the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The following communications were received: A certificate of dismissal from Athens Presbytery of Candidate Wm. H. Dendy. Mr. Dendy was received under the care of this Presbytery and order taken for his examination for licensure as follows: His parts of trial were assigned to the proper committee and the time for his trial sermon fixed at 11 A. M., examination in Theology to follow in the afternoon.

The following communication was received from Dr. S. M. Tenney, Curator of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches:

Montreat, N. C., December 16, 1927.

Rev. W. S. Wilson, D.D., S.C.,
Asheville Presbytery, North Carolina,
Montreat, N. C.
Dear Dr. Wilson:—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Records and Minutes of Asheville Presbytery as follows:

Volume I, Sessions 1 to 9, 14, 19, 20 (bound in typewritten form).
Volume II, Sessions 10 to 36 (bound).
Volume III, Sessions 37 to 62 (bound).
Printed Minutes, pamphlet form, Sixty-third Session (2 copies).
One volume Manuscript Records, April 23, 1907, to September 16, 1913.

We thank you for these Records; have entered them on our daily Accession Book, our Card Catalogue of Minutes, and our Special Record Book of Deposits, and have placed them in our safe.

I am suggesting to you that this receipt be presented to the next meeting of your Presbytery and incorporated in its Minutes, that it may become a protection to yourself, and a tracer for future Stated Clerks of the whereabouts of these Records.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Tenney.

A letter from Dr. J. D. Leslie, Stated Clerk of the Assembly, giving information about his office, the new plan under which it is organized, a statement of the finances and the economies that have been effected. This letter was read to the Prsbytery and the Stated Clerk was directed to write to Dr. Leslie expressing the appreciation of the Presbytery for the work he is doing and the economies he has effected.

The report of Licentiate A. J. Luck was received and accepted and he was excused from attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Montreat Normal School was read and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A letter from Rev. R. S. Eskridge was read and his request to be excused from attendance upon this meeting was granted, also his request to be released from membership on the Foreign Mission Committee. Rev. V. A. Crawford was made chairman pro tem of this committee. A part of Mr. Eskridge's letter was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A communication from Dr. R. P. Smith was read, and at his request, sent to the docket. Dr. Smith made brief remarks on the work of the Treasurer of Presbytery. He suggested that his failing sight might soon compel him to give

it up and that Presbytery should have some one in view to take his place. The Moderator and Dr. R. F. Campbell were appointed a special committee to select a suitable man.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—F. Rauschenberg, R. P. Smith, C. L. Gray, and Dunbar Ogden, Jr.
2. Judiciary—R. F. Campbell, R. C. Anderson, W. H. Jarrett, C. F. Woodfin, J. T. Bailey.
3. Minutes of Synod—J. R. Sevier, L. H. Watkins, H. A. Osborne.
4. Records of Sessions—V. A. Crawford, J. T. Bailey, W. A. Murray, F. Rauschenberg, S. P. Verner, J. P. Anderson.
5. Auditing—P. R. Allen, W. S. Hutchinson, J. E. Rice.
6. Nominations—P. N. Gresham, H. B. Dendy, J. H. Burgin, E. E. White.
7. Statistics—J. A. Flanagan, W. A. Murray, H. W. Creaseman.
8. Leave of Absence—S. R. Crockett, F. E. Jenkins.
9. Resolutions—H. B. Dendy, W. K. Beaty, P. N. Gresham, M. R. Anderson.

The matter of the Narrative reports from sessions to Presbytery was brought up and advocated by Dr. Wilds and after discussion was made the unfinished business for the afternoon session.

Presbytery took a short recess before the Communion Service.

At eleven o'clock Candidate Wm. H. Dendy preached from II Cor. 5:20 as a part of his examination for licensure. Immediately following the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, after which recess was taken until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at two o'clock and the unfinished business was taken up. After further discussion it was ordered that the use of the Narrative be resumed by this Presbytery.

The Commission to ordain and install Licentiate Dunbar

Ogden, Jr., as pastor of the White Oak Church reported that duty performed on November 6, 1927, at 3 P. M.

The Committee to install Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D., as pastor of the Murphy Church reported that duty performed on October 23, 1927.

The reports of sessions were referred to the appropriate committees.

The Committee to Revise the Manual reported that they had completed their work and offered the revised Manual for adoption by the Presbytery. It was ordered read to the Presbytery. As the reading proceeded the time of convening both the fall and spring meetings of Presbytery was changed from 8 P. M., Tuesday after the second Sundays in April and October, to 11 A. M. and the salary of the Stated Clerk was raised from $50.00 per annum to $100.00.

The reading was suspended to take up the examination of Candidate Wm. H. Dendy.

Mr. Dendy's degrees from South Carolina College and Columbia Theological Seminary were accepted in lieu of examinations on "Academic Studies, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, the Original Languages of Scripture and Ecclesiastical History."

Mr. Dendy was examined in open Presbytery on Theology, Church Government and Sacraments and these examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Committee reports on Languages, Thesis, Critical Exegesis and his Popular Lecture on Gal. 1:11-24 were favorable and these were all sustained as satisfactory.

The sermon preached at the morning session on II Cor. 5:20 was also sustained and the examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory.

Candidate Wm. H. Dendy was then licensed to preach the Gospel according to Book of Church Order, Paragraphs 112-116.

A Call from the Andrews Presbyterian Church was read, found in order, and placed in his hands. Upon his accept-

ance the Rev. F. Rauschenberg and Elder P. R. Allen were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Dendy and arrange for his ordination and installation.

The above examination of Mr. Dendy was sustained as satisfactory for ordination and the Commission so instructed.

Presbytery took recess until 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M. and engaged in a popular meeting on Home Missions. Addresses were made by Mr. L. H. Watkins, presenting some of the boys from the Maxwell Home who spoke of their life and work there; by Mr. R. L. Prevost on the financial situation at the Home; by Mr. S. L. Woodward on the Montreat Normal School, and by Rev. F. Rauschenberg and Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr., on Home Missions.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9 A. M. and the Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report of the committee to arrange for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Wm. H. Dendy at Andrews reported as follows: Time, Sunday, June 10, 1928, at 11 A. M. Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D., to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. H. B. Dendy to charge the pastor and Rev. E. D. McMahan to charge the people. Alternate to any of the above: Rev. F. Rauschenberg. Ruling Elders, John H. Dillard and D. S. Russell. Elder L. B. Nichols alternate to either of the above.

The reading of the Manual was again taken up and the following changes made: The records of Presbytery to be reviewed at each stated meeting of Presbytery instead of at the fall meeting only, as provided in the old Manual. At each stated meeting of Presbytery Tuesday evening will be

given over to the consideration of Home Missions and Wednesday evening to Foreign Missions. The Permanent Committees on Orphan's Home and Audits were discontinued and ordered stricken from the Manual. A Permanent Committee on Vacancy and Supply was added to those already listed in the Manual.

The Manual was adopted as read and amended and the Committee commended and thanked for their diligence.

Presbytery declined to order the Manual printed and advised the Stated Clerk to have typewritten copies made for those who desired them, at their own expense.

By special request the time for the fall meeting of Presbytery in 1928 was changed from Tuesday, the 16th of October, to Tuesday, the 2nd of October.

The committee appointed at Franklin to consider the consolidation of schools was continued.

The committee (appointed April 13, 1927) to devise ways and means of raising a definite contribution from Asheville Presbytery for Assembly Inn was continued.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. R. P. Smith, adopted by the Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk directed to send a copy to every church in the Presbytery:

We have heard with pleasure that the pastor of the First Church, Asheville, and his people are planning to colonize.

Resolved, 1: That we as a Presbytery commend Dr. Campbell and his flock in their efforts to provide places of worship for the population of their rapidly growing city.

Resolved, 2: That we call attention to the large number of people, who are coming into our bounds to make their homes with us. Therefore, we request our pastors and their congregations to be watchful and help these strangers to find church homes; and in places where there may not be a church home, call the attention of our Superintendent and our Home Missions Committee to such cases.

R. P. Smith.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., addressed the Presbytery briefly on the present situation at Montreat:

The Stewardship Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

We have had reports from 25 churches. Of these 23 took the every-member canvass. We find that there were 1,258 subscribers to the budget for benevolences, subscribing $29,438.00. We find 1,469 subscribers to the local church budget, subscribing $46,625.00. The reported value of church property is $690,400.00, of Manses $59,000.00, making a total of $749,400.00, with indebtedness of $18,814.00.

We find that the interest in Stewardship is increasing in our Presbytery and we would urge continued emphasis by pastors along Stewardship lines. Most of the churches have accepted their quotas for benevolences and have expressed a sincere purpose to raise the amounts assigned them.

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

The letter of Rev. R. S. Eskridge, which yesterday was referred to the Stewardship Committee, was referred to the Home Missions Committee for answer.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report. Two paragraphs from a letter from the Committee in Nashville, on the financial situation and on reduction of expenses were read for information:

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery record its profound gratitude that the "cut" has been averted, and engage now in a special service of thanksgiving to God for the prevention of the greatest disaster that ever threatened our Foreign Mission work, praying especially that the spirit of supplication and sacrifice that wrought this great deliverance may suffer no reaction or decline, but growing stronger with each succeeding year may lift our Church to an ever higher standard of consecration to that cause which lies so near our Savior's heart and formed the burden of His last command.

(Presbytery sang two stanzas of Hymn 395 and was led in prayer by Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.)

2. That churches, societies, and individuals assume, wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

3. That a "Church School of Missions," using the approved Foreign Mission study book, "The Desire of All Nations," be organized in every church during the Foreign Mission month of January, 1929.

4. That pastors be urged, especially in churches where it is not practicable, to hold a "School of Missions," to emphasize this year the spiritual side of the Foreign Mission enterprise, using "The Desire of All Nations" for Prayer Meeting discussions during January, 1929.

5. That Study Schools focus attention this year on our evangelistic work abroad and designate their Foreign Mission contributions to the $100,000 being raised in the Sunday Schools for this work, it being understood that such offerings will be credited on the local church's Foreign Mission apportionment.

6. That Young People's Societies apply their Foreign Mission offerings to the $10,000.00 being raised for the medical work in China this year and that everywhere possible they present this work to their young people.

7. That ministers utilize to the utmost the Foreign Mission programs, literature, sermon illustrations, stereopticon slides, and visits of missionaries, all to be had on request from the Foreign Mission office, in order that Missions may be given its scriptural part in the life of all our churches.

Vernon A. Crawford, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Your Committee would respectfully report that reports only from Davidson College and Montreat Normal School have been placed in our hands.

The report of the President of Davidson College indicates that so far the work of the year has proceeded without serious jar or unpleasant incident. The faculty members, now numbering forty-four teachers, in addition to administrative officers, have been efficient in the discharge of their duties and have kept in unusually good health. The student body is a remarkably fine collection of young men, numbering 636. Records indicate their work this year is something above the normal grade. On entering college in September, eighty-one stated they were candidates for the ministry and a number since that date have declared themselves to be candidates. In addition to these, nine gave medical missions as their choice for life's work. Approximately 500 of the students are Presbyterians and all but twelve are members of some evangelical church. The senior class numbers 125 and is the largest in the history of the college.

For the session 1928-29 it is planned to have an additional teacher in mathematics and also a director in physical training. The object of this physical training is not so much to produce star football players as to secure a well-rounded physical development.

The remainder of Chambers Building has been contracted for and the college hopes to have this ready for use for the session 1929-30. With the exception of sixty or seventy thousand dollars, sufficient funds have been subscribed for the completion of this building. It is believed the full amount will have been subscribed by the time the work is done. The pro-

gress of Davidson College reflects great credit upon the management and should be a source of joy and gratitude to everyone interested in high standards of Christian education. We should be especially grateful for the number of ministerial candidates and the high Christian standard of the college.

The Montreat Normal School has reached its high-water mark this year. Taking it all together, we regard the present session as the best in the history of the school. Its student body is of high grade and numbers 107; about 100 of these being boarders. The faculty, consisting of thirteen, are doing high grade work in their classes and have the finest Christion influence over the students. They are an earnest, faithful, well equipped body of Christian teachers. The students come from eleven states, as follows: from North Carolina, 46; South Carolina, 31; Tennessee, 10; Florida, 7; Georgia, 4; District of Columbia, 4; Alabama, 2; Virginia, 2; West Virginia, 2; Kentucky, 1, and Arkansas, 1.

Fifty-four of these girls received scholarships of $100.00 each; others should have scholarships which have not been provided. Perhaps no money invested for Christian education yields a larger result for the amount invested than that which is invested in these scholarships.

The present indications are that the number of students next year will be much larger than this year and consequently more scholarships will be needed.

We would call special attention to a little loan fund which has been started through the generosity of a few friends for the assistance of worthy girls in the payment of their own board. This loan fund at present is quite small, but it is a move in the right direction and should be speedily augmented. Any amount given to this fund will be loaned and re-loaned and in the course of time should help many girls to get an education that otherwise would be unable to do so.

We specially urge that gifts should be made to this loan fund, as a wise and conservative investment to be perpetuated in a great work.

It is the policy of the school, and has been from the beginning, to keep out of debt and yet not to turn away any deserving girl for the lack of funds. It is not easy to put this policy into effect at all times, and yet the school has succeeded to a remarkable degree in doing this. Some way has always been provided to keep the school practically on a cash basis and at the same time to receive worthy girls and to give them the benefits of the school, even though they have nothing.

We recommend: 1. That each college or school receiving support from this Presbytery, or having a trustee appointed by the Presbytery, should be requested to make report to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and that our Stated Clerk notify the institutions of this act.

2. That our Churches, Woman's Auxiliaries, and individuals be urged to give their hearty support to these institutions, in their prayers, in co-

operating in bringing students under the influence of these schools and giving financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Anderson, *Chairman of Committee.*

The Permanent Committee on the Assembly's Bureau of Vacancy and Supply reported that there had been no occasion to avail ourselves of the services of this agency during the past year.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That the Sunday Schools be urged to study Home Missions as a part of the church's great missionary responsibility, and Sunday, June 24, be observed as Home Mission Day, with an offering for this cause.

2. That the Young People's Societies be urged to use the Assembly's Home Mission programs, and that their Home Mission offerings be applied to the Blue Ridge Academy, The Hollow, Virginia, which school the General Assembly has assigned them as their special Home Mission responsibility.

3. That November be designated as the time for Home Mission study and preachng, and that all Churches, Auxiliaries, Societies and Sunday Schools be urged to observe the Annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions, November 11-18, with free-will offerings for Assembly's Home Missions.

4. That all Churches, Auxiliaries and Societies be urged to recognize the distinctive work and claims of Assembly's Home Missions, and that this cause be given its proper share of the benevolent contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
F. Rauschenberg, *Chairman.*

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2 P. M. and the report of the Permanent Committee on Religious Education was received and adpoted, and is as follows:

Your Committee finds reports from twenty-three churches, covering twenty-five Sunday Schools with 4,317 members and with contributions as follows:

Benevolent Causes	$2,568.00
Current Expenses	3,469.00
Total	$6,037.00

We find that 123 were added to the church on profession of faith. These additions being from twelve churches. We have 299 officers and teachers in these schools.

P. N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Commitee makes the following recommendations:

1. Rev. V. A. Crawford to be a member of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, in the place of Rev. R. S. Eskridge, who has resigned, and to serve at Chairman of the Committee. Elder E. E. White to take the place of E. J. Griset.

2. On the Religious Education Committee we nominate Rev. F. Rauschenberg to serve as Chairman in the place of Elder E. J. Griset, and that Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr., take the place of Rev. H. B. Dendy.

3. On the Men of the Church Committee we nominate Rev. L. T. Wilds, Jr., to take the place of Mr. E. C. Dickinson, and Rev. F. Rauschenberg as an additional member of the committee.

4. On the Committee to Examine on Church Government and Sacraments we nominate Dr. J. R. Sevier to take the place of Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

5. We recommend that the following men be re-elected as Trustees of Presbytery for the period of one year: Messrs. J. D. Murphy, P. K. Allen and D. S. Watson.

6. We recommend that Dr. J. R. Sevier preach the Presbyterial Sermon at our next meeting, on "The Origin of Paul's Theology," and that Rev. V. A. Crawford serve as alternate.

P. N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

The above report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted by a rising vote, and is as follows:

We desire to express our appreciation to the members of the First Presbytrian Church and to the people of Hendersonville for their abounding hospitality. We want especially to thank the ladies for the most delightful dinners and the men of the church for the royal way in which they entertained us and those who furnished the special music, and those people who so cordially received us into their homes.

Every possible provision has been made for the convenience of the Presbytery. Each of us is filled with gratitude as we return to our homes.

We suggest that this report be adopted by a rising vote and that a copy be read from the pulpit of this church next Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Statistics was adopted, as follows:

We have examined the reports of twenty-five of the thirty churches, and note the following facts:

1. There are now 117 Elders, 121 Deacons, and 4,035 Communicants in Asheville Presbytery. In the Sunday Schools of the Presbytery 4,307 pupils are enrolled.

2. Last year, 201 new members were added on profession of faith and 343 by certificate. The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 69 adults and 52 infants.

3. To the Beneficent Causes there was contributed by these twenty-five churches the sum of $45,559.00, a per capita gift of $11.04.

4. To local work, including pastor's salaries, current expenses, congregational missions, building expense and miscellaneous contributions, these twenty-five churches gave $78,111.00, a per capita gift of $19.61.

5. The grand total for the Beneficent Causes and local church work amounts to the sum of $123,670.00 or a per capita gift of $30.65.

6. Your Committee would note further that in seven of the twenty-five churches there were no additions to the church by profession of faith. This is cause for thoughtful consideration and earnest prayer on the part of the Presbytery that the great Lord of the Harvest might inspire His workers to more zealous efforts that the harvest may be garnered.

7. The following churches made no report to the Presbytery: Andrews, Davidson River, Hayesville, Rugby.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Flanagan,
W. A. Murray,
H. W. Creaseman.

The following report of the Standing Committee on Sessional Records was received and adopted:

Books approved without exception: Asheville, First; Black Mountain; Brevard; Canton; Etowah; Franklin; Mills River.

Books approved with exceptions: Covenanters, Ora Street, Hendersonville, Montreat, Robert Bingham, West Asheville, Slagle Memorial, Weaverville, Waynesville.

The following churches failed to send their Sessoin Books to this meetings of Presbytery for review: Andrews, Bethel, Bryson City, Davidson River, Hayesville, Hazelwood, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Rugby, White Oak, Ivy Park, Red Oak. (Rugby, Red Oak and Ivy Park have no sessions.)

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to all churches that did not send their Sessional Records to this meeting of

Presbytery and urge the performance of that duty in future.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received as information.

The Commitee on Church Societies made the following report:

Seventeen of our thirty churches report Women's Societies with a total membership of 1,155 and a total contribution of $14,640.00.

Twelve of the thirty churches report twenty-two Young People's Societies, with a total membership of 551 members and a total contribution of $340.00.

Six of the thirty report Men's organizations with a total membership of 422 and a total contribution of $130.00.

We suggest that the Presbyterial earnestly consider the matter of encouraging and assisting in the organization of Auxiliaries in the churches where there are none and that the pastors be diligent in the endeavor to organize their men, women and young people for fellowship and service in their respective churches.

L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

The matter of dissolving Rugby Church was discussed and referred to the Home Mission Committee for investigation and report to the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg was added to the Committee on Maxwell Training School and the report of that Committee was received, adopted and ordered printed in the minutes, and is as follows:

The Committee has met regularly once a month, and although some of the members had quite a long distance to come, the attendance has maintained a high average.

A special select committee has visited, in an unofficial way, the school at frequent intervals, in order to get a more intimate knowledge of the needs and condition of the work.

This select committee has reported to the permanent committee the result of its observations and at times made certain recommendations which have been carefully considered, and when deemed practicable and possible have been adopted and the effort made to put them into effect.

About the first of the year the committee secured Mr. L. H. Watkins for the place of superintendent. He and his wife have entered into the work with a fine zealous, hopeful spirit. And although the work has been handicapped in a measure by certain changes from time to time in the personnel of their helpers, there are already favorable results of their

efforts to be seen in the improved condition of the farm, and the general conduct of the institution.

We are constantly keeping in mind the purpose to make this farm all the while more nearly self-supporting. Mr. Watkins is giving especial attention to the garden, and the poultry; a friend has given the School around one hundred apple trees. These have been set out in a suitable location. We expect also to set out different small fruits. So we hope to produce not only more of the substantial products of the farm but many of the more pleasant fruits as well. This has been a neglected feature of the work in the past.

The health and general conditions of the school have been good. We feel that we are still in the process of adjustment, and expect in the future to develop more efficient methods and certain economies, which will enable us to show to Presbytery a better record as to running expenses.

However, there are some permanent improvements much needed which cannot be financed from the income we are now receiving. At present the most pressing need is for a safe and adequate lighting system. We want to put in a Delco plant of sufficient size not only to furnish light, but which can be used also to furnish power for small machinery such as an electric washing machine, etc. We have a small start towards a fund to purchase this plant and hope some of our friends will furnish the balance necessary to install this system in the near future. The present system of lighting with kerosene is not only inadequate, but dangerous to life and property.

One thing to which we desire to especially call the attention of Presbytery is that Maxwell must in some way receive a larger income with which to carry on the work as the present needs require. Among other things, this means that Maxwell, its work and needs, must be brought more to the attention of our people. We ask your earnest co-operation in our efforts to do this.

The school now has 32 boys. The work is encouraging and very much worth while, but there is the pressing need of a larger financial support—a need which will be brought before you in a concrete way through the report of the Treasurer, which will be given later.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Osborn, *Chairman.*

S. R. Crockett, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MAXWELL TRAINING SCHOOL, FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1927, TO MARCH 31st, 1928.

Cash on hand October 1st		$1,475.54
Cash receipts from all sources		3,065.11
		$4,540.65
Disbursements	$4,457.52	

Deposits on certificate for light plant	112.00	
		$4,569.52
Overdraft		$ 28.87

As you will notice, the receipts have not been enough to keep Maxwell going. Included in our receipts on this statement, is $600.00 of borrowed money from the First National Bank, of Waynesville, which we still owe. We hold one note of $1,025.00 against Mr. Lancaster, which is past due, but has not yet been collected.

The amount received from regular church benevolent funds amounted to $1,096.29 for the six months covered by this report.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Prevost, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries	$1,709.15
Supplies	1,940.01
Wages	75.01
Repairs	355.10
Equipment	42.45
Miscellaneous	335.80
	$4,457.52

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made the following report:

Your Committee has read the Minutes of the Synod of Appalachia meeting in Rogersville, Tenn., September 13, 1927, and find them carefully recorded and neatly printed.

We would call special attention to the next meeting of Synod which will be held at Banner Elk, N. C., September 11.

Jos. R. Sevier, *Chairman.*

The report of the Superintendent of Home Missions was received and Presbytery by a rising vote commended him for his diligence and directed that the report be printed in full.

In the prosecution of my work during the past church year I have traveled 8,618 miles, preached 151 times, written 532 letters in the conduct of the work; my expenses were $402.39, and receipts $170.60.

In addition to the regular correspondence, I have sent out 594 notices through the Builder's League. The League is growing in favor with our people. We have increased our membership from 125 to 225 and the amount subscribed from $250 per call to a little over $500 per call. The last call sent out has brought in $450. Eight calls have been sent out

since the Presbytery committed this work to your committee. The first three netted the Hazelwood Manse $1,000.00. The last five enabled your committee to appropriate $885.00 to the White Oak Church at Hepco, thus making it possible for them to erect a modest but attractive and commodious house of worship; and $1,000.00 to the Andrews Manse, $800.00 of which has been paid and we have $150.89 in the treasury to apply on the remaining $200.00.

We have four applications for aid on church and manse buildings and there are additional points that will be calling for help. We earnestly commend this cause to the liberality of our people and urge all our pastors and Sessions to encourage membership in the League.

We have brought out the paper, "Our Mountain Work," regularly every month. We are happy to report the churches, with but few exceptions, are sending the paper to practically all their families. We had a small deficit last year. This year, when the few remaining churches that have not paid up, send in their funds, we hope to say the paper is self-supporting. This little sheet is of great importance to our work, for its message, covering our Home Mission, Educational and Orphanage enterprises, goes into the hands of kind friends far and near and many a dollar is gladly contributed that we would not otherwise receive.

By the direction of your Committee, I have devoted considerable time to the visitation of the churches, informing them of the general work of the Presbytery. All of our benevolent activities have been presented, especially stressing the claims of Prsbytery's Home Missions, the Mountain Orphanage, Maxwell Training School, the Builder's League and Our Mountain Work. I have presented the matter at the morning hour of worship in the following churches: Asheville First, Black Mountain, Brevard, Canton, Covenanters, Davidson River, Etowah, Hazelwood, Ivy Park, Mills River, Montreat, Murphy, Oak Forest, Ora Street, Waynesville, Weaverville, and West Asheville. I hope to continue this work until I shall have told the story in all the churches.

Owing to the nature of the work I have been doing by direction of your Committee, I have been unable to devote very much time to the holding of revival services. However, Evangelism is not neglected in our bounds, as the following extract from my report to Synod will show:

"The evangelistic note is being emphasized by our pastors. Most of our meetings during the past Synodical year have been in the smaller churches, with good results, considering the local conditions. In the larger churches there have been numerous additions, as the spring reports will show. Even though no meetings were held, fine results have been obtained, as in the case of Oak Forest, where a student, Mr. M. S. Avery, worked through the summer, there being six additions by letter and ten by profession. At West Asheville, two meetings were held; in one the pastor did

his own preaching and there were six members received by letter and thirteen by profession.

There were 15 meetings held, as follows:

Place.	Preacher.
Montreat Chapel	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Biltmore Heights Chapel	Rev. A. F. Doty
Weaverville	Union Meeting, Rev. H. B. Dendy, part-time preacher
West Asheville	Rev. R. G. McLees
Canton	Rev. E. M. Craig
Brevard	Rev. V. A. Crawford
Mills River	F. Rauschenberg
Etowah	F. Rauschenberg
Bethel	Rev. E. M. Craig
Morrison	F. Rauschenberg
Hazelwood	Rev. P. N. Gresham
West Asheville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
Davidson River	F. Rauschenberg
Franklin	F. Rauschenberg
White Oak	F. Rauschenberg

In these meetings there were forty additions by profession and twelve by letter.

Since the meeting of Synod there have been a number of additional meetings to record, among them First Church, Asheville; Davidson River, White Oak.

We cannot stress too much the importance of these special meetings and urge all our pastors and Sessions to hold them whenever possible.

In my travels over the Presbytery, I have ordained elders and deacons, held congregational meetings, communion services, innumerable conferences with the brethren regarding the work, made many visits in the homes of our people, supplied vacant churches, received 15 members by profession and baptized five adults. I have attended regularly the meetings of your committee, making detailed report in writing every month of my activities.

In connection with our Sunday School work I have made the following statistical report to the Richmond office:

Number of old schools visited	50
Sermons or Addresses	139
Talks to S. S., Y. P. S., Auxiliaries	23
Bible Classes Taught	27
Homes Visited	166
Conferences with Workers	74
Miles Traveled	8318
Number of Conversions from S. S.	14
Number of Evangelistic Meetings held	4
Schools Reorganized	1

Daily Vacation Bible Schools	2
Standard Training Schools	1

Eleven of our churches are self-supporting. Eighteen are assisted by the Home Mission Committee. Last year, the home mission churches gave $3,193.00 to the benevolences; $5,439.00 to their own support, and $19,109.00 to their building projects.

White Oak Church, at Hepco, has completed the church building and furnished it at a cost around $1,700.00. Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, who was licensed at the Fall meeting of Presbytery, has been in charge the past six months and is doing good and faithful work. He has established two out-post preaching points. He is interesting White Oak in our benevolent work and the little band sent in a substantial contribution this year.

Your Committee has stood by the work at Andrews. They have completed their Manse. The building, including the lot, is easily worth $5,000.00. It is practically free of debt, save a balance of $1,500.00 carried in the local Building & Loan. Mr. Wm. H. Dendy, who graduates at Columbia this year, has been acceptably serving the church twice each month during the winter. He hopes to be licensed at the Spring meeting of Presbytery and is to become the regular pastor at Andrews.

We are sorry to report the Rev. A. T. Taylor of our Hazelwood and Bethel churches has been out of the field, sick, for the past two months. We understand he is now improving rapidly and hopes to be back at work within a week or so. It has been my privilege to care for these churches during his absence.

Bryson City Church has had supply preaching during the past year. A Seminary student supplied them regularly during the summer and has just been called to the work, declining the call. We have put them in touch with another man and he has been invited to visit the field during this month.

Covenanter Church has relieved the Committee of $150.00 per year on pastor's salary. Etowah and Mills River, $50.00 each. These churches are to be commended for this gradual movement toward self-support. The action was timely, as the Committee will receive, the new year, $900.00 less than hitherto from the Men's Club of the Second Church, Charlotte, for our work in North Buncombe. Owing to the placing of additional men in the field, the reducing of the funds coming into the Committee's hands and in order to equalize as nearly as feasible the Home Mission salaries, the Committee was forced to make a number of reductions. Attention is called to this fact, that the churches failing to meet their benevolnet budget, may realize the gravity of the situation and make an earnest effort to come up this new year. Had not a good many of our churches paid up in full, and in some instances, exceeded the budget, the situation would have demanded drastic action indeed.

Davidson River has arranged for financing the debt on their Manse

through the Building & Loan. They are looking forward to the day when they may be able to have a minister living in this beautiful and modern building.

During the year the old Manse at Franklin was destroyed by fire. $1,500.00 in insurance was collected and plans are maturing for the erection of a modern bungalow in a new location. The members are planning also to remodel their church building and the work in Mr. Flanagan's field is very encouraging.

The Weaverville Church is practically completed. Mr. Dendy and his people have achieved a remarkable work of faith and love in the construction of this beautiful and commodious building. The membership is growing in numbers and we are expecting great things of this people.

Swannanoa has gone to self-support and has called the Rev. T. A. Painter of Pulaski, Va. He has accepted the call. There are growing possibilities in this beautiful valley and Swannanoa Church is preparing to reach out and make her influence a potent factor in all the community life.

The Oak Forest and Robert Bingham Churches will be served this summer by Mr. M. S. Avery, of Columbia Seminary. Mr. Avery served Oak Forest last year and his work was richly blessed.

I have been preaching in Hayesville with some regularity the past four months and have hopes the work can be built up to where we will be justified in repairing the church building, erecting a Manse and calling a minister. This has long been an isolated section, but is being opened up, and we must do our part, in winning the people for Christ.

Ora Street Church has been vacant since January 1st. I have given them considerable time and am assisting them in their search for a pastor. We are expecting a brother to visit the field this month with a view to a call. The people have rallied splendidly, the congregations are larger than ever, and whenever they cannot secure a supply the regular services are conducted by their own men.

Mission work is maintained at seven out-posts. We trust most of these will result, some day, in organized churches.

With Mr. Wm. H. Dendy on the ground at Andrews, we are hoping to open a preaching point at Robbinsville as an entering wedge to a work in Graham County.

Owing mainly to the conditions of the roads, Mr. Flanagan has been unable to reach the work at Highlands. However, the little Sabbath School has been maintained and we hope soon to establish the work there on a firmer footing.

Special mention should be made of the fine service rendered by the laymen of the church in responding so willingly and effectively in supplying our pulpits in time of need. Mr. J. W. Moore and Mr. Fred L. Willis, of Asheville, have been called perhaps most frequently, and they have been cordially welcomed. I have also called upon Dr. Wilmer MacNair in numrous emergencies and he has served most gladly and acceptably.

God is opening up our wonderfully fair land as never before; there is "a-going in the mulberry trees", and we must read and understand the signs of the times, and go in and possess the land.

The pastors and brethren have stood by me in the work; your Committee has patiently borne with me, loyally supporting every good and wise undertaking and helpfully guiding my labors; your Chairman has gladly given me of his time and counsel and many pleasant and profitable hours have I spent in counsel, conference and labor in the field with my friend and colleague, Dr. R. P. Smith.

God, above all, in all and through all, has blessed the work and we are thankful, praising His Name as we look back over the years, and praying that we may all be faithful to the task as He sends us forth into the new year.

Respectfuly submitted,
F. RAUSCHENBERG.

The Statistical Report to the General Assembly was read and adopted, with the understanding that the Clerk was to make it as complete as possible by conference with the Treasurer of Presbytery and the Superintendent of Home Missions and then forward it to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

The Auditing Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

We have received the books of Dr. R. P. Smith, the Treasurer of Presbytery, and the books of Mr. Rauschenberg, the Treasurre of "Our Mountain Work."

In the case of Dr. Smith's books, we did not have his checks or Bank Book, but we did have his account book, which has been audited by a subcommittee of the Home Missions Committee, which committee cretified to the correctness of his accounts.

In the case of Mr. Rauschenberg, the committee had his bank and check books and are therefore able to certify that his books are correct.

We recommend that in addition to Dr. Smith's books going to the auditing committee of the Home Missions Committee, that Mr. Rauschenberg's books also go to this committee and that Presbytery require a certificate from this committee as to the correctness of the books of both Treasurers.

P. R. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that Dr. J. P. Anderson, Dr. Wilmer MacNair and Elder H. W. Creaseman were excused after the Wednesday evening session.

Elders J. T. Bailey, M. V. Jenkins, J. E. Rice and Revs. Dunbar Ogden, Jr., J. A. Flanagan and R. C. Anderson were excused after the morning session Thursday.

Rev. H. B. Dendy and Elder D. E. Penland were appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises for the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, to meet in Atlanta, Ga., May 17, 1928:

MINISTERS

PRINCIPALS	ALTERNATES
Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D.	Rev. F. Rauschenberg.
Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.	Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman.

ELDERS

PRINCIPALS	ALTERNATES
Mr. S. L. Woodward.	Mr. S. P. Verner.
Mr. E. E. White.	Mr. P. R. Allen.

The minutes were read and approved.

After the singing of a hymn, Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Weaverville, N. C., Tuesday, October 2, 1928, at 11 A. M.

S. L. WOODWARD, *Moderator.*

E. D. MCMAHAN, *Temporary Clerk.*

WILLIS S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Willis S. Wilson S. C.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Jr., D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.

Sciences—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Rev. W. K. Beaty.

Philosophy—Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.

Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. J. R. Sevier, D.D., and Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D.

Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—Messrs. J. D. Murphy and D. S. Watson.

Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. C. Andreson, D.D., whose term expires spring of 1930; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires spring of 1929.

Statistical Report to the General Assembly, 1928.

			OFFICERS		COMMUNICANTS			BAPTISMS		BENEVOLENT FUNDS COLLECTED											OTHER FUNDS COLLECTED				
Ministers	Post Offices	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Confession	Added on Certificate	Whole No. Communicants	Adult	Infant	Total Sab. Sch. Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Minister. Ial Relief	Publication and Sabbath School Work	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Orphans' Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastor's Salaries Actually Paid	Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscel. Laneous Contributions
W. Hooper Adams	Decatur, Georgia		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. P. Anderson, D. D.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy	4	5	–	–	65	–	–	65	22	9	–	–	–	–	—	75	2	32	1800	232	—	350	25
R. C. Anderson, D. D.	Montreat, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. K. Beaty, P.	Dillingham, N. C.	Covenanters	5	4	–	–	88	–	–	95	24	6	6	3	–	1	7	28	13	22	257	62	—	—	16
W. K. Beaty, P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	–	–	3	–	21	–	–	55	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	1	—	50	—	—	—	—
R. F. Campbell, D. D., P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville, First	19	18	63	132	1432	19	25	1696	7659	788	789	1086	–	282	1347	4405	8281	5212	5000	21610	848	—	1157
Vernon A. Crawford, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard	8	7	8	10	151	2	–	166	450	24	24	12	–	6	24	120	60	180	2205	783	—	—	170
S. R. Crockett, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville	5	5	3	8	110	–	–	107	343	66	48	12	5	6	23	160	164	205	2100	511	—	773	179
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville	4	3	5	23	108	4	1	100	94	4	4	2	–	1	4	82	8	27	600	284	2	5877	34
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Red Oak	–	–	–	12	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
R. S. Eskridge, W. C.	Swannanoa, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
F. M. Eversole, F. M.	Chenju, Korea		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin	4	5	–	8	71	–	2	45	110	9	8	24	–	2	10	48	18	56	805	143	9	27	332
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C., Route 2	Morrison	2	2	3	1	35	1	–	32	25	5	6	6	–	1	5	20	16	30	163	28	—	—	8
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C., Route 1	Slagle Memorial	1	–	4	2	20	1	2	55	19	5	5	51	–	3	4	16	8	26	200	40	—	—	—
Kenneth J. Foreman, P.	Davidson, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P. N. Gresham, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville	8	15	44	65	398	30	3	263	334	85	47	71	–	8	35	189	112	244	2400	1881	64	2415	—
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C., Route 5	Robert Bingham	2	2	–	–	15	–	7	125	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	—	52	—	121	—
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River	5	5	2	5	98	1	–	94	153	5	5	14	–	1	5	71	29	87	500	112	—	114	—
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Pisgah Forest, N. C.	Davidson River	3	3	–	–	86	–	–	55	108	50	15	4	1	3	14	32	34	64	700	—	—	—	—
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah	1	2	3	–	52	1	–	30	21	2	1	4	–	–	2	10	2	67	80	37	—	96	—
Wilmer MacNair, W. C.	West Asheville, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Joel T. Mitchell, W. C.	Cary, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. A. Murray, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain	4	7	5	12	125	3	2	307	280	58	30	27	5	6	24	257	109	180	2555	791	—	—	91
E. D. McMahan, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton	6	5	14	10	137	10	14	94	333	85	43	21	–	9	90	207	205	192	1812	477	11	—	65
Dunbar Ogden, Jr., P.	Hepco, N. C.	White Oak	3	2	1	1	16	1	–	30	13	2	2	1	–	1	2	7	7	15	12	—	—	198	—
F. Rauschenberg	Supt. H. M., Asheville, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. R. Sevier, D. D., Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. P. Smith, D. D.	Supt. H. M. Emeritus, Asheville		–	–	–	—	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arthur T. Taylor, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood	3	2	2	6	67	–	–	110	10	2	2	1	–	1	2	6	6	12	750	148	—	389	10
Arthur T. Taylor, P.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	2	1	–	–	18	–	–	29	78	12	12	6	–	3	12	45	45	90	400	13	—	—	91
L. T. Wilds, Jr., D. D., P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville	12	14	8	18	609	7	8	366	1639	260	165	79	5	43	215	590	530	1577	3700	4814	18	320	569
L. T. Wilds, Jr., D. D., P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Rugby	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Willis S. Wilson, D. D., P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat	5	5	9	27	179	6	1	247	1247	326	105	41	–	18	72	493	685	543	2500	1227	—	442	202
P. P. Winn, F. M.	Chanju, Korea		–	–	–	–	—	–	–	—	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Asheville, N. C.	Ora Street	7	5	11	12	96	1	2	186	193	87	27	10	–	5	40	125	15	13	1100	353	—	374	171
	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews	4	–	1	–	30	1	2	38	—	–	–	–	–	–	—	—	—	47	150	75	—	500	—
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City	4	4	1	1	60	1	–	60	25	5	5	4	–	1	5	50	5	25	625	38	—	—	20
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	–	–	10	–	–	—	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	3	5	—	—	—	—	—
	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest	3	3	15	6	48	–	7	112	25	4	4	2	–	1	4	15	15	30	200	212	—	—	—
	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa	5	5	–	4	114	–	1	97	29	4	4	2	5	1	4	71	10	30	1011	30	—	915	150

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THE MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY of ASHEVILLE

CALL MEETING

JULY 2, 1928

STATED SPRING MEETING

THE

SIXTY-FIFTH

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

WEAVERVILLE, N. C.

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1928

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D., Montreat, N. C.

Treasurer—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Asheville, N. C.

Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, Asheville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Home Missions—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Chairman; Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. P. N. Graham, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Rev. S. R. Crockett, and Messrs. J. J. Conyers, J. B. Shope, I. J. Archer, R. J. Griset, Ruffner Campbell, H. A. Osborne, T. M. Slagle, R. L. Prevost, and Dr. Kelly Bennett.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. V. A. Crawford, Chairman; Rev. A. T. Taylor, Drs. I. J. Archer, Barnard R. Smith, and Mr. E. E. White.
3. Assembly's Home Missions—Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman; Rev. S. R. Crockett, Mr. S. L. Woodward.
4. Bible Cause—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Chairman; Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. J. R. Lancaster.
5. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Rev. S. R. Crockett, Chairman; Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Messrs. J. T. Bailey and J. F. Ramsey.
6. Religious Education (Publication and Sunday School)—Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman; Rev. P. N. Graham, Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr., Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. J. R. Lancaster.
7. Sabbath and Family Religion—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chairman; Rev. W. K. Beaty, Rev. V. A. Crawford, and Mr. Charles Gray.
8. Church Erection—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Chairman; Rev. P. N. Graham, and Mr. R. J. Griset.
9. Temperance—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Dr. I. J. Archer, and Messrs. H. B. Griset, J. H. McCorkell, George Wright and J. T. Bailey.
10. Men of the Church—Mr. Peter Dryenfoh, Chairman, and Messrs. T. A. Miller, R. S. Barrett, R. J. Griset, J. R. Lancaster, Geo. C. Summerrow, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., and Rev. F. Rauschenberg.
11. Schools and Colleges—Rev. R. G. Anderson, D.D., Chairman; Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. W. S. Wilson, D.D., Mr. W. H. McMurray.
12. Historical—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chairman; Mr. R. L. Gash.
13. Vacancy and Supply—Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Chairman.
14. Advisory Committee of Maxwell Training School—Mrs. E. C. Quinlan, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, and Mrs. W. R. McGuire.

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CALL MEETING

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, of Asheville, N. C., July 2, 1928, in compliance with the following call:

Montreat, N. C., June 20, 1928.

The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, at 3:00 P.M., July 2, 1928, to transact the following business:

To consider and act upon any and all matters that may be presented regarding the management of the affairs of the Maxwell School and the Mountain Orphanage.

S. L. WOODWARD, Moderator.

The following members were present: Ministers, R. P. Smith, H. B. Dendy, Kenneth J. Foreman, J. A. Flanagan, Dunbar Ogden, Jr., R. F. Campbell, F. Rauschenberg, S. R. Crockett and Willis S. Wilson. Elders, S. L. Woodward, of Montreat; H. A. Osborne, of Bethel; R. L. Prevost, of Waynesville; and L. H. Watkins, of Slagle Memorial.

Presbytery was called to order by Mr. S. L. Woodward, the Moderator, and led in prayer by Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman.

The call was read and found in order.

The following resolutions from a special committee of the Permanent Committee on Maxwell Training School were read, received, and the recommendations taken up seriatim:

Asheville, N. C., June 19, 1928.

The special committee, appointed by the Maxwell Committee, met in Dr. R. P. Smith's office, in Asheville, June 19, at 7:00 P.M., there being present: Dr. R. P. Smith,

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, H. A. Osborne, and R. L. Prevost; the purpose of the meeting being to consider the financing and co-ordinating of the work of the Mountain Orphanage in the Maxwell Home.

This committee was authorized, if the way be clear, to sign the names of the ministers and elders present at the last regular meeting on June 14 of the Maxwell Committee, for a call meeting of the Presbytery to consider any suggestions or recommendations; this special committee acting for the regular committee, desires to present to the Presbytery:

First: That the Maxwell School be put under the control of the Home Mission Committee, to be operated by a sub-committee, in the same manner as the Mountain Orphanage is now handled; this committee to be appointed by the Home Mission Committee, and is to be a special committee separate from the Mountain Orphanage Committee.

Second: That the present Maxwell Committee be discontinued and that its personnel be then added to the Home Mission Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Special Committee of Maxwell School.

By: R. L. Prevost, Acting Secretary.

After full discussion the first recommendation was adopted. The second recommendation was also adopted.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr.

Willis S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

FALL MEETING
of Asheville Presbytery
Sixty-Fifth Semi-Annual Session

Weaverville, N. C., Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1928.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, of Weaverville, N. C., at 11:00 o'clock A.M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, from the text, Matt. 16:18.

Presbytery was called to order by the retiring Moderator and led in prayer by Rev. W. A. Murray.

The roll was called and the following ministers and elders found present: Ministers, W. Hooper Adams, R. C. Anderson, W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, Vernon A. Crawford, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, Wm. H. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, Kenneth J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, W. S. Hutchison, Wilmer MacNair, W. A. Murray, E. D. McMahan, F. Rauschenberg, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, A. T. Taylor, L. T. Wilds, Willis S. Wilson; Elders, D. S. Russell, of Andrews; J. F. Ramsay, of Asheville First; W. C. Green, of Black Mountain; R. J. Sprang, of Canton; W. A. Dillingham, of Covenanters; A. L. Leach, of Franklin; Geo. C. Summerrow, of Hazelwood; J. R. Wilson, of Hendersonville; J. E. Osborne, of Mills River; C. C. Lord, of Montreat; J. C. Blackwood, of Ora Street; L. H. Watkins, of Slagle Memorial; C. H. Alexander, of Swannanoa; H. C. Lindsley, of Waynesville; George Hartfield, of Weaverville; John Scott, of West Asheville; R. W. Teague, of White Oak.

Rev. W. A. Murray, of Black Mountain, was elected Moderator, and Rev. Wm. H. Dendy, of Andrews, Temporary Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises

was read and adopted and is as follows: That the hours for the afternoon session be 2:00 to 5:00, the evening session 7:30 to adjourn at will, and the morning sessions be from 9:00 to 12:30.

That Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., conduct the devotional service Wednesday morning, and Rev. W. A. Murray conduct the service Thursday morning.

That Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., and Rev. S. R. Crockett administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Elders C. C. Lord, Dr. J. F. Ramsay, W. C. Green, H. C. Lindsley, L. H. Watkins, and D. S. Russell.

The minutes of the Call Meeting of July 2, 1928, were read for information.

Rev. S. H. Gruver, of Granville Presbytery; Rev. T. A. Painter, of West Hanover Presbytery; Rev. J. S. Gibbs, pastor of the Weaverville Methodist Church; and Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the M. P. Church, were introduced to Presbytery as visiting brethren.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P.M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

Revs. F. M. Eversole, J. T. Mitchell, A. T. Taylor, and P. P. Winn were excused for not attending the last meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—S. L. Woodward, J. R. Sevier, P. N. Gresham, C. H. Alexander.
2. Judiciary—R. F. Campbell, E. D. McMahan, W. A. Dillingham.
3. Records of Presbytery—K. J. Foreman, W. K. Beaty, J. E. Osborne.
4. Minutes of General Assembly—L. T. Wilds, W. S. Hutchinson, John Scott.

5. Auditing—C. C. Lord and J. F. Ramsay.
6. Leave of Absence—J. A. Flanagan, W. H. Dendy, R. W. Teague.
7. Nominations—Fritz Rauschenberg, R. P. Smith, G. C. Summerrow.
8. Resolutions—

The following communications were received:

A certificate from West Hanover Presbytrey dismissing Rev. T. A. Painter. After a satisfactory examination Mr. Painter was received as a member of this Presbytery and signed the obligation required of its ministers. A call from the Swannanoa Church was read, found in order after overlooking slight irregularities, and placed in his hands. After his acceptance of the call Rev. T. A. Painter and Elder Chas. H. Alexander were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

The Commission to ordain and install Rev. Wm. H. Dendy as pastor of the Andrews Church, reported that duty performed, June 10, 1928. The report was adopted.

The statistical report of this Presbytery to the Synod of Appalachia meeting in Banner Elk, N. C., Sept. 11, 1928, was read for information.

A communication from Converse & Company, in regard to Church Paper Week, was received and the following resolution in response thereto was adopted: That the Presbytery recommend the observance of Church Paper Week in every congregation; that pastors present this cause to their people; and that the Woman's Auxiliary in every Church be urged to make a thorough canvass with the view of placing one or more of the Church Papers and the Presbyterian Survey in every home.

A certificate from South Carolina Presbytery dismissing Candidate E. T. Wilson was read and Mr. Wilson was received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery. Order was taken for his examination for licensure Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

A communication from Rev. E. B. Paisley, of the As-

sembly's Home Missions Committee, was received, also one from Dr. H. W. McLaughlin, Country Church Director, and the following resolutions were adopted: (1) In response to the request of the General Assembly's Home Missions Committee, through the Educational Secretary, Rev. E. B. Paisley, that we hold a "Retreat" in the interest of Home Missions at this session of Presbytery we act favorably and ask the Presbyterial Home Missions Committee to incorporate this "Retreat" in the popular meeting at this session. All of our pastors are requested to appropriately observe the Home Mission Educational Campaign the week of Nov. 11-18. (2) In response to the request of Dr. H. W. McLaughlin, Country Church Director, that our Home Mission and country church ministers be requested to take a special course through a circulating library, the Presbytery directs the Superintendent of Home Missions to say we do not see our way clear to adopt this plan.

The request of the Bryson City Church that the election of Rev. W. Hooper Adams as stated supply until the spring meeting of Presbytery be approved was granted.

A communication was received from Dr. J. D. Leslie, Stated Clerk of the Assembly. That part of the communication referring to the amendment to the Book of Church Order was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. A succeeding part referring to various actions of the Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Minutes of the Assembly.

A communication was received from Dr. S. L. Morris, Chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Closer Relations with the United Presbyterian Church. The following special committee was appointed to consider this paper and bring a recommendation to the spring meeting of Presbytery, viz: Drs. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, and L. T. Wilds.

A paper was presented by H. B. Dendy and others asking Presbytery to request the Assembly to withdraw from

the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A report was received from the Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery and was referred to the Committee on Church Societies. That committee made the following report which was adopted: Your committee recommends that the reporot of Asheville Presbyterial be incorporated in the minutes of Presbytery for its information; and that the Presbyterial be commended for its diligence and zeal and be assured of Presbytery's prayers and co-operation. The report is as follows:

Through Presbytery's Committee on Woman's Work, Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary would respectfully submit the following report:

Twenty-one auxiliaries, representing as many churches, are now enrolled in the Presbyterial. Membership reported, 1,161.

Nineteen auxiliaries made report of the year's work to Presbyterial and gave evidence of earnest effort to attain higher standards in the Master's service.

With a 100 per cent standard as the goal, five auxiliaries attained 80 per cent and over, and eight auxiliaries reached 60 per cent and over.

Gains were shown in the number of Tithers and the number of Prayer Bands has increased nearly double.

Contributions to all causes amounted to $16,713, over $14.00 per capita, and an increase over last year of $2,600.

Fourteen auxiliaries had the subject of "Stewardship" presented to them.

An increase was noted in number engaged in White Cross work.

Total received for the Birthday Special for this year, a Nurses' Training School in connection with Stillman Institute, $536.21. All but one auxiliary contributing.

The voucher system has been adopted for the business-like handling of our finances.

We regret the decreased numbers enrolled in Bible Classes, holding Family Altars, and subscribing to Prayer Calendars and Church Papers. The spiritual side of the work has been constantly emphasized as the foundation upon which all must rest.

The twenty-third annual meeting of Presbyterial was held in the Hendersonville Church April 25-27. The theme carried through the program was "Stewardship." Text and motto verse, "I must be about my Father's business."

Mrs. R. D. Bedinger and Mr. C. R. Stegall brought the Foreign

Mission messages, our Orphanages and Schools were represented, and the Birthday Pageant presented.

Our goal is enlisting the uninterested women in active service, an organized work for women in every church in the Presbytery, and bringing our united number in supplication before the Master, and in earnest effort to further His causes and Kingdom upon the earth.

As a Presbyterial we earnestly desire your prayers and co-operation in the attainment of this goal.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. C. ANDERSON,
President of Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary.

The committee to arrange for installation of Rev. T. A. Painter at Swannanoa made the following report, which was adopted:

That the Commission consists of the following members of Presbytery: The Rev. F. Rauschenberg to preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions. The Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., to charge the pastor. The Rev. W. A. Murray to charge the people. Elder C. H. Alexander, of Swannanoa Church, with R. L. Bugg, as alternate. Alternate to any minister on the Commission, the Rev. W. S. Wilson, D.D.

It is further recommended that the third Sunday in October be set as the date for the installation services.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER,
CHAS. H. ALEXANDER.

The committee to select a suitable man for Treasurer was continued until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., addressed the Presbytery on the work at Montreat. After hearing this address the following resolution was unanimously adopted: We thank Dr. Anderson for this presentation and realizing that Montreat is an increasingly important pivot in the life of our Southern Presbyterianism, we commend his faithful work as President of the Montreat Association and again commend the needs and enterprises of Montreat to the Christian liberality of the members of our congregations.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg was appointed to take the place of Mr. J. A. Smyth (deceased) on the committee to secure

a definite contribution from Asheville Presbytery for Assembly Inn.

The committee to consider the consolidation of schools was continued until the spring meeting of Prsebytery.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was adopted:

We would call the attention of Presbytery to and recommend the adoption of recommendations of the Assembly as found in the following places in the minutes: Pg. 49, Rec. 6; Pg. 50, Rec. 15; Pg. 58, Par. 1; Pg. 72, Rec. 9; Pg. 79, Rec. 4 and 5; Pg. 87, Rec. 4; Pg. 107, Rec. 2; Pg. 155, Rec. 1.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The Committee on Stewardship made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Stewardship Committee makes the following recommendations:

(1) That the budget for Asheville Presbytery for 1928-29 be $39,762.00.

(2) That the percentage basis for the distribution of this amount be:

Presbytery's Missions	30 per cent
Assembly's Missions	4 per cent
Synod's Missions	2 per cent
Foreign Missions	25 per cent
Colleges	6 per cent
C. E. & M. R.	4 per cent
S. S. Extension	2 per cent
Bible Cause	1 per cent
Maxwell School	5 per cent
Mountain Orphanage	15 per cent
Montreat Normal	6 per cent
	100 per cent

(3) That this be sent down to the Churches of Asheville Presbytery in the following quotas:

Andrews	$ 100.00
Asheville First Church	22,000.00
Bethel	350.00
Black Mountain	700.00
Brevard	650.00
Bryson City	400.00

Canton	700.00
Covenanters'	100.00
Davidson River	500.00
Etowah	100.00
Franklin	300.00
Hayesville	26.00
Hazelwood	350.00
Hendersonville	7,000.00
Ivy Park	52.00
Mills River	350.00
Montreat	1,800.00
Morrison	100.00
Murphy	500.00
Oak Forest	200.00
Ora Street	352.00
Red Oak	51.00
Robert Bingham	25.00
Rugby	26.00
Slagle Memorial	130.00
Swannanoa	500.00
Waynesville	800.00
Weaverville	350.00
West Asheville	1,200.00
White Oak	50.00
	$39,762.00

On the matter of the General Assembly's Training School, we do not see our way clear to put this on our budget at present.

H. B. Dendy, Chairman.

A paper presented by Dr. R. F. Campbell and others regarding the activities of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

After prayer by Rev. V. A. Crawford, Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reassembled at 7:30 P.M. and engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell, the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, presided, and addresses were made by Mr. L. H. Watkins, Superintendent of the Maxwell Training School, Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, and Rev. P. N.

Gresham. A number of short addresses were made from the floor on various phases of the work.

Licentiate A. J. Luck made his report to Presbytery and was commended for his diligence.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. K. J. Foreman.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M. and was led in devotional exercises by Dr. R. P. Smith.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The examination of Candidate E. T. Wilson was taken up. His degrees from the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary were accepted in lieu of examinations on academic studies, the original languages of the Scriptures and Church History. Mr. Wilson was examined in open Presbytery on Theology, Church Government and Sacraments, and on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

His thesis, critical exercise and lecture were referred to the proper committee for examination and report. Rev. P. N. Gresham and Rev. K. J. Foreman were appointed to act in places of absent members of this committee.

The commitete to devise ways and means to raise a definite contribution from Asheville Presbytery for Assembly Inn made the following report, which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Asheville notes with great pleasure the recent action of the General Assembly in giving $25,000.00 toward the completion of Assembly Inn at Montreat, this gift being conditioned upon the raising of a like amount by the Montreat Association for the same purpose.

Wherefore the Presbytery, in view of the splendid opportunity afforded by this liberality upon the part of the Assembly, of bringing to an early conclusion the finishing of this much needed building with all

of its possibilities for large usefulness to the church, calls upon all of its churches to take part in the raising of a sum of money to be the gift of Asheville Presbytery, as a Presbytery, to Assembly Inn. This sum of money to be raised by the pastors, officers and people of each and every church and to be equal to an amount represented by $1.00 for each member as a minimum for each church.

The Presbytery recognizes with pleasure the fact that some of our people and a number of our churches have already made contributions to Assembly Inn and we would not have this effort as a Presbytery discourage an individual or church gift, but rather be the means of still further calling the attention of individuals and organizations to the opportunity of securing rooms in the Inn for memorial purposes.

The Presbytery is desirous of securing a hearty response upon the part of the churches because of the untold possibilities for promoting the cause of our Master through the Inn, and, because of the special responsibility resting upon the Presbytery as this great work is located within our own bounds.

The Presbytery should, in our judgment, through these contributions have a room in the Assembly Inn as a memorial to Asheville Presbytery, and should also honor itself by having two additional rooms as memorials to Dr. R. P. Smith and Dr. R. F. Campbell in view of their long and distinguished service to the Master in this Presbytery.

F. Rauschenberg.
Willis S. Wilson.

Note: Dr. Campbell proved intractable and refused to vote for the last section in reference to himself. Dr. R. C. Anderson was absent.

Rev. A. T. Taylor was appointed to take the place of Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., in the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Dr. Anderson being absent.

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached from the text, Acts 1:8, by Rev. J. R. Sevier, D.D., after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered and recess taken until 2:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery met at 2:00 P.M. and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Candidate E. T. Wilson preached, as part of his examination for licensure, from Matthew 16:18, and the sermon was sustained as a satisfactory part of the examination.

The Committee on Examination recommended that his thesis, critical exercise and lecture be accepted and these were sustained as satisfactory parts of the examination.

The examination as a whole was then sustained and Mr. E. T. Wilson was licensed to preach the Gospel, according to the Book of Church Order, Paragraphs 115-116.

A call from the Ora Street Church was read and found to be not in order and the Church was directed to present a call properly made out at an adjourned meeting.

It was then decided that when Presbytrey adjourns it adjourn to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville on Friday, Oct. 26, 1928, at 3:00 P.M.

It was moved and carried that the Manual be temporarily suspended and that the time for the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions and the time for preaching the doctrinal sermon be reversed, this action placing the Foreign Mission meeting Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock and the doctrinal sermon Wednesday night.

Presbytery engaged in a free conversation on the subject of religion. More than half of our churches were represented by their elders or their pastors and the spiritual situation and outlook was for the most part represented as encouraging. It came out in this discussion that some of our churches have not been contributing to benevolences through the regular church channels and this was referred to the Committee on Stewardship for their consideration and action.

The following report by the Committee on Resolutions was adopted:

Having received and enjoyed the gracious and bountiful hospitality of the congregation of our faith and order at Weaverville during the fall stated meeting of our Presbytery of Asheville, be it hereby resolved that we the Moderator and members of that Presbytery do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to this congregation and their devoted and energetic pastor and the good people of Weaverville for this Christian hos-

pitality and good-will and that we take this opportunity to congratulate our brethren at Weaverville upon the completion of their commodious and beautiful house of worship, which in its architecture and furnishings is conducive to the befitting worship of our God and expressive of the comeliness and dignity for which our Presbyterian Zion has stood through the centuries.

W. Hooper Adams.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions had no report to make.

The Permanent Committee on Bible made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee would again call your attention to the magnificent work of the American Bible Society.

The year 1927 was a year of records for this society. For the first time in its history more than ten million volumes of the Scriptures were issued by the Bible Society. For the third successive year, the total number of volumes was in excess of the previous year.

The Society now translates the Bible into 850 languages and dialects, representing every dominion of the world; 3,599 workers are employed in the work of the Society. Something like forty different denominations contribute to the work of the Society, showing the widespread interest and sympathy in the work. The good to be achieved by the Society is worthy our admiration, and the ends desired, our prayers and support. Therefore we recommend:

1. That our churches be urged to give in full the "askings" of the General Assembly for this worthy cause.

2. That Sunday, Dec. 2, 1928, be observed as Bible Sunday in our churches and that our pastors be urged to bring this work to the attention of the people. The topic for that day is "Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom."

3. That the members of our churches earnestly pray for the work of the Bible Society, for its workers, and for the reception of the truth throughout the world.

J. A. Flanagan, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was received, amended, and adopted, as follows:

1. Consideration of the Amendment to the Book of Church Order was postponed until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

2. That the following overture to the General Assembly be approved and forwarded to the Assembly as from the Presbytery: The Presbytery of Asheville, while recognizing the value of the Federal Council of the

Churches of Christ in America as the only organization representing and voicing the unity of the Protestant forces in this country, deplores certain activities of the Council in political and civil affairs which, in the judgment of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. as expressed in its Standards, are inconsistent with the spiritual nature of the Church as set forth in the Holy Scriptures.

The Presbytery of Asheville therefore hereby respectfully overtures the General Assembly in session at Montreat, N. C., May, 1929, to instruct the representatives of our Church in the Council to continue to bear faithful and unflagging testimony to the historic position of our Church and to enter formal protest to such activities or proposed activities on the part of the Council.

3. That the petition to the Presbytery to overture the Assembly to withdraw from the Federal Council be not granted.

S. L. Woodward, Chairman.

The Committee on the Records of Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted:

The Minutes of Presbytery, including the call meeting of Dec. 23, 1927, and the spring meeting, April 10, 1928, have been examined and found correct with the exception of the errors noted below:

Page 9: Instead of "South Carolina College" put "Presbyterian College of South Carolina." Page 10: Instead of "Maxwell Home," put "Maxwell Training School."

Minor typographical errors: Page 11: Last line, should end with a period. Page 17: Seventeenth from bottom, *session*. Page 27: Fourth from bottom, *Anderson*. Statistics: After name of Kenneth J. Foreman should be T not P.

Kenneth J. Foreman, Chairman.

The Auditing Committee found the books of the Treasurer in good condition, and balance correct as indicated. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was adopted:

1. That Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D., be excused from this meeting of Presbytery.

2. That Rev. T. A. Painter and Elder R. W. Teague be excused after the afternoon session of the first day.

3. That Rev. Wilmer MacNair and Elder S. L. Woodward be excused after the night session of the first day.

4. That Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. R.

Sevier, D.D., Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and Elder J. E. Osborne be excused after the morning session of the second day.

5. That Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., and Elder A. L. Leach be excused after the afternoon session of the second day.

6. This is the first time in thirty-six years that Dr. Campbell has asked to be excused from a session of Presbytery.

J. A. Flanagan, Chairman.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

That Rev. T. A. Painter, of Swannanoa, be appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon at the spring meeting and that he select his own subject.

That Rev. W. S. Wilson, D.D., be alternate to Mr. Painter.

By recent action of the Presbytery the Permanent Committee on Maxwell was discontinued and the members thereof, not already members of the Home Mission Committee, were added to the Home Mission Committee. The names are as follows:

Rev. S. R. Crocket, Messrs. H. A. Osborne, T. M. Slagle, R. L. Prevost, and Dr. Kelly Bennett.

That for Mr. J. A. Smythe (deceased) the following be substituted: Mr. Charles Grey on Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

That Mr. J. T. Bailey be a member of the Committee on Stewardship.

That Mr. G. C. Summerrow be a member of the Committee on Men of the Church, and that Mr. Bruce Drysdale be the chairman of this committee.

(Signed) F. Rauschenberg,
R. P. Smith,
G. C. Summerrow,
Committee.

Commissioners to the General Assembly of 1928, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, Elder E. E. White, and Elder S. L. Woodward, made their reports to Presbytery, and were commended for their diligence.

The report of Elder Gallatin Roberts of his attendance upon the session of the 1927 Assembly, which was received too late to be presented to the last meeting of Prsebytery, was received and his diligence commended.

There were no reports from the Trustees of Presbytery or the Trustees of Davidson College.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Pastor of the Waynesville Church to hold the next stated meeting in that Church.

Rev. S. R. Crockett and Elder H. C. Lindsley were appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises for the spring meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P.M. and engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions. The report was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. V. A. Crawford, and pending its consideration Rev. Paul S. VanDyke, of our Japan Mission, made an informing and inspiring address on the work of our Church in Japan.

The spirit of worship in the opening exercises was greatly stimulated by the singing of Presbytery's quartet: Messrs. W. K. Beaty, H. B. Dendy, Wm. H. Dendy, and E. T. Wilson.

The report:

1. We would remind Presbytery that we have two members of Presbytery, Revs. F. M. Eversole and P. P. Winn, laboring on the Foreign Field, both in Korea, and request the brethren to remember them in prayer.

2. We would call the attention of Presbytery to the financial report, found in our church papers, of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. The report for the first five months of the current year, shows a decrease of contributions from the gifts for the same period last year.

3. We would urge the churches to collect and remit to Presbytery's Treasurer their benevolent contributions *monthly*, so that near the end of the church year we shall not find ourselves with a large percentage of our benevolent quota unpaid.

4. We would request the pastors to familiarize themselves with the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee as published in the General Assembly's Committee reports, that they may be acquainted with the Foreign Mission situation as it exists in our church at present.

Recommendations:

1. That churches, societies and individuals assume, whenever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

2. That the approved Foreign Mission study book, "The Desire of All Nations," be studied in every church, preferably during the Foreign Mission month of January, 1929.

3. That ministers and churches utilize to the utmost the Foreign Mission programs, literature, sermon illustrations, stereopticon slides, and visits of missionaries, all to be had on request from the Foreign Mission office, in order that missions may be given its scriptural part in the life of all our churches.

4. That each church observe the week appointed by the General Assembly, Jan. 27 to Feb. 3, 1929, as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON A. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

In response to this report and the address of Rev. Paul S. VanDyke, and the singing of the quartet, Presbytery took the following action:

That the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, together with its recommendations, be adopted, that we express our appreciation to the committee and the chairman for the splendid presentation of the work, that we express to the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Paul S. VanDyke, our thanks for his helpful and inspiring address on Japan and assure him of our interest in and prayers for his work, and, that we express to our quartette our appreciation of the two selections that added so much to the service of the evening.

The Rev. P. V. Berry, of the Baptist Church of Weaverville, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The minutes were read and approved.

After singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Waynesville, N. C., Tuesday, April 16, 1929, at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

W. A. MURRAY, Moderator.
WM. H. DENDY, Temporary Clerk.

Attest:
WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Willis S. Wilson, S. C.

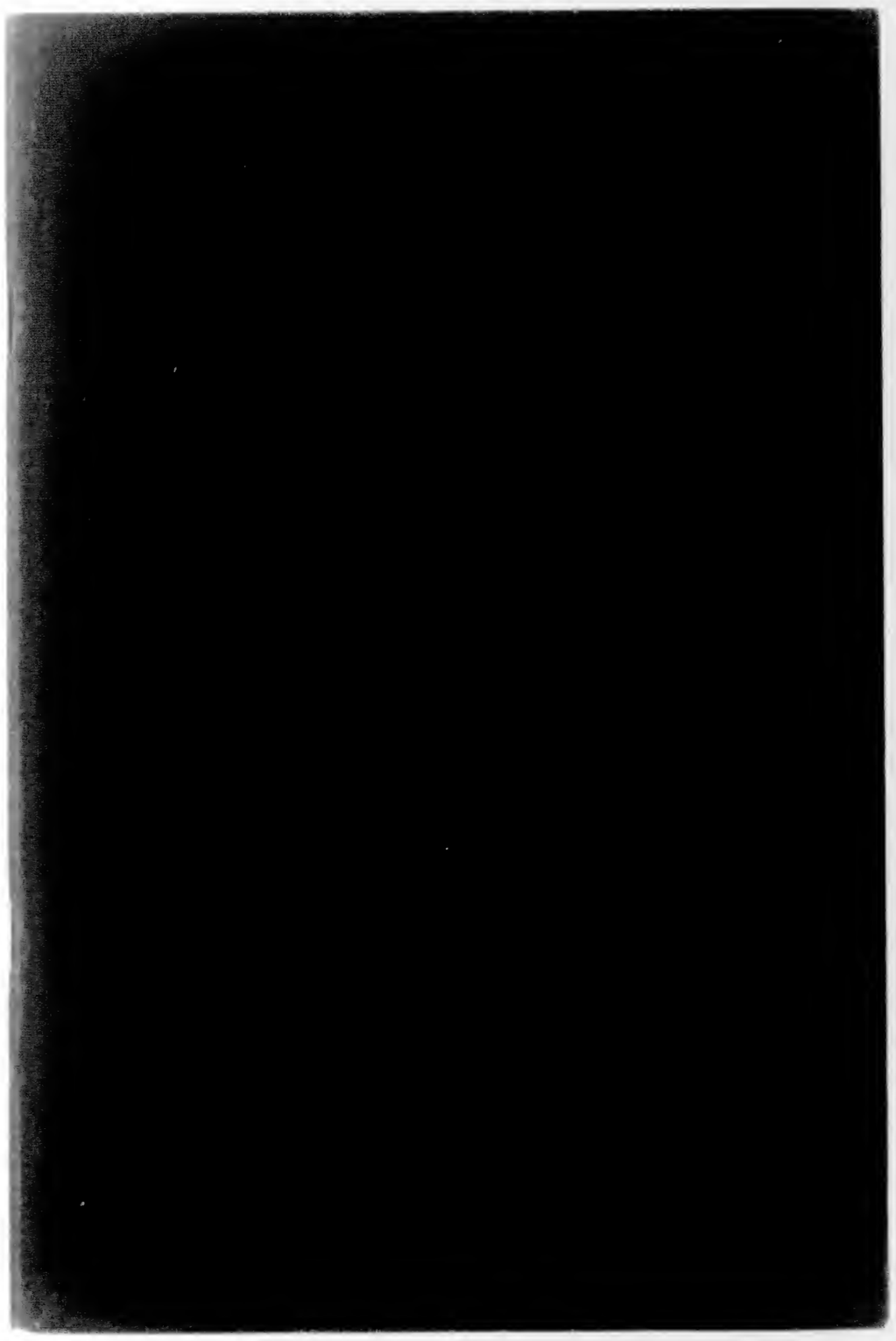
COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

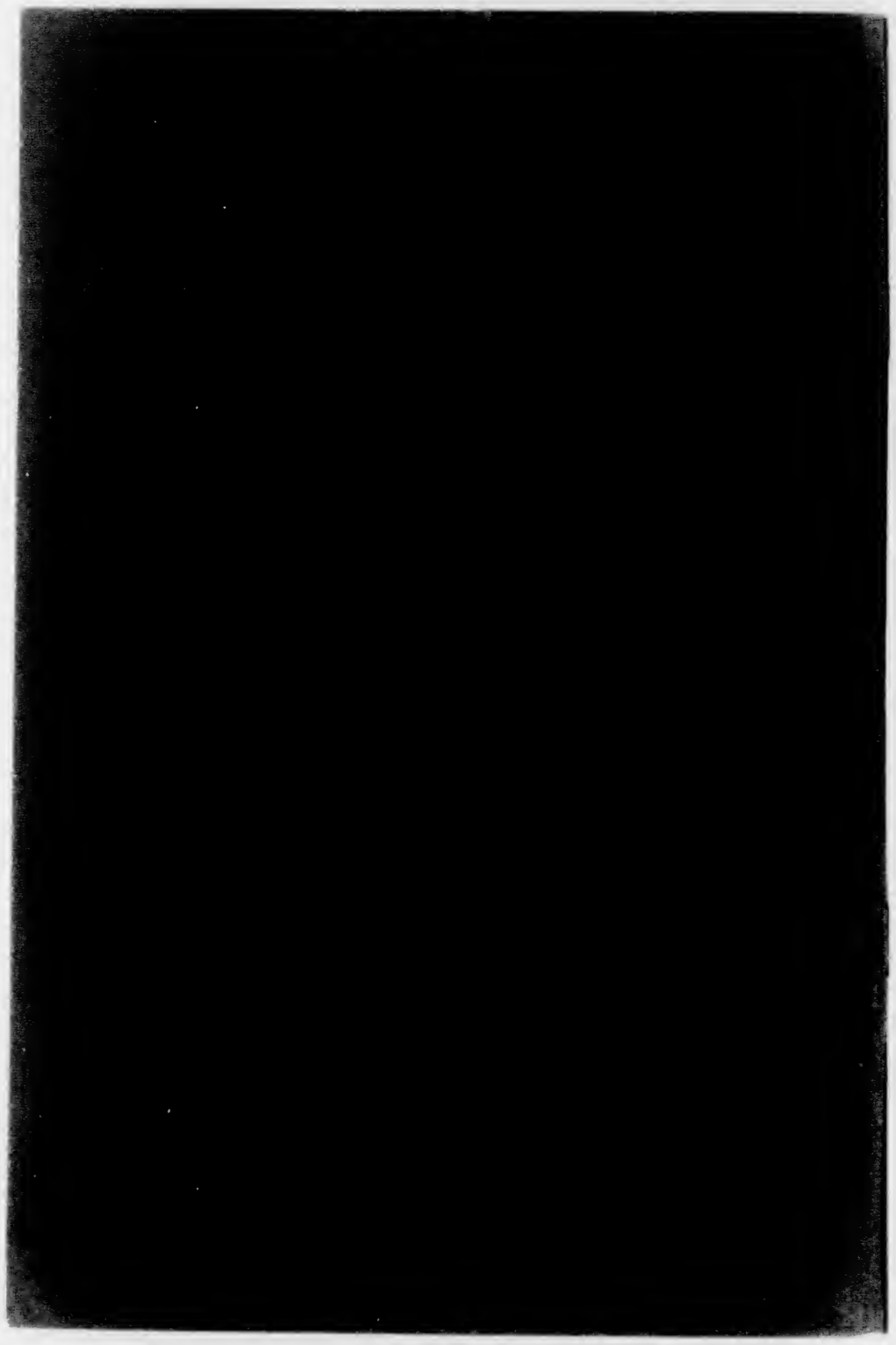
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.
Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.
Sciences—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Rev. W. K. Beaty.
Philosophy—Rev. Vernon A. Crawford.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. J. R. Sevier, D.D., and Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—Messrs. J. D. Murphy and D. S. Watson.

Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., whose term expires spring of 1930; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires spring of 1929.





The Minutes

of the

Presbytery of Asheville

Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 26, 1928; Call Meetings, Dec. 18, 1928, Jan. 7, 1929, Jan. 21, 1929, April 1, 1929.

STATED SPRING MEETING

THE

SIXTY-SIXTH

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

WAYNESVILLE, N. C.

APRIL SIXTEENTH

1929

ADJOURNED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 26, 1928.

Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, at 3:00 P.M., October 26, 1928.

The following members were present: Ministers, R. F. Campbell, W. A. Murray, H. B. Dendy, E. D. McMahan, R. P. Smith, F Rauschenberg, L. T. Wilds, Willis S Wilson; Elder, J. C. Blackwood of the Ora Street Church. Also Licentiate E. T. Wilson.

The Moderator presided and Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

A call for the pastoral services of Licentiate E. T. Wilson from the Ora Street Church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. After his acceptance of the call, Elder J. C. Blackwood and Licentiate E. T. Wilson were appointed a committee to arrange for his ordination and installation and the following report was made and adopted: Rev. Wilmer McNair to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. R. P. Smith to charge the pastor, Rev. E. D. McMahan to charge the people and Elder J. C. Blackwood to complete the commission. Rev. H. B. Dendy to be alternate to any one of the ministers, and Elder J. A. Edwards to be alternate to J. C. Blackwood. Time, October 28, 1928, at 7:30 P.M.

The matter of the Maxwell Training School and the financial situation there were taken up, and after considerable discussion in which the mounting debt in the running expenses was brought out, Presbytery, with a view to ultimately closing the school, appointed the Home Missions Committee as a commission to act in all matters pertaining to the Maxwell Training School.

Presbytery adjourney with prayer by the Moderator.

W. A. Murray, Moderator.

Willis S. Wilson, S. C.

CALL MEETING

Brevard, N. C., Dec. 18, 1928.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church of Brevard, N. C., Dec. 18, 1928, at 7:30 P.M., in compliance with the following call:

Black Mountain, N. C., Dec. 6, 1928.

The constitutional requirements having been complied with, Asheville Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the Brevard Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 1928, at 7:30 P.M., to confer Evangelistic powers on Rev. V. A. Crawford for work in Japan, in accordance with Paragraph 38 of the Book of Church Order.

W. A. Murray, Moderator.

The following members were present: Ministers, V. A. Crawford, F. Rauschenberg, E. D. McMahan, L. T. Wilds, E. T. Wilson and Willis S. Wilson; Elder T. S. Boswell of the Brevard Church.

Presbytery was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. F. Rauschenberg, the last Moderator present.

Dr. L. T. Wilds preached a very appropriate sermon from the text Mark 10:21. Rev. W. P. Chedester of the Presbytery of Mecklenberg, needing no introduction, was asked to sit as a visiting brother.

The following resolution was read and offered: That we do now appoint Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, who has been regularly ordained by this Presbytery, to labor as an Evangelist in Japan under the direction of the Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions, and that he is hereby commissioned, not only to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, but also entrusted with power to organize Churches and ordain Ruling Elders and Deacons therein.

Pending the adoption of this resolution, remarks were made by Revs. L. T. Wilds, E. D. McMahan, E. T. Wilson, Willis S. Wilson, and Elder S. P. Verner of the Brevard Church, expressing our regret at losing Mr. Crawford from the active work of this Presbytery and our assurance that our deep interest and our prayers would always follow him in his work in Japan.

The resolution was then adopted and at the request of the Moderator Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. Willis S. Wilson.

After appropriate remarks by the Moderator and a feeling response by Mr. Crawford and the singing of a hymn, and the reading and approval of the minutes, Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by Dr. L. T. Wilds.

F. Rauschenberg, Moderator.

Willis S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 7, 1929.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., in compliance with the following call:

Black Mountain, N. C., Dec. 26, 1928.

The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Monday, Jan. 7th, 1929, at 2:00 P.M., to transact the following business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. P. N. Gresham and the West Asheville Church.
2. To dismiss P. N. Gresham to Savannah Presbytery.

W. A. Murray, Moderator."

Rev. W. A. Murray, the Moderator, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present: Ministers, W. A. Murray, R. P. Smith, Wilmer MacNair, F. Rauschenberg, R. F. Campbell, P. N. Gresham and Willias S. Wilson; Elder John Scott of the West Asheville Church.

Rev. P. N. Gresham offered his resignation as pastor of the West Asheville Church and asked that the pastoral relation be dissolved. Elder John Scott reported that the

congregation at a congregational meeting had reluctantly concurred in this request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

On motion by Dr. R. P. Smith, the resignation was accepted and the pastoral relation dissolved. Brief remarks were made by Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. F. Rauschenberg and Dr. R. F. Campbell, expressing the esteem in which Brother Gresham is held by our Presbytery, both for his fine spirit and devotion to the Master and for his work's sake.

Brother Gresham was then dismissed to Savannah Presbytery.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Wilmer MacNair, were adopted, and a copy ordered sent to the Stated Clerk of Savannah Presbytery: "The Presbytery of Asheville, in dismissing the Rev. Paul N. Gresham to the Presbytery of Savannah, express our heartfelt regret in losing an efficient member of the Presbytery; pray God to continue His blessing on his further labors; and testify to his sincere and practical faithfulness as pastor, preacher, presbyter and citizen. We also add a further testimonial to Mrs. Gresham's faithful aid in church and community."

After brief remarks by Brother Gresham voicing his appreciation of the spirit of this Presbytery and his satisfaction in having been a member of it, the minutes were read and adopted and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith.

W. A. Murray, Moderator.
Willis S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 21, 1929.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church in compliance with the following call:

"Black Mountain, N. C., Jan. 10, 1929.

The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Monday, Jan. 21st, 1929, at 3:00 P.M., to act upon the resignation of Rev. V. A. Crawford as pastor of the Brevard Church and all matters connected therewith.

W. A. Murray, Moderator."

Rev. H. B. Dendy, the last Moderator present, presided and the meeting was led in prayer by Rev. E. T. Wilson.

The following members were present: Ministers, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, E. D. McMahan, S. R. Crockett, E. T. Wilson and Willis S. Wilson; Elders. J. A. Miller of the Brevard Church, and H. A. Osborne of the Bethel Church.

Mr. Miller presented the minutes of a Congregational Meeting held in the Brevard Church and resolutions adopted expressing their regret at the severance of the pastoral relation, and their prayers and good wishes for Mr. Crawford's success in his work in Japan. Though these papers did not place the resignation of Mr. Crawford formally before the Presbytery, the evidence in hand was considered sufficient and his resignation was accepted and the pastoral relation dissolved. Presbytery gave hearty expression to its appreciation of Mr. Crawford and wished him God-speed in his work in Japan.

Rev. W. P. Chedester of Mecklenberg Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and asked to sit as a visiting brother.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

H. B. Dendy, Moderator.
Willis S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting

Asheville, N. C., April 1, 1929.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., April 1, 1929, in compliance with the following call:

"Black Mountain, N. C., March 20, 1929.

The Constitutional requirements having been complied with, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., April 1, 1929, at 2:30 P.M., to transact the following business:

To act upon the resignation of Rev. A. T. Taylor as pastor of Hazelwood and Bethel Churches and all matters related thereto.

W. A. Murray, Moderator."

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, the last Moderator present, presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. D. McMahan.

The following members were present: Revs. F. Rauschenberg, H. B. Dendy, R. P. Smith, E. D. McMahan, R. F. Campbell, A. T. Taylor, S. R. Crockett, E. T. Wilson, Willis S. Wilson, and Elder G. C Summerow of the Hazelwood Church.

The call was read and found in order.

Rev. A. T. Taylor offered his resignation as pastor of the Hazelwood and Bethel Churches and asked that the pastoral relation be dissolved and that he be dismissed to Mecklenberg Presbytery.

The minutes of a Congregational Meeting at Bethel Church were read, showing that the congregation concurred in the above request. Elder G. C. Summerrow of the Hazelwood Church stated that this congregation also concurred.

The resignation of Rev. A. T. Taylor was then accepted, the pastoral relations dissolved and he was granted a letter of dismissal to Mecklenberg Presbytery. After the expression of regrets at losing the services of Mr. Taylor by members of the Presbytery, the minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. T. Wilson.

F. Rauschenberg, Moderator.
Willis S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING
of
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
SIXTY-SIXTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Waynesville, N. C., Tuesday, April 16, 1929.

Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church of Waynesville, N. C., at 11:00 A.M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. A. Murray, from the text, Gal. 1:4

The roll was called and the following ministers and elders found present: Ministers, W. Hooper Adams, J. P. Anderson, R. C. Anderson, W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, Wm. H. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, W. S. Hutchison, W. A. Murray, E. D. McMahan, Dunbar Ogden, Jr., T. A. Painter, F. Rauschenberg, R. P. Smith, L. T. Wilds, E. T. Wilson, Willis S. Wilson; Elders, L. B. Nichols, of Andrews; J. J. Conyers, of Asheville First; H. A. Osborne, of Bethel; S. W. Black, of Bryson City; J. T. Bailey, of Canton; C. A. Lowery, of Franklin; D. M. Killian, of Hazelwood; T. W. Bird, of Mills River; S. L. Woodward, of Montreat; J. H. Dillard, of Murphy; C. C. Morgan, of Oak Forest; J. A. Edwards, of Ora Street; L. H. Watkins, of Slagle Memorial; O. L. Merchant, of Swannanoa; I. J. Brown, of Waynesville; C. W. Medler, of Weaverville; John Scott, of West Asheville; R. W. Teague, of White Oak.

Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., was elected Moderator and Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: The morning sessions of the Presbytry to be held from 9:00 to 12:30; afternoon sessions, 2:00 to 5:00; evening sessions, 8:00 P.M., to adjourn at will. Rev. W. S. Hutchison to conduct the devotional exercises Wednesday

morning; Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. R. S. Eskridge to administer the Sacrament at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday morning, assisted by Elders T. W. Bird, J. J. Conyers, J. T. Bailey, L. B. Nichols, L. H. Watkins and S. L. Woodward. That Presbytery give Rev. Tilden Scherer, D.D., President of King College, an opportunity to speak Tuesday evening.

Rev. J. H. Gruver of Granville Presbytery, Rev. W. P. Chedester of Mecklenberg Presbytery and Rev. J. S. Millholland of Monongahela Presbytery (U.P.) were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The unprinted minutes were read and approved.

Order was taken for the reception of Mr. W. B. Penny as a candidate for the ministry at 2:00 P.M., and recess was taken until 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery was called to order at 2:00 P.M. and proceeded to the examination of Mr. W. B. Penny, a member of the Hendersonville Church, with a view to his reception as a candidate for the ministry. His testimonials and his examination being satisfactory, he was received under the care of this Presbytery. Dr. R. F. Campbell delivered a brief charge to the candidate.

The moderator announced the following:

Standing Committees:

1. **Bills and Overtures—**
   H. B. Dendy, S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward, L. B. Nichols.
2. **Judiciary—**
   E. D. McMahan, R. P. Smith, R. S. Eskridge, C. A. Lowry.
3. **Minutes of Synod—**
   W. S. Hutchison, R. W. Teague.
4. **Records of Sessions—**
   W. K. Beaty, Wm. H. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, Dunbar Ogden, Jr., John Scott, D. M. Killian, J. J. Conyers.
5. **Auditing—**
   J. T. Bailey, T. W. Bird.
6. **Nominations—**
   Willis S. Wilson, W. A. Murray, R. F. Campbell.

7. **Leave of Absence—**
   Wm. H. Dendy, I. J. Brown.
8. **Resolutions—**
   W. A. Murray, L. H. Watkins.
9. **Records of Presbytery—**
   R. S. Eskridge, O. L. Merchant, C. W. Medler.

Revs. R. S. Eskridge, F. M. Eversole, P. P. Winn and J. T. Mitchell were excused for absence from the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The following communications were received: A certificate of dismissal from Granville Presbytery of Rev. J. H. Gruver, the new Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage. After a satisfactory examination, Mr. Gruver was received and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

A request from the Canton Church requesting that title to their property be transferred to their own Board of Trustees. The request was granted and the Home Missions Committee was instructed to make the transfer.

A request from the librarian of the Austin Theological Seminary that we send them copies of the Minutes of this Presbytery and that we send them old copies of previous meetings to make a complete file. The first request was granted and the clerk instructed to comply with the second as far as possible.

A paper from Dr. Wm. J. Martin, giving a report of the situation at Davidson College, which was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Rev. Dunbar Ogden, Jr., offered his resignation as pastor of White Oak Church and asked that the pastoral relation be dissolved. The Church concurring in this request, the relation was dissolved, to take effect June 1, 1929.

Dr. R. P. Smith offered his resignation as Treasurer of Presbytery, on account of failing eyesight. Dr. R. F. Campbell moved that the resigation be accepted and that henceforth we would regard Dr. Smith as Treasurer Emeritus, Counsellor and Friend. There were many other

expressions of appreciation of Dr. Smith's worth and of his long and faithful service, after which the motion was carried.

The Committee previously appointed to nominate a successor to Dr. Smith as Treasurer, named Rev. H. B. Dendy, who was duly elected as the Treasurer of Asheville Presbytery.

The Commission to install Rev. T. A. Painter as pastor of the Swannanoa Church reported that duty performed at 11:00 A.M., Sunday, October 21, 1928.

The Commission to ordain and install Licentiate E. T. Wilson as pastor of the Ora Street Church reported that duty performed on October 28, 1928.

The Home Missions Committee, acting as a Commission in all matters pertaining to the Maxwell Training School, made the following report, which was adopted and the Commission discharged: The Commission carefully considered the matter committed to it in regard to the Maxwell Training School and by a unanimous vote decided that the work be continued. This action was based on the report of the sub-committee of the Home Missions Committee, which is as follows: "(I) We have in hand and in bank enough funds to pay all outstanding indebtedness and put the Maxwell Training School on a sound basis. (2) We recommend the continuance of the school and ask for the prayers and support of the Churches of the Presbytery."—R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Commission.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison was appointed Chairman pro tem of the Committee on Narrative.

Sessional reports were referred to the appropriate committees.

The temporary suspension of the Manual was removed. See page 15, Minutes of Fall Meeting.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P.M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

The Committee on Stewardship made the following report, which was approved:

We have had reports from twenty-seven churches. Of these nineteen took the E. M. C. We find that there were 1455 subscribers to the budget for benevolences, subscribing $24,088.00. We find 1630 subscribers to the local church budget subscribing $42,224.00. The reported value of church property is $640,000.00; of manses, $75,000.00, making a total of $715,000.000, with indebtedness of $28,222.00.

H. B. Dendy, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Church Societies was received, amended and its recommendations adopted:

It is the duty of this committee to make a report on Woman's Work and Young People's Work of this Presbytery. There is a suggestion here that these two ought to be very, very closely associated in all of our churches, the women specially fostering the work of the young people.

Taking up these two separately, let us consider—

1. **Woman's Work of Our Presbytery—**

Nineteen Sessions report organized woman's work in their churches, with a total membership of 1603 members, and a total contribution to all causes of 17,512.00.

The President of the Presbyterial, Mrs. R. C. Anderson, calls our attention to the following encouraging facts: Increase in Presbyterial membership, 451; increased contributions, $611; 23 more Bible Classes; a large increase in subscribers to Prayer Calendar, Survey, and Church Papers; 57 additional tithers; and 8 more Prayer Bands.

From such facts, we have the assurance that our women are zealous and faithful and diligent and are making gratifying progress in this their "work of faith and labor of love."

2. **Young People's Work of Our Presbytery—**

The report here is positively distressing and deplorable. Only 10 of our 30 churches report any organized Young People's work, with a total membership of only 421—and 23 churches made reports. So many report, "None," "No Work," "No Organization," "We have no organized work for Young People."

If "The Church of tomorrow walks in the boys and girls of today," what is to become of her when she is doing so little to train them for her leadership?

We recommend that our Stated Clerk call the attention of the sessions of our churches, and of the Presbyterial in session next week, to this vital matter and that the sessions be urged to take some definite action, securing the co-operation of the Auxiliaries, since it is the earnest and faithful women of our church generally who promote and direct the work of our young people.

L. T. Wilds, Chairman.

Presbytery engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell, the Chairman of the Committee, presided and read the report, which is given below. The recommendations of this report were adopted.

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Superintendent of Home Missions, read his report, which is also given below.

Rev. Tilden Scherer, President of King College, addressed the Presbytery on the campaign for the standardization of that institution, and the interest of the meeting was greatly quickened by the singing of the Presbyterial quartette.

Report of F. Rauschenberg, Superintendent of Home Missions

I submit herewith a summary of the work for the past year:

In the prosecution of my labors I have traveled 10,471 miles, preached 108 times, taught 29 Bible classes, written 528 letters. My expenses amounted to $389.13 with receipts of $120.34.

In May, September, and January I sent out the regular calls through the Builders' League, 638 in number, and followed some of these with second notices. We began the church year with $163.89 on hand. The three calls brought in $1,198.69, making a total of $1,362.58. This was expended as follows: Andrews Manse, $200.00, completing the $1,000.00 appropriation; Weaverville Church, $1,000.00 in full; Covenanter Manse water line, $135.11, $25.58 expense and $2.00 check returned, this latter being made good. A total expenditure of $1,362.58, leaving the treasury bare.

The record of the Builder's League to date is: Paid to Hazelwood Manse, $1,000.00; White Oak Church, Hepco, $885.00; Andrews Manse, $1,000.00; Weaverville Church, $1,000.00, and Covenanter Manse water line, $135.11. The total expense in securing this fund of $4,020.11 was $90.44.

Dring the year the Franklin Church completed a new Manse without any help from the committee. Swannanoa and Oak Forest are building Manses that they hope to soon have completed. A Manse is badly needed at Black Mountain. Your committee has made an appropriation of $1,000.00 to this field and this is the only object of the call to be issued in May. The League has been of great value to the work and by all means should be kept prominently before the people as a most worthy enterprise.

I have published Our Mountain Work regularly during the year. The subscription year of the paper does not coincide with the church year, hence there is some confusion in rendering the report. The paper year begins November 1st, this being the time Presbytery ordered resumption of publication after its suspension.

Thirteen hundred copies are printed each month and sent to all the churches, about 500 going to the First Church, Asheville, alone. The following churches have paid for the current year subscriptions expiring in November, 1929: West Asheville, Montreat, Hazelwood, Black Mountain, Davidson River, Franklin, Hendersonville, Mills River, Etowah, Bryson City, Swannanoa, Covenanters, Murphy, Waynesville. Amounts received from these churches, together with private subscriptions, have paid our bills through March, leaving only $14.96 to apply on the April issue, with six more months of the paper year before us.

During the year the following men have begun work in the Presbytery: In the Mission Churches, Rev. E. T. Wilson at Ora Street, and Rev. Wm. H. Dendy at Andrews. In the Self-supporting churches, Rev. T. A. Painter at Swannanoa, and Rev. W. Hooper Adams at Bryson City. A Sunday School has been organized at Red Oak and we have a petition containing 26 names asking for the organization of a church at Highlands, N. C.

I have done very little evangelistic preaching during the year, as your committee felt that emphasis should be placed upon the Superintendent work and the varied details be looked after. However, I found time to conduct meetings at Covenanters, Curlee's Chapel,

Davidson River and Bingham Heights. In addition, special meetings with good results were held at Canton, Biltmore Heights, West Asheville, Weaverville, First Church, Asheville; Franklin, Montreat, Hendersonville, Oak Forest and Ora Street. Fifteen meetings in all.

I have sought faithfully to discharge the duties assigned me and have made a detailed written report each month to the committee.

During the past few months I have seriously considered engaging in general evangelistic work and have sent out a preliminary announcement to that effect.

Last May I was offered the position of Chaplain and Professor of Bible in the Georgia Military Academy, located at College Park, Ga., where I was pastor for six years. Within the past month this position has been tendered me again. It is a thing of profound significance when a secular institution of learning, recognizing the soul problems of the students, seeks to inaugurate the office of Chaplain and Department of Bible.

Columbia University has lately appointed three religious advisers —Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish—to look after the spiritual needs of students belonging to these faiths.

Col. J. C. Woodward, the founder and President of G. M. A., is an Elder of many years' standing in our church. I was intimately associated with him for six years and am well acquainted with his high spiritual ideals for his boys. Consistently through the twenty-nine years of the school's life he has stressed the spiritual, thereby building an institution that ranks at the top.

This renewed call has weighed upon my soul. The wonderful possibilities in constantly touching the lives of boys—Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish—in an ever-flowing stream, and in the crucial years of boyhood and young manhood, together with the opportunity for evangelistic services and supply work, lead me to desire to be used of God in this way.

I am therefore tendering to you, through your committee, my resignation to take effect May 1st, and request that you give me permission to accept the call to the Chaplaincy of the Georgia Military Academy and also to serve as an Evangelist as I may have opportunity.

It is with genuine regret that I sever my connection with Asheville Presbytery as Superintendent of Home Missions, which position I assumed on October 1st, 1924, succeeding the venerable and beloved Dr. R. P. Smith, who became Superintendent-Emeritus at the next Spring Meeting.

My associations with the Home Mission Committee, with all those most intimately connected with the leadership of the work, and with all with whom I have labored in the field, have been most pleasant. I pray God's richest blessings upon the work and the workers. I thank you for your kindness to me and crave a continued interest in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Rauschenberg.

Report of the Home Missions Committee.

In presenting this report to the Presbytery, it may be well to take a look backward.

This Presbytery was organized on the 2nd day of December, 1896, in the First Presbyterian Church fo Asheville. Rev. E. A. Sample, pastor of the Hendersonville Church, having been appointed by the Synod of North Carolina as Moderator, opened the meeting with a sermon.

One of the first acts of the Presbytery was the appointment of an Executive Committee, consisting of Rev. R. F. Campbell, chairman, Rev. H. M. Parker, secretary; Elders, W. A. Blair and A. T. Summerly, and Mr. T. S. Morrison, who at that time was a Deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

The Presbytery conferred unusual powers on the Executive Committee, giving practically the powers of a Commission to act on all ordinary matters between the Stated Meetings of the Presbytery. There were at that time only ten ministers, one of them, Rev. D. T. Towles, infirm and without a charge, and two of them colored men, leaving only seven pastors of white churches. The churches were widely scattered, and the roads bad, and at times impassable. These conditions made it very inconvenient for the Presbytery to hold Call Meetings, and it was for this reason that such large powers were conferred on the Executive Committee. That Committee was intrusted not only with the supervision of Presbyterial Home Missions, but matters connected with Foreign Missions and all the other beneficent causes were committed to it.

At the first meeting of the Executive Commitee, Dec. 2nd and 3rd, 1896, $707.00 was apportioned to the churches to be raised for Home Missions within the bounds of the Presbytery. When we note that the minutes of the General Assembly for 1928 show $9,012.00 raised by these churches for Presbyterial Home Missions, we get some idea of how far we have advanced in the work. The other benevolent causes show a proportionate increase.

At that time the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, from which the new Presbytery had been set off, agreed to contribute $500 to aid us in our Home Mission work and to give us, part of the time, the services of Rev. R. P. Smith, who was the Evangelist of the mother Presbytery.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, May 4th, 1898, the following recommendation to Presbytery was passed: "That this Committee, heretofore known as the Executive Committee, be called hereafter the Committee of Home Missions, and that the causes of Foreign Missions, Education, Publication and Colportage and Bible Cause be put under the charge of special agents to be elected yearly at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery."

This recommendation was adopted and what had been the Executive Committee became the Committee of Home Missions. It will be seen from this action that the Executive Committee, so far from seeking to usurp authority, requested on its own initiative to be relieved of a large part of the supervision of the work that had been committed to it.

At the same meeting, May 4th, 1898, it was recommended "That an appropriation not exceeding $150.00 be made to furnish Rev. R. P. Smith, our Evangelist, with a horse and buggy and to enable him to employ a young man to assist him in his work." Dr. Smith chose Licentiate R. S. Eskridge, and the two spent three months in a tour of investigation into the needs of the field within the bounds of the Presbytery, and upon the basis of their report the general policy of the Home Missions work was based.

At a meeting of the Committee, Oct. 24th, 1899, Rev. R. P. Smith was elected Evangelist for his whole time, subject to the action of Presbytery. This was made possible through the generosity of Mr. John F. Love, Elder in the First Church, Gastonia, N. C., and Mr. C. E. Graham, Elder in First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Smith's service as full-time Evangelist began Jan. 1st, 1900, and has continued ever since with consecrated devotion and abundant fruitfulness. Some years ago the title of the office was changed from "Evangelist" to "Superintendent of Home Missions."

There are many other interesting things in the history of this committee and its workings. As chairman I can say that no committee with which I have ever been associated or acquainted has rendered more faithful or devoted service. For the period of nearly thirty-three years of its existence monthly meetings have been held and the members of the Committee have shown wonderful fidelity in the discharge of their duties.

It ought to be noted that Mr. J. B. Shope was elected Secretary of the Committee on May 18th, 1898, Rev. H. M. Parker, who was Secretary up to that time, having removed from our bounds, and that Mr. Shope served as Secretary till March 4th, 1927, a period of twenty-nine years, when he was made Secretary Emeritus with resolutions of appreciation for his long and faithful service.

In a brief sketch like this it is impossible to mention the names of all those who have rendered faithful service as members of this Committee. I cannot, however, pass over the name of Mr. T. S. Morrison without calling attention to his notable record. He was one of the original members of the Committee, and from the day of his appointment, Dec. 2nd, 1896, to the day of his death, June 13th, 1926, a period of nearly thirty years, he missed only three of the monthly meetings of the Committee, and these absences were due either to sickness or absencce from the city. Mr. Morrison was a man of unusual business ability, and with consecrated devotion he gave to the work of this Presbytery and to the cause of Christ through the Home Missions Committee, the very best that was in him. The value of the service he rendered cannot be estimated.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery accept with regret the resignation of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg as Supernitendent of Home Missions and assures him of our appreciation of his faithful service and of our prayers for God's blessing on him in all his future labors. That we give him permission to accept the call to the Georgia Military Academy and commend him to the Christian fellowship and co-operation of the brethren where God may call him to serve as an Evangelist.

2. That the Home Missions Commitee be authorized to make the best temporary arrangement possible for the Superintendency of the Home Mission work and that it be authorized to elect a successor to Mr. Rauschenberg as soon as the way is clear.

3. That pastors be directed to see that wherever possible two Treasurers, one for local expenses and one for benevolent causes, be elected in each church, and that pastors instruct the Treasurer of the benevolent causes to send all contributions as promptly as possible to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

4. That the following appropriations for the current ecclesiastical year be approved: Franklin Group, $900.00; Hazelwood Group, $775.00; White Oak, $375.00; Oak Forest, $600.00; Mills River Group, $300.00; Andrews, $1,200.00; Covenanters, $1,350.00; Weaverville, $1,875.00; Ora Street, $600.00; Highlands, $600.00.

R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

The Committee on Records of Presbytery recommended that the records be approved without exception. The report was adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until 9:00 A. M., Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:00 A.M. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., was received, after satisfactory examination, from the Presbytery of Enoree, and enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

Dr. R. P. Smith addressed the Presbytery on the material, educational, social, and spiritual growth of the territory occupied by the Presbytery since the Presbytery was organized.

Rev. J. H. Gruver, the new Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, was heard on the beginnings of his work in that institution.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read and approved, and is as follows:

Presbytery's Missions	$13,021.60
Assembly's Home Missions	1,166.88
Synod's Home Missions	1,176.59
Foreign Missions	9,500.69
Colleges	1,563.80
Ministerial Relief	1,360.99
S. S. Extension	978.63
Bible Cause	404.19
Orphanage	14,855.11
Maxwell School	4,555.03
Montreat Normal	1,649.96
Miscellaneous	783.39

Balance to disburse, $1,916.31.

R. P. Smith, Treasurer.

Presbytery approved the proposed amendment to the Book of Church Order.

Rev. S. H. Chester, D.D., of the Presbytery of Nashville was introduced to the Presbytery and asked to sit as a visiting brother.

The Committee on the Consolidation of Schools made the following report, which was adopted: Whereas, the Maxwell School, under the control of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and the Farm School, under the control of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., are located in the bounds of Asheville Presbytery and exist substantially for the same purpose, the following named committee: R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, W. S. Wilson and H. B. Dendy, be requested to negotiate with those in control of the Farm School to see if arrangements can be made to unite these schools on a basis satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes to prepare for the Communion service, after which the report of the Foreign Missions Committee was read by the Temporary Chairman, Dr. L. T. Wilds, and pending its adoption, Dr. J. B. Woods of our China Mission, gave a most helpful address on the work in China. The report was then adopted and is as follows:

Your committee would first explain the absence of its Chairman, Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, presenting as his excuse for absence the fact that he has himself gone as a missionary to our Japanese foreign mission field. The Presbytery should be grateful to the Lord that He has thus called one of its pastors to this supreme service and should congratulate our brother upon his acceptance of the call.

We would suggest that the following facts, which are impressive as giving some conception of the importance and scope of our endeavors on the foreign field, should be presented to the churches of our Presbytery. Our Southern Presbyterian Church maintains nine missions in six foreign countries, with 54 stations, 959 out-stations, 481 missionaries, 1,278 lay workers—adding to our church rolls, during the years 1927-1928, 3,619 members. It supports 966 schools, with an enrolment of over 33,000, and 1,316 Sunday Schools, with a membership of 66,374. It supports 28 missionary doctors and 19 nurses, in 22 hospitals and 16 dispensaries, assisted by 30 native

doctors and 185 native nurses; treating a total of 272,125 patients. And all of this during the year at a cost of only $1,663,068. One reason that many of our people are not interested is that they are not informed. Such facts will give the information that will create the inspiration necessary to the enlisting of their prayers and gifts to the carrying out of the Great Commission as it relates to the foreign field.

We recommend the adoption of the following recommendations of the Executive Commitee:

1. That the Presbytery at this meeting engage in special prayer for such an outpouring of the Spirit on our churches as will enable the Executive Committee to send to all our Missions the desperately needed reinforcements for which they are pleading, and will bring our whole Church into a deeper sympathy with Him on whose great heart lay ever closest and heaviest the burden of the unreached.

2. That churches, societies, and individuals assume, wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

3. That ministers give special attention this year to the missionary education program of their churches, noting the aid offered them by the Foreign Mission Educational Department in working out better means of keeping their churches informed with regard to Foreign Missions.

4. That all our church leaders utilize to the utmost the Foreign Missions programs, literature, stereopticon slides, and visits from foreign missionaries, offered by the Educational Department, in order that missions may be given its scriptural place in all departments of our church life.

5. That during January, 1930, every church in the General Assembly organize a Church School of Missions, using the approved Foreign Mission study books for each age group.

6. That Foreign Mission Chairmen of Synods and Presbyteries arrange with the Foreign Mission office for missionary itineraries among all the churches within their bounds as often as opportunity affords.

7. That Sunday Schools focus their attention this year upon the Foreign Mission Educational Work, designating their Foreign Mission contributions to the $100,000.00 being raised in the Sunday Schools for this work, such offerings to be credited to the local church Foreign Mission Budget.

8. That Young People's Societies focus their attention this year upon the rehabilitation of our medical work in China, designating their Foreign Mission offerings to the $10,000.00 being raised in the Societies for this work, such offerings to be credited to the local church Foreign Mission budget.

Respecftully submitted,

L. T. Wilds.

After the adoption of this report the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, and recess was taken until 2:00 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was received, amended and adopted. The records of the following churches were approved without exception: Montreat, Canton, Waynesville, Black Mountains, Hendersonville, Covenanters, Davidson River, Etowah and Franklin. Only five churches—Hayesville, Red Oak, Robert Bingham, Rugby and Ivy Park—failed to send up their records for review, and of these Red Oak, Rugby and Ivy Park have no sessions.

Dr. D. W. Richardson addressed the Presbytery on Union Seminary. He spoke hopefully of the recovery of Dr. E. C. Caldwell from his serious and distressing accident, and Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell for the Seminary and for Dr. Caldwell. Presbytery also directed that a telegram be sent to Dr. Caldwell expressing our sympathy and our hope for his recovery.

Dr. R. C. Anderson spoke briefly on the work at Montreat, and Dr. S. H. Chester and Rev. H. B. Dendy made brief commendatory remarks. Presbytery then, by formal vote, commended Dr. Anderson for his great work.

The report of the Nominating Committee was made and adopted and is as follows:

Home Missions Committee—
For P. N. Gresham—Willis S. Wilson.
For F. Rauschenberg—New Superintendent of Home Missions.

Assembly's Home Missions—
For F. Rauschenberg—R. P. Smith.

Religious Education—
For P. N. Gresham—Wm. H. Dendy.
For Dunbar Ogden, Jr.—J. H. Gruver.
For J. E. Lancaster—S. C. Clapp.

Church Societies—
For L. T. Wilds—W. K. Beaty.
For P. N. Gresham—W. Hooper Adams.

Vacancy and Supply—
For F. Rauschenberg—J. R. Sevier.

Bible Cause—
For J. E. Lancaster—S. P. Verner.

Committees on Examination—
Languages: For Willis S. Wilson—J. A. Flanagan.
Philosophy: For V. A. Crawford—W. Hooper Adams.
In addition—E. T. Wilson.

For Trustee of Davidson College, that Mr. Ruffner Campbell be elected to succeed himself.

That Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., be appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon at the Fall Meeting, and that he select his own subject. Rev. W. S. Hutchison to be alternate to Dr. Richardson.

That Rev. Willis S. Wilson be elected Stated Clerk for a term of three years.

The Commitee on Religious Education reported as follows:

The Assembly Minutes of 1928 credit Asheville Presbytery with 28 Sabbath Schools having an enrolment of 4,659. In addition to these, there are Mission Schools at Montreat Gate, Lakey's Gap, Kerlee's Chapel, Highlands, Biltmore Heights, and Oteen.

At this session we have received reports from 27 schools. They have a membership of 4,553 and have contributed to all causes, $5,217.00. There were added to the church on profession of faith 115 pupils.

The Richmond Committee has requested us to call attention to the following in our report:

1. The evangelistic opportunity of the Sunday School. Due to the multiplication of machinery and programs we are making these methods an end rather than a means to an end, and are losing sight of the supreme goal of all Sunday School work which is soul-winning and training for service.

2. You should stress the importance of Teacher Training in every school. This is now possible through the correspondence courses where the teachers do not have access to organized schools. We report over 10,000 certificates issued during the past year.

3. It has been demonstrated that enough workers can be found in practically every local church to set up an effective Vacation Bible School. Steps should be taken to secure one or more trained leaders to set up these schools in the small churches and in many cases groups of churches can send their young folks to a common center. Free leaflets giving instructions about the set-up of Vacation Schools are available.

4. The importance of the observance of Rally Day in every school on October 6, 1929, should be strongly stressed. This gives the schools an opportunity to plan for aggressive forward steps in their local work and also an opportunity to make an offering which will give Sunday School privileges to the neglected children of the South.

5. The use of our own periodicals should be urged. The country is being flooded with literature of a most dangerous sort because of the subtle way in which heresy is presented.

6. We are making generous donations each year of periodicals, books, Bibles, tracts, etc., which we consider one of the most helpful services we are rendering, and the best possible use we can make of a portion of the earnings of our Business Department. If it seems wise to you, this policy should be commended and the Assembly should be overtured to direct us to continue our donation policy within limits of the earning capacity of the Business Department. There is a subtle, but powerful, effort being made to have us suspend the donation of books, etc., with the purpose of diverting our earnings to promoting other enterprises of the Church. We think your Presbytery would do well to express itself strongly on this point.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Rauschenberg, Chairman.

This report was adopted but considerable discussion was provoked in regard to our Sunday School literature. As a result, Presbytery directed its Chairman on Religious Education to write to the Executive Secretary of the Assembly's Committee of Religious Education, calling attention to the criticisms voiced in this discussion.

Dr. C. G. Martin, pastor of the Baptist Church of Waynesville, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Prof. S. L. Woodward was heard in the interest of the Montreat Normal School and several of the brethren made supplementary remarks commending the good work being done at the Montreat Normal.

Licentiate A. J. Luck made his report, which was accepted and his diligence commended. At his own request he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Rio Grande (U.S.A.) In addition, the Stated Clerk was directed to write to the Stated Clerk of the Rio Grande Presbytery commending Mr. Luck.

The Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported as follows:

Education for the Ministry and Mission Service—

Aided for the year 336 candidates—284 preparing for the ministry, 4 for medical mission work and 48 young women for various church ministries—an increase of 9 candidates. Total amount forwarded, $42,564.00—a decrease of $4,914 of amount forwarded. On March 31 Presbyteries reported 694 candidates for the ministry on their rolls.

Ministerial Relief—

Aid to the amount of $193,569.00 was sent to the homes of 173 ministers, 248 widows, 48 orphans in 34 deceased ministers' homes and to 6 commissioned lay workers—a total of 466 homes. This is an increase of 6 homes and of $5,277.00 remitted as compared with last year. During the year 12 ministers, 6 widows and 1 lay missionary were removed from the roll by death.

The Student Loan Fund—

Loans for the year were made to 271 studnets (142 women and 129 men) to the amount of $39,615. As compared with last year this is a decrease of 2 students but an increase of $615 loaned. Fifty-three applications from worthy students from poor Presbyterian homes, who desired to attend our Presbyterian colleges had to be denied on account of lack of funds.

University Work—

During the year the Committee has challenged 15 Synods to larger support of work among the Presbyterian students at 43 of the state and independent institutions of higher education. $13,958.00 has been forwarded from our funds for this work—a decrease of $2,547.00 as compared with last year. We should have immediately at least $50,000.00 for this important and far-reaching work.

Schools and Colleges—

The Survey of the Educational Work and Responsibility of the Church, made by Dr. B. Warren Brown and Dr. W. O. Thompson, was carefully studied by the Presbyterian Educational Association of the South, by Synodical Committees and by all the Synods. Clear, well-defined objectives for future work are being determined.

Student Work—

The last Assembly urged that we increase efforts to keep the students of the Church in vital contact with the life and worship and work of the Church. Our field secretaries are being wonderfully used along this line.

Financial—

Received from living donors for current use, $235,118.00, an increase of $24,420.00; from interest, rent, refunds, legacies, etc., $117,794.00, an increase of $18,411.00 because we did not take out $20,000.00 for the Sinking Fund, as usual. We carried over a debt of $48,286.00 to the bank and of $6,050.00 to the Special Educational Fund—a total of $54,336.00. We have now reduced this debt to $26,235.00. We thank God and take courage.

The Presbytery of Asheville wishes to place on record a grateful expression of sincere appreciation of the abounding hospitality so graciously extended to us by the Waynesville Church and community. We wish to thank the pastor, Rev. S. R. Crockett, and his

efficient co-workers for their work and especially the ladies for providing such delicious and satisfying lunches. Nothing that could add to our comfort and pleasure has been left undone. The memory of our delightful stay here will ever abide with us."

W. A. Murray, Chairman.

The Presbytery endorsed the Ministers' Annuity Fund and cordially recommended it to the officers and congregations for their approval and co-operation.

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion reported difficulty in securing reliable data upon which to base conclusions. The Narrative sent up to Presbytery indicated good attendance on the services of the church. These narratives indicate a deplorable neglect of Family Worship, good Sabbath observance and a very varied state of opinion on the question of Worldly Conformity. "The Committee recommends that the Presbytery urge sessions to fill Narrative blank more adequately and that at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery we make Sabbath and Family Religion the center of discussion in the popular meeting on the State of Religion." The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Records of Synod reported nothing in the records requiring the action of Presbytery and that the records are exceptionally well kept. They recommend that Presbytery urge our ministers to read them. This recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report, which was adopted:

The request of the Bryson City Church that they be permitted to employ Rev. W. Hooper Adams as Stated Supply until the Fall Meeting of Presbytery was granted.

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply reported that there had been no occasion to use the Assembly's Bureau during the year.

The Auditing Committee approved the books of Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Superintendent of Home Missions, and of Dr. R. P. Smith, Treasurer of Presbytery, and their report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that nothing had come before them and the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on Judiciary reported no business and was discharged.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report, which was adopted:

Reports from the Montreat Normal School and Davidson College have been received. Both these institutions have enjoyed a prosperous year. The Normal School asks our pastors to put the school in touch with worthy young girls and solicit added scholarships. Davidson shows increasing financial strength. Dr. Martin has rseigned as President, taking effect at the close of the present session.

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

During the year ending March 31, the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions assisted in the support of 663 Home Missionaries, who served 722 organized mission enterprises, and carried the Gospel either as teacher or evangelist to 298 other communities. Except for the ministry of these heroic men and women, thousands of human beings on the highways and byways of our country would never hear the Gospel

The Assembly's Home Missions represents the advance line of our denominational progress. Through the service of the Assembly's Committee nineteen churches and thirty-six Sunday Schools were organized. Ten churches were brought to self-support and fifteen churches were assisted by loan or donation in erecting houses of worship. There were 5,188 additions to the church upon profession of faith and 2,810 by certificates.

The total receipts from all sources were $532,363.00, which was $35,230.00 less than the total received in 1928, and $231,305.00 short of the amount assigned this cause in the church's benevolent budget. The General Assembly has directed that the appropriations to the Presbyteries and Missions in any one year cannot exceed the average of the actual receipts of the two preceding calendar years. In obedience to this order of the Assembly it was necessary to cut

$46,572.00 from last year's appropriations. To reduce appropriations this amount and not still further injure the work, it was impossible to make provision for the payment of the Committee's indebtedness.

In four years, because of the shortage of funds, there has been a decrease of 165 in the number of enterprises, and a decrease of 160 in the number of workers aided. When this decrease in the work of Home Missions is considered in the light of the other fact that Home Mission churches as a class show a larger percentage of gain upon profession, how long can the Southern Presbyterian Church survive these losses and continue to lead the denomination in productive Evangelism?

It is the judgment of your Committee that there is no agency doing more for our denominational progress, or one that is more deserving of the support of the whole church than the Assembly's Home Missions.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That Sunday Schools be urged to study Home Missions as a part of the church's great missionary responsibility, and that Sunday, June 30, be the annual Home Mission Day, with a special offering for Assembly's Home Missions.

2. That November be assigned as the time for Home Mission study and preaching in all the churches, and November 17-24 as the Annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions.

3. That pastors be urged to preach on some phase of Assembly's Home Missions during November, and that Home Mission topics be used for prayer meeting discussions during Home Mission Month.

F. Rauschenberg, Chairman.

Dr. R. F. Campbell moved that the salary of Rev. H. B. Dendy, the new Treasurer of Presbytery, be $600.00, in addition to the expense of his office. This was adopted.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Swannanoa Church to hold the Stated Fall Meeting in that Church.

The Statistical Report to the General Assembly and the Report of Sabbath Schools were adopted as presented by the Stated Clerk and ordered forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

Rev. T. A. Painter and Elder O. L. Merchant were appointed as the Devotional Committee for the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery was led in prayer for divine guidance in choosing Commissioners to the General Assembly and the following Commissioners were elected: Ministers, F. Rauschenberg, with Rev. Wilmer MacNair as his alternate; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., with Rev. S. R. Crockett as his alternate Elders, J. F. Justice, with J. J. Conyers as his alternate; R. L. Prevost, with J. T. Bailey as his alternate.

The Manual was amended as follows: Substitute time for Foreign Mission meeting for time for Presbyterial Sermon.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday Evening Session

Presbytery assembled at 7:30 P. M., and heard the Presbyterial sermon by Rev. T. A. Painter, pastor of the Swannanoa Church; subject, "The Power of the Gospel." Text, Romans 1:16.

The financial report of the Maxwell Training School was read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved: Leave of absence was granted after the afternoon session Tuesday to John Scott, C. A. Lowery, J. A. Flanagan. After the morning session Wednesday to C. C. Morgan, W. Hooper Adams. After the afternoon session Wednesday to W. A. Murray, J. H. Gruver, D. W. Richardson, W. S. Hutchison, T. W. Bird, F. Rauschenberg, L. B. Nichols, J. P. Anderson, R. W. Teague, J. J. Conyers, C. M. Medler, W. K. Beaty, H. B. Dendy and R. P. Smith. Rev. K. J. Foreman was excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

After the singing of a hymn, Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Swannanoa, N. C., Tuesday, October 15, 1929, at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

L. T. Willis, Moderatro.

Dunbar Ogden, Jr., Temporary Clerk.

Attest: Willis S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Willis S. Wilson, S. C.

Committees on Examination

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Scicences—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Rev. W. K. Beaty.

Philosophy—Rev. W. Hooper Adams and Rev. E. T. Wilson.

Eccleciastical History — Rev W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Church Government and Sacraments—Rev. J. R. Sevier, D.D., and Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D.

Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., and Rev. Willis S. Wilson, D.D.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—Messrs. J. D. Murphy and D. S. Watson.

Trustees of Davidson College—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., whose term expires spring of 1930; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires spring of 1931.

Roll of Churches	Contingent Fees	Clerks of Sessions
Andrews	$8.00	D. S. Russell
Asheville First	200.00	George H. Wright
Bethel	10.00	H. A. Osborne
Black Mountains	25.00	W. H. McMurray
Brevard	25.00	J. A. Miller
Bryson City	20.00	S. W. Black
Canton	25.00	R. J. Sprang
Covenanters	8.00	W. C. Dillingham
Davidson River	18.00	R. L. Gash
Etowah	4.00	M. R. Anderson
Franklin	15.00	C. A. Lowery
Hayesville	4.00	John S. Evans
Hazelwood	10.00	T. G. Miller
Hendersonville	75.00	J. E. Ockerman

Ivy Park	4.00	
Mills River	16.00	T. W. Bifd
Montreat	50.00	I. J. Archer
Morrison	8.00	G. R. McPherson
Murphy	20.00	John H. Dillard
Oak Forest	8.00	Candler Morgan
Ora Street	15.00	J. C. Blackwood
Robert Bingham	5.00	A. E. Eve
Red Oak	5.00	
Rugby	3.00	
Slagle Memorial	8.00	T. M. Slagle
Swannanoa	16.00	L. E. Reighard
Waynesville	25.00	H. C. Lindsley
Weaverville	10.00	George Hartfield
West Asheville	25.00	W. T. Snyder
White Oak	3.00	R. W. Teague

ROLL OF MINISTERS

W. Hooper Adams.
J. P. Anderson, D.D.
R. C. Anderson, D.D.
W. K. Beaty.
R. F. Campbell, D.D.
Vernon A. Crawford
S. R. Crockett
H. B. Dendy.
Wm. H. Dendy.
R. S. Eskridge.
F. M. Eversole.
J. A. Flanagan.
Kenneth J. Foreman.
J. H. Gruver.
W .S. Hutchison.
Wilmer MacNair.
Joel T. Mitchell.
W. A. Murray.
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L. T. Wilds, D.D.
E. T. Wilson.
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W. A. Murray, Stated Clerk.

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SIXTY-SEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

SWANNANOA, N. C.

OCTOBER FIFTEENTH

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Directory of Presbytery

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Franklin, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Mosely, Black Mountain, N. C.
Treasurer and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Waynesville, N. C.

Permanent Committees

1. Home Missions—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. W. [illegible], D.D., and Messrs. J. A. Guthery, J. E. Sharpe, [illegible], H. J. Grimes, Baldwin Campbell, H. A. Bulcome, T. M. [illegible], S. L. Freeman, Dr. Reily Sawyer, and J. T. Bailey.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. S. L. Alexander, Dr. L. A. Jackson, Bernard E. Smith, and Mr. H. M. White.
3. Assembly's Home Missions—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. S. R. Crockett, Mr. S. L. Woodward.
4. Sunday Schools—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. S. W. Tucker.
5. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Messrs. J. T. Bailey, and J. P. Ramsay.
6. Religious Education (Education and Sunday School Work)—Rev. L. W. Sommerville, Rev. E. S. McMahan, Rev. J. H. Grimes, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. S. C. Gash.
7. Religious and Family Religion—Rev. W. M. Sommerville, Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. Charles Grey.
8. Church Extension—Rev. W. K. Beaty, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and Mr. H. J. Grimes.
9. Stewardship—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Dr. L. J. Archer, and Messrs. H. B. Cannon, J. H. McConnell, George Wright, and J. T. Bailey.
10. Men of the Church—Dr. Paul H. Kinsey, J. C. Blackwood, Gaillain Roberts, J. S. Coleman, L. L. Bergen, L. H. McKay, George Sarmanderes, Dr. J. R. Sevier.
11. Schools and Colleges—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D., Mr. W. H. McMurray.
12. Historical—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Mr. E. L. Gash.
13. Vacancy and Supply—Rev. J. S. Sevier, M.D.
14. Advisory Committee of Maxwell Training School—Mrs. R. C. Quinlan, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, Mrs. W. R. McGuire.

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Call Meeting

Asheville, N. C., June 10, 1929.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville at 2:00 P. M., in compliance with the following call:

Montreat, N. C., May 31, 1929.

The constitutional requirements having been complied with, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Monday, June 10, 1929, at 2:00 P. M., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. S. Hutchison and the Davidson River Church, and to transact any other business connected therewith.

2. To dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. H. Dendy and the Andrews Church, and to dismiss him to the Presbytery of North Alabama.

3. To receive any candidates, licentiates or ministers and take the proper steps for their induction into their respective services in this Presbytery.

4. To confer evangelistic powers on Rev. H. B. Dendy.

WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, the last Moderator present, presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The following members were present: Ministers, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, Wm. H. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, W. S. Hutchison, R. P. Smith and Willis S. Wilson. Elders, Mr. Candler Morgan of Oak Forest, W. T. Snyder of West Asheville, Robert H. Brown of Andrews.

The call was read and found in order. Rev. W. S. Hutchison offered his resignation as pastor of the Davidson River Church and the minutes of a congregational meeting in that church showing concurrence in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation were read. The resignation was accepted and the pastoral relation dissolved.

Rev. Wm. H. Dendy offered his resignation as pastor of the Andrews Church and asked that the pastoral relation be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of dismissal to North Alabama Presbytery. Elder R. H. Brown stated that the Church concurred in this request and Presbytery proceeded to accept the resignation, dissolve the pastoral relation and grant the letter of dismissal as requested.

Rev. L. N. Edmunds of East Mississippi Presbytery, and Rev. R. D. Bedinger of East Hanover Presbytery were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Mr. M. S. Avery presented himself for examination with a view to licensure. Presbytery having received a certificate of his dismission as a candidate under the care of the Presbytery of Miami, proceeded to his examination.

The thesis and lecture of Mr. Avery were referred to a special committee: Revs. R. S. Eskridge and W. S. Hutchison.

The committee to examine on Academic Studies, after conference with Mr. Avery, recommended his acceptance on this ground in view of the fact that he was being licensed as an extraordinary case. The report was adopted.

The examination on Theology was conducted in open Presbytery by Dr. R. F. Campbell and sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Dr. R. P. Smith conducted the examination on Sacraments and Church Government and this was sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Avery having taken a special course in Columbia Seminary, a statement from Dr. R. T. Gillespie was read to the effect that Mr. Avery had "completed the course in Ecclesiastical History, New Testament Literature and Exegesis in English, and Old Testament Literature and Exegesis in English." This was accepted in lieu of examination on Ecclesiastical History and English Bible.

Mr. Avery not having studied either the Greek or Hebrew, these examinations were omitted.

The committee to examine his thesis and lecture recommended that these papers be accepted as a satisfactory part of trial and their recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Avery preached from the text, Ephesians 2:8-9 and the sermon was accepted as a satisfactory part of his examination.

The examination as a whole was then sustained and Mr. Avery was duly licensed to preach the Gospel according to the Book of Church Order, Pars. 114, 115, 116.

By formal vote of Presbytery the examination for licensure was accepted for ordination.

A call from the Oak Forest Church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Avery accepted the call and the following committee was appointed to confer with him and arrange for his ordination and installation in the Oak Forest Church: R. S. Eskridge, R. P. Smith and C. C. Morgan.

This committee reported as follows: Dr. R. P. Smith to charge the pastor; Dr. R. F. Campbell to preside, preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. R. S. Eskridge to charge the people. Elders J. W. Moore, C. C. Morgan, W. T. Snyder. Alternates, Rev. E. T. Wilson, Rev. E. D. McMahan, Rev. W. S. Hutchison. Time, Thursday, June 20th, at 7:30 P. M.

Presbytery by formal vote conferred evangelistic powers on Rev. H. B. Dendy, our new Superintendent of Home Missions.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. Wm. H. Dendy, Mr. W. T. Snyder and Mr. R. H. Brown were excused before the close of the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith.

WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting

Highlands, N. C., Aug. 15, 1929.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church at Highlands, N. C., August 15, 1929, in compliance with the following call:

Presbytery Called Meeting: Highlands, N. C., August 15, 1929, 7:30 P. M.

Purpose: 1. To organize a Church there and to transact business therewith. 2. To license or ordain R. L. Alexander of Brevard.

L. T. WILDS, Moderator.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, the last Moderator present, presided and the meeting was opened with prayer.

The following members were present: Ministers, H. B. Dendy, S. R. Crockett, J. A. Flanagan, E. T. Wilson, Willis S. Wilson. Elders, C. W. Medler, Weaverville; L. H. Watkins, Slagle Memorial; G. H. McKinney, Ora Street; J. E. Rice, Franklin.

The call was read and found in order.

Rev. F. R. Riddle of Congaree Presbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbyterial dismissal of candidate Ligett Alexander from Meridian Presbytery was read and he was received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

Mr. Alexander's written parts of trial for licensure were presented and assigned to the appropriate committees, and he preached his trial sermon from the text II. Cor. 5:20.

His diploma from Southwestern Presbyterian University was accepted in lieu of examination on academic studies. His degree from Columbia Theological Seminary was accepted in lieu of examination on the original languages of the Scriptures and Church History.

He was examined by the Moderator on experimental religion and motives which influenced him to enter the ministry.

He was examined in the presence of the Presbytery on Theology, the Sacraments and Church Government.

The committee on examination reported favorably on his Thesis, Critical Exercise and Popular Lecture.

Mr. Alexander's sermon and other parts of trial, as above, were sustained as satisfactory and his examination as a whole was sustained, after which he was duly licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the ministry, as provided in Book of Church Order, Pars. 115-116.

A petition for the organization of a Church at Highlands was presented to Presbytery and the following persons presented their Church Letters:

Miss Lula Smith, from First Presbyterian Church of Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. E. R. Gilbert, from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westminster, S. C.

Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westminster, S. C.

Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westminster, S. C.

Mrs. Anna J. Anderson, from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westminster, S. C.

Mrs. Agnes Buist Perry, from First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C.

Miss Martha Henrietta Perry, from First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C.

Presbytery directed the Stated Clerk to give letters to the following persons who were members of Short Off Church, which had been dissolved by Presbytery, and they were received on these letters: Mrs. W. W. Smith, Mr. H. M. Wright, Miss Pearl Wright.

The following persons were received on their own statement of their membership in other churches and the reaffirmation of their faith: Miss Marguerite A. Ravenel, Miss Minnie Z. Edwards, Mr. G. W. Marett, Mrs. G. W. Marett, Mrs. S. H. Crumpleton.

The following applicants for admission to the Church on profession of faith in Christ were examined by the Moderator and received the ordinance of Baptism: Mr. S. H. Crumpleton, Mr. L. C. Rice, Mrs. L. C. Rice, Mr. Henry A. Holt.

These nineteen persons entered into covenant to walk together as an organized Church and were constituted a Church according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Book of Church Order, Par. 26.

The following officers were elected: Elders, G. W. Marett and Dr. E. R. Gilbert. Deacons, H. M. Wright, Henry A. Holt, L. C. Rice.

Presbytery directed Rev. H. B. Dendy, Superintendent of Home Missions, to examine, ordain and install these new officers on the 29th day of August.

Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in Brevard Church, August 22nd, at 8:00 P. M., to ordain and install Licentiate Ligett Alexander as pastor of the Brevard Church if the way be clear.

H. B. DENDY, Moderator.
WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting

Brevard, N. C., Aug. 22, 1929.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Brevard Presbyterian Church at 8:00 P. M., August 22nd, according to adjournment (Highlands, N. C., Aug. 15, 1929.)

The following members were present: Ministers, L. T. Wilds, W. S. Hutchison, E. T. Wilson, H. B. Dendy. Elders, C. W. Medler, of Weaverville, and E. W. Blythe, of Brevard.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., and led in prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

Rev. H. B. Dendy was elected Clerk pro tem and a sermon was preached by the Moderator from the first chapter of the Gospel of John on "Jesus, the Word of God."

The call from the Brevard Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate R. L. Alexander was read, found in order, and placed in his hands. Upon his acceptance of the call, Presbytery accepting his examination for licensure as sufficient for ordination, proceeded to ordain Mr. Alexander as pastor of the Brevard Church, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery according to the Book of Church Order, Pars. 136, 137, 138. A charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. H. B. Dendy and to the congregation by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

After prayer by Rev. E. T. Wilson, Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator.

L. T. WILDS, Moderator.
H. B. DENDY, Clerk Pro Tem.

Call Meeting

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 30, 1929.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, in compliance with the following call:

Presbytery called, First Church, Asheville, Aug. 30, 1929, 3:00 P. M. Purpose: 1. Receive L. N. Edmunds and W. F. Creson. 2. Act on resignation of E. T. Wilson.

L. T. WILDS, Moderator.

Present: Ministers, H. B. Dendy, S. R. Crockett, E. D. McMahan, Wilmer MacNair, R. F. Campbell, E. T. Wilson, W. Hooper Adams, R. P. Smith, W. A. Murray, Willis S. Wilson. Elders, John Scott, of the West Asheville Church and C. C. Lingerfelt, of the Ora Street Church.

Rev. W. A. Murray, the last Moderator present, presided, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

The call was read and found in order.

Certificates of dismission of Rev. Leland N. Edmunds, of East Mississippi Presbytery, and Rev. W. F. Creson, of Louisiana Presbytery, were presented and these brethren were examined on personal religion, their views on theology, Church Government and Sacraments and their examinations sustained as satisfactory and they were enrolled as members of this Presbytery.

Mr. Edmunds was given leave to serve as the assistant to the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

A call to the West Asheville Church was found in order and placed in the hands of Rev. W. F. Creson and accepted by him. Rev. W. F. Creson, Rev. Wilmer MacNair and Elder John Scott were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

Rev. E. T. Wilson offered his resignation as pastor of the Ora Street Church, that he might accept an opportunity to study a year in the White Bible School. Elder C. C. Lingerfelt stated that the congregation concurred in his request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. His resignation was accepted to take effect September 1st and the pastoral relation dissolved. He was permitted to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. W. F. Creson made the following report, which was adopted: Dr. J. R. Sevier to preside, preach and propound the

constitutional questions; Rev. Wilmer MacNair to be his alternate. Dr. R. P. Smith to charge the people; Dr. R. F. Campbell to be his alternate. Rev. S. R. Crockett to charge the pastor; Rev. W. A. Murray to be his alternate. Elders, John Scott and J. J. Conyers. Time, Sept. 18, at 8:00 P. M.

After being led in prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith, D.D., the Presbytery adjourned.

W. A. MURRAY, Moderator.

WILLIS S. WILSON, Clerk.

Call Meeting

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 9, 1929.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, at 3:00 P. M., in compliance with the following call:

Presbytery called, First Church, Asheville, September 9, 3:00 P. M. Purpose: Receive W. C. Wilson, Candidate. Resignation of W. S. Wilson. Business both cases.

L. T. WILDS, Moderator.

Present: R. P. Smith, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, L. N. Edmunds, J. H. Gruver, H. B. Dendy, Willis S. Wilson, and Elder J. J. Conyers of the First Church of Asheville.

Rev. W. A. Murray, the last Moderator present, presided. The call was read and found in order. Dr. G. W. Painter, of Abingdon Presbytery, was introduced and asked to sit as a visiting brother.

Mr. W. C. Wilson, a member of the First Church of Asheville, presented himself and asked to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Elder J. J. Conyers stated that Mr. Wilson had been approved by the session of the First Church as a suitable man to be received by the Presbytery as a candidate. Mr.

Wilson was then examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry and these examinations being sustained, Dr. R. P. Smith made a short address to Mr. Wilson urging faithfulness in his preparation. Mr. Wilson was then received under the care of this Presbytery and placed under direct supervision of Presbytery's Committee of Christian Education.

Rev. Willis S. Wilson offered his resignation as pastor of the Montreat Church and asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation and a letter of dismissal to Kings Mountain Presbytery that he might accept a call to the Lincolnton Church. A letter from Mr. C. C. Lord, Moderator of a congregational meeting in the Montreat Church, September 8th, stated that the congregation concurred in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The resignation was accepted to take effect September 15th, the pastoral relation dissolved and the letter of dismissal granted.

Presbytery then proceeded to the election of a new Stated Clerk, and Rev. W. A. Murray was elected.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

W. A. MURRAY, Moderator.

WILLIS S. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 25, 1929.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the office of the First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 P. M., pursuant to adjournment at Swannanoa, October 16th, and was constituted with prayer by Rev. W. A. Murray, the last Moderator present.

Rev. H. B. Dendy acted as Clerk.

The following were present: Ministers, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, W. H. Adams, J. H. Gruver, L. N. Edmunds, H. B. Dendy, W. A. Murray, O. C. Landrum, E. D. McMahan. Elder, R. R. Williams, First Church, Asheville.

In response to a communication from Dr. F. H. Barron, requesting the appointment of a committee to present the Minister's Annuity Fund to the Churches, Presbytery assigned this work to the Committee on Men of the Church, which is composed of the following: Dr. Paul H. Ringer, J. C. Blackwood, Gallatin Roberts, J. S. Coleman, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay, George Summerow, and Dr. J. R. Sevier.

Rev. W. H. Adams was given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery till the Spring meeting.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Adams.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

H. B. DENDY, Temporary Clerk.

FALL MEETING

— of —

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sixty-Seventh Semi-Annual Session

Swannanoa, N. C., Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1929.

Presbytery met in the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church, at Swannanoa, N. C., at 11:00 A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Dr. L. T. Wilds, from the text Leviticus 17:11, "Bible Atonement."

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Ministers: W. H. Adams, R. L. Alexander, M. S. Avery, R. C. Anderson, W. K. Beaty, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, S. R. Crockett, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, W. S. Hutchison, W. A. Murray, E. D. McMahan, T. A. Painter, L. T. Wilds, J. R. Sevier (2), Wilmer MacNair (2).

Elders: E. L. Gaston, Asheville First; J. T. Bailey, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Covenanters; J. L. Gash, Etowah; O. W. Lancaster, Mill's River; S. L. Woodward, Montreat; G. R. McPherson, Morrison; C. C. Morgan, Oak Forest; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; C. W. Medler, Weaverville; E. J. Grizet, West Asheville; R. W. Teague, White Oak; M. S. Misenheimer (2), Ora Street; H. C. Lindsley (2), Waynesville.

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer, Rev. J. A. Flanagan was elected Moderator and Rev. W. F. Creson Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Your Committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the hours of session be as follows: Morning, 9:30 to 12:30; afternoon, 2:00 to 5:00; evening, 7:30 to adjourn at will.

2. That the Rev. R. S. Eskridge be appointed to conduct the devotional exercises Wednesday morning, and Dr. R. F. Campbell and Dr. Joseph R. Sevier to administer the Sacrament at 11:00 A. M. Wednesday morning, assisted by Elders J. T. Bailey, C. H. Alexander, S. L. Woodward, and E. J. Griset.

3. That Presbytery give Rev. Frederick H. Barron, D.D., an opportunity to speak in behalf of the Minister's Annuity Plan some time Wednesday afternoon, preferably at 2:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. PAINTER.

In view of Dr. R. P. Smith's absence, Presbytery was led in prayer for him by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

The minutes of the unprinted minutes were read, corrected and approved. The Stated Clerk was instructed to make the necessary correction in the minutes of June 10th, relative to the reception of Candidate M. S. Avery.

Mr. O. C. Landrum was received as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry from Guerrant Presbytery and the time for his examination was set for 2:00 P. M.

Presbytery then took recess till 2:00 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. D. McMahan.

In view of the fact that Dr. R. C. Anderson could not remain through the entire session, his report on Consolidation of Schools was read and adopted.

Your Committee appointed to investigate the possibility and advisability of co-ordinating our boys' school work in conjunction with

the Farm School, located within the borders of our Presbytery and under control of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., would respectfully report:

1. After some investigation it appears that it might be possible for us to co-ordinate and relate our boys' school work with the Farm School, to the advantage of all concerned.

2. That your Committee be continued and directed to formulate a definite plan, if possible, for the co-ordination of our boys' school work with the Farm School, and present the detail plan to Presbytery at a later date for consideration.

R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Dr. Anderson spoke to his report on Montreat and the Montreat Normal School.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

1. **Bills and Overtures—**
   L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, C. H. Alexander.
2. **Judiciary—**
   R. S. Eskridge, L. N. Edmunds, R. L. Alexander.
3. **Records of Presbytery—**
   W. Hooper Adams, E. L. Gaston.
4. **Minutes of General Assembly—**
   R. F. Campbell, S. L. Woodward.
5. **Auditing—**
   J. T. Bailey, M. S. Avery, E. J. Griset.
6. **Leave of Absence—**
   E. D. McMahan, R. L. Alexander, O W. Lancaster.
7. **Nominations—**
   W. S. Hitchison, W. K. Beaty, C. W. Medler.
8. **Resolutions—**
   J. H. Gruver, R. W. Teague.

Presbytery proceeded with the examination of Candidate O. C. Landrum, with a view to Licensure, as required by the Book of Church Order.

The examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory and Candidate O. C. Landrum was licensed according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry as an extraordinary case, in view of the fact that he had not taken a College course, but had graduated from the Los Angeles Bible School and Union Seminary of Virginia.

A call from the Hazelwood Church for his services was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

It was ordered that hereafter it be a rule of Presbytery that the candidate retire after his examination while Presbytery discusses the various parts of trial.

It was moved that Licentiate O. C. Landrum be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.

The Moderator appointed H. B. Dendy and O. C. Landrum to recommend a commission to ordain and install Licentiate O. C. Landrum as pastor of the Hazelwood Church.

The following report of Committee on Minutes of Presbytery was adopted:

Your Committee appointed to examine the printed Minutes of the Presbytery respectfully submit that we have reviewed these Minutes and find them correct and in proper form.

W. HOOPER ADAMS, Chairman.
E. L. GASTON.

October 15, 1929.

The report o fthe Committee to nominate a Commission to ordain and install O. C. Landrum was adopted, and the following Commission was appointed:

Commission to ordain and install Rev. O. C. Landrum on Thursday night, October 24th, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. E. D. McMahan to preach, preside and propound constitutional questions; Rev. W. F. Creson to charge the pastor; Rev. L. N. Edmunds to charge the people; Rev. H. B. Dendy to be alternate to any of these. Elder D. M. Killian and Elder L. M. Richardson, alternates.

After prayer by Rev. J. H. Gruver Presbytery took recess till 7:30.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Creson.

A popular meeting in interest of Home Missions was presided over by Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

Rev. S. C. Weatherly of the M. E. Church South was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. J. H. Gruver introduced a group of children from the Mountain Orphanage, who gave a most enjoyable and instructive pageant. Mr. Gruver also gave some very interesting facts about the Orphanage.

Rev. S. R. Crockett spoke in the interest of Maxwell Training School.

Superintendent and Treasurer Rev. H. B. Dendy spoke of the finances of the Presbytery and the splendid work of the Builder's League.

Rev. R. S. Eskridge spoke encouragingly of the work in the Western counties of the Presbytery.

Rev. L. N. Edmunds gave an interesting account of the Kenilworth Sunday School.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell to meet Wednesday at 9:30 A. M.

Wednesday Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:30 A. M. and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Dr. F. H. Barron, of Bluestone Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Communications

1. From J .D. Leslie, referred to Committee on Bills and Overtures.

2. From Ernest Thompson, referred to Home Mission Committee.

3. From Country Church Committee, referred to Home Missions Committee.

4. From J. L. Fairley, referred to Committee on Religious Education.

The Commitee to install Rev. M. S. Avery as pastor of Oak Forest Church, and Rev. W. F. Creson as pastor of West Asheville Church, reported the duties performed. They were commended for their diligence and discharged.

The following report on Bible Cause was adopted:

Your Committee would ask that the Presbytery note the fact that the American Bible Society has closed its one hundred and thirteenth year of service in the distribution of the Scriptures to the nations of the earth. We recommend:

1. That our Churches try to assume their apportioned part of the support of this cause.

2. That our pastors use the appointed day designated by our Assembly, for informing the people of this cause.

3. That the people be reminded that copies of the Scriptures can be secured from the American Bible Society, and that the Society is always willing to help in any way in the circulation of the Scriptures.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

Stewardship

The report of this committee was adopted as follows:

Your Stewardship Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Budget for Asheville Presbytery for 1928-29 be $39,205.00.

2. That the percentage basis for the distribution of this amount be:

Presbytery's Missions	30%
Assembly's Missions	4%
Synod's Missions	2%
Foreign Missions	25%
Colleges	6%
C. E. and M. R.	4%
S. S. Extension	2%
Bible Cause	1%
Maxwell School	5%
Mountain Orphanage	15%
Montreat Normal	6%
	100%

3. That this be sent down to the Churches of Asheville Presbytery in the following quotas:

Andrews	$100.00
Asheville First Church	22,000.00
Bethel	350.00
Black Mountain	700.00
Brevard	650.00
Bryson City	400.00
Canton	700.00
Covenanters	150.00
Davidson River	500.00
Etowah	100.00
Franklin	300.00
Hayesville	25.00
Hazelwood	350.00
Hendersonville	7,000.00
Ivy Park	50.00
Mills River	350.00
Montreat	1,800.00
Morrison	100.00
Murphy	500.00
Oak Forest	200.00
Ora Street	350.00
Red Oak	25.00
Robert Bingham	25.00
Rugby	
Slagle Memorial	130.00
Swannanoa	500.00
Waynesville	800.00
Weaverville	400.00
West Asheville	1,200.00
White Oak	50.00
	$39,805.00

4. We would urge all pastors and sessions to do everything within their power to encourage their Churches to reach their full benevolent quota. From our study of the receipts for last year and for this portion of the present year it would seem that in some of our Churches very little emphasis is being placed on this phase of the work.

5. That Presbytery recommend to the Churches that wherever they find it possible that they add as much as $1.00 per member to their benevolent gifts for the Assembly's Causes. This recommendation is in line with the requests of our Assembly's and Synod's Stewardship Committees.

H. B. DENDY, Chairman.

The Committee on Vacancy and Supply reported that nothing had come into their hands.

Presbytery took recess till 11:00 A. M.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. W. S. Hutchison preached the Presbyterial sermon from Matt. 11:5, "And the poor have the Gospel preached unto them."

After the sermon, Drs. R. F. Campbell and J. R. Sevier administered Communion and Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery met at 2:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. L. Alexander.

Dr. F. H. Barron presented the Minister's Annuity Plan.

Presbytery adopted the following resolution:

That the Presbytery of Asheville gives its cordial endorsement to the pension plan adopted by the General Assembly, known as the Minister's Annuity Fund.

That we urge all of our Ministers to become members of the Fund and all the Churches to enter into it.

That we request the Committee on Home Missions to begin to make their plans to pay an amount equal to 7½% of the salary paid by the Committee to each of its workers.

That we urge the men and women of the Church to become acquainted with the purpose of the Plan and loyally to give of their interest and energy and substance that the Fund may be established, the responsibility of the Church more fully met, and more even justice shown to the ministers and missionaries of the Church.

The following reports were also adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The only matter that has come into our hands is the overture favoring union with the U. P. Church, adopted by our General Assembly and referred to the Presbyteries for their consent or advice.

We recommend that Asheville Presbytery disapprove the overture, and for the following reasons:

1. The U. P. Church unanimously declined to accept it and to pass it down to its Presbyteries, thus showing lack of zeal for it and faith in it.

2. It is not shown that there will be any advantage to either church, occupying as they do different territories with no overlapping problems to be solved by such a union.

3. The policy of the U. P. Church touching political reform is contrary to that of our Church, the U. P. Church being quite active in the matter of political legislation.

4. Nothing is said in the basis of union of the question of administration and property, such questions being left to be determined after union, which policy has resulted in serious trouble in past church unions (as witness the case of the U. S. A. and Cumberland Churches, and of the Canadian Churches.)

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully reports as follows:

Home Missions Committee—
For W. S. Wilson, W. F. Creson.

Foreign Missions Committee—
For E. T. Wilson, R. L. Alexander.

Religious Education—
For W. A. Murray, L. N. Edmunds.
For W. H. Dendy, E. D. McMahan.

Schools and Colleges—
For W. S. Wilson, T. A. Painter.

Commitee on Examination—
Theology: For W. S. Wilson, R. S. Eskridge.
Philosophy: For E. T. Wilson, W. F. Creson.
English Bible: Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, Rev. J. H. Gruver.

That Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., be appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon at the Spring Meeting, with Rev. R. L. Alexander his alternate; and that the preacher select his own subject.

Men of the Church—

Dr. Paul H. Ringer, J. C. Blackwood, Gallatin Roberts, J. S. Coleman, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence H. McKay, George Summerow, Rev. Jos. R. Sevier, D.D.

W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

Candidates Reese Burroughs, Miller and Pritchett were dropped from the roll of candidates.

Dr. J. R. Sevier was asked to convene the Committee on Men of the Church. Then the committee would complete its own organization.

Mr. S. L. Woodward spoke in behalf of the Montreat Normal School. The following resolution was adopted:

That the Montreat Normal School be placed on the Budget of the Asheville Presbytery for $5,000. This amount to be made up by funds received from the 6% given by the Presbytery and any funds contributed by individuals and organizations.

Presbytery spent quite a while in a free and informal discussion of the State of Religion, with special reference to Sabbath Observance and Family Religion.

Dr. Lacy Moffett of our China Mission and Transylvania Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Mr. J. T. Bailey was added to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committees on Judiciary, Minutes of the Assembly and Auditing reported that nothing had come into their hands.

The report of Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg as Commissioner to the Assembly was received and adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Leave of Absence presents the following report:

Excused from attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery: Rev. F. Rauschenberg, because of pressing Evangelistic duties; Rev. J.

P. Anderson, because of sickness; Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., because a student at Union Seminary; Rev. D. W. Richardson, pressing duties at Union Seminary.

Excused after afternoon session, October 15th: Rev. W. K. Beaty, Elder W. C. Dillingham, Elder Covenanters Church.

After morning service, October 16, 1929, Elder C. C. Morgan, Oak Forest Church; Elder J. T. Bailey, Canton Church; Elder E. J. Griset, West Asheville Church.

Excused after afternoon session, October 16, 1929: Elder O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; Elder J. L. Gash, Etowah; Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Etowah.

E. D. McMAHAN, Chairman.

There was no report from the Trustees of Presbytery and Davidson College.

It was decided that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the First Church of Asheville Monday, November 25th, at 3:00 P. M.

The Treasurer was instructed to have the Manual printed in the Minutes of Presbytery.

Presbytery recommended: "That pastors and sessions and all organizations of the Church be urged to give Evangelism a primary place in their work."

Dr. L. T. Wilds was requested to furnish a copy of his opening sermon to the Stated Clerk, and he was instructed to request the church papers to publish it.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery took recess till 7:30 P. M.

Wednesday Evening Session

Presbytery met at 7:30. Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of Foreign Missions, presided and read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Your Committee would call attention to the following important facts:

The amount of money received for Foreign Missions for the year 1928-1929 is the smallest in ten years. This decrease is attributed

in large measure to a steady scaling down during the past few years of Presbytery's allotment percentages for Assembly's Causes for the benefit of local benevolences.

Because of decrease in receipts for Foreign Missions, it has been necessary to reduce the number of our foreign missionaries, the number declining from 517 in 1926 to 452 in 1929.

It would naturally be expected that the number of accessions on the foreign field would also be reduced. And so it is—the smallest number in several years. However, this reduction may be due in large measure to the interruption of the work in China where two-fifths of our missionary strength has been heretofore concentrated. We may take courage, however, from the fact that China has again been occupied and there is the prospect of a large ingathering in that great field.

The Executive Committee has authorized the sending out of 22 replacements to the field as soon as such can be secured and their support provided.

We recommend:

1. That Presbytery engage in prayer that the heart of the Church may be touched and moved by God's Spirit to come to the help of the Lord that His soul-saving work may be carried forward.

2. That our pastors and other church leaders make diligent use of every means available for awakening the interest of the people in this work—especially using to the utmost the month of January and the Self-Denial Week (January 26-February 2) appointed by the Assembly for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

Dr. L. I. Moffett, of Kiangyin, China, gave a most instructive address on Conditions in China, and led Presbytery in prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church at Home and in China.

Presbytery by a rising vote expressed its appreciation of Dr. Moffett's address.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Feeling gratitude in our hearts to our Heavenly Father for favor in gathering together the members of Asheville Presbytery in this beautiful place, be it resolved:

First, That we thank the pastor and members of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church for their hospitality in opening their hearts and homes to us.

Second, That especial thanks be given to the Woman's Auxiliary for the delicious noon lunches served on the two days of the session. Their reputation as being good cooks is fully sustained.

Third, That we pray for God's blessing upon the pastor and his people in the fine work being done by them.

J. H. GRUVER, Chairman.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Montreat Church for the Spring Meeting.

The minutes were read and approved and after prayer and the Benediction by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First Church, Asheville, November 25th, at 3:00 P. M.

Next Stated Meeting, Montreat, N. C., April 15, 1930, at 11:00 A. M.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Moderator.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

W. F. CRESON, Temporary Clerk.

MANUAL
of
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

I. HISTORICAL STATEMENT

At the session of Mecklenburg Presbytery which convened at Huntersville, N. C., March 31, 1896, a committee from the western part of the Presbytery appeared with a request to be set off as a new Presbytery, making the Blue Ridge the boundary line.

In answer to this request, Presbytery appointed a committee composed of Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. A. A. Little, Rev. J. M. Grier, and Ruling Elders A. T. Summey, of Southside Church, and A. G. Brenizer, of Charlotte First Church, to consider this matter and report at the next regular meeting.

The committee made a favorable report, recommending the erection of the new Presbytery, at the meeting of Presbytery which convened at Davidson River Church on October 6, 1896, whereupon Presbytery ordered the following overture to be sent to the Synod:

"To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina to erect out of the churches in her bounds, a new Presbytery, which shall be known as Asheville Presbytery and which shall embrace the counties west of the Blue Ridge, viz.: Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania, Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay and Cherokee, containing the following churches: Asheville, Bethany (colored), Bethel (Haywood county), Brevard, Bryson City, Centre, Davidson River, Dilsboro, Franklin, Hendersonville, Hiwassee, Midway, Murphy, Mills River, Morrison, Oak Forest, Southside, Swannanoa and Waynesville (19 churches with a total membership of 1,005); Ministers: D. T. Towles E. A. Sample, J. T. Wade, W. J. Williams, J. S. Morrow (colored), H. M. Parker, R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. L. Wicker, J. B. Cochran, R. W. Alexander (10), candidate W. W Williams of Mills River Church.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg promises and pledges itself to pay to the new Presbytery when it shall be formed the amount of $500.-00 per year for three years for Home Mission work, and to allow its General Evangelist, Rev. R. P. Smith, to labor four months during the summer in the new Presbytery.

Attest: EUGENE L. SILER, Stated Clerk.

Davidson River Church, October 8, 1896."

The above overture was presented to Synod at New Berne, November 10, 1896. The petition was granted, and the Synod directed that the first meeting of the new Presbytery should be held in the First Church, Asheville, on the first Wednesday of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Rev. E. A. Sample be the Moderator.

In accordance with this order the ministers and representatives of the churches named met at the time and place appointed and the Presbytery of Asheville was organized December 2, 1896.

11. STANDING RULES

Section 1.

Government and Standing Orders

(1.) The Rules of Parliamentary Order adopted by the General Assembly, are adopted by the Presbytery for its government.

(2) It shall reguire a two-thirds vote of all the members present to suspend, amend or abolish a standing rule.

(3) At stated meetings of the Presbytery, the first fifteen minutes of each day's session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

(4) At every stated meeting a minister, with an alternate, shall be appointed to preach a sermon at the next stated meeting, upon the subject chosen by the Presbyterys.

(5) At each stated meeting of Presbytery, during the services of the second day of its sessions, the Presbytery shall ordinarily celebrate the Lord's Supper. The minister to preside, shall be appointed by the Presbytery, and he shall take charge of this service immediately after the sermon, which shall ordinarily be the doctrinal sermon provided for in Rule 4.

(6) Presbytery shall meet statedly at 11 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, after the second Sunday in April and October.

(7) At each stated meeting, on the evening of the first day, there shall be held a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions, presided over by the chairman of this committee. Also at each stated meeting, on the evening of the second day, there shall be held a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions, presided over by the chairman of this committee.

Section 11.

Presbyterial Officers

(1) The Moderator, who shall be the presiding officer and shall be chosen at each regular meeting. He shall preside until his successor shall be elected and shall open the following stated meeting with a sermon, or get a substitute.

Upon the death of a minister belonging to the Presbytery, the moderator shall appoint a committee to prepare a suitable memorial to be presented at the next meeting of Presbytery

(2) The Stated Clerk.

(1) The Stated Clerk shall be chosen for a term of three years at a salary of $100.00 a year and his duties shall be as follows:

(2) He shall place in the hands of the moderator, as soon after the election of the latter as possible, a complete roll of the members present, together with a thoroughly prepared dockett after the form laid down in this manuel.

(3) He shall keep on hand a supply of all such blanks as may be necessary to make out sessional reports to the Presbytery, Presbyterial reports to the General Assembly and blanks for the dismissal of ministers, licentiates and candidates. To him also shall be committed the printing of the Minutes, which shall be sufficiently full for historial accuracy.

(4) He shall transmit to each session, between the first and tenth days of March each year, such blanks as are necessary for the regular reports of sessions.

(5) He shall communicate all orders of the Presbytery to those for whom they were intended and forward official copies of overtures, reports or other communications to the higher courts.

(6) He shall prepare the usual statistical reports required by the General Assembly and Synod and send them up to these bodies when approved by the Presbytery.

(7) He shall publish notice sof the time and place of each Stated Meeting of Presbytery at least four weeks before the time of meeting, shall give due notice of adjourned meetings and publish, as soon as possible. an abstract of the proceedings of Stated Meetings.

(8) He shall print in the minutes of each spring meetings an alphabetical list of the churches of the Presbytery, also an alphabetical list of ministers and clerks of sessions.

(9) He shall send a signed copy of the minutes every year to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and to the Presbyterian Historical Society for sake keeping, and to other institutions that may apply.

(10) He shall prepare a complete Dockett for business for every stated meeting, after the form laid down in this manual, and under "Excuses for Absence" he shall give a list of all absentees at the previous meeting who have failed to report in person, or by letter, as required.

He shall send a copy of this docket to every minister of the Presbytery ten days in advance of the meeting and furnish copies for ministers and elders in attendance.

(3) The Temporary Clerk, who shall be elected at each Stated meeting of the Presbytery and shall help with the keeping of the minutes.

(4) The Treasurer who shall be chosen for a term of three years at a salary of $.....a year and his duties shall be as follows:

(1) He shall take charge of all Presbyterial funds and shall make disbursements as the Presbytery shall direct.

(2) He shall, however, pay out without a special order:
A. Quotas to the General Assembly and Synod.
B. Traveling expenses of commissioners to the Assembly.
C. Printing ordered by the Presbytery.
D. Salaries of Presbyterial officers and expenses incident to the proper discharge of their duties and the duties of the Stated Clerk.

(3) He shall receive all moneys contributed by the churches to the benevolent causes and promptly forward such funds to their proper destination.

(4) At each spring meeting he shall present his accounts to the Presbytery, with vouchers, which shall be read if called for, in connection with the report of the Auditing Committee.

(5) He shall report to the spring meeting of Presbytery all churches which have failed to pay their Presbyterial Tax.

(6) He shall give bond for an amount not less than $10,000.00 through some reliable Insurance Company. The premium to be paid from the Presbyterial Fund.

(7) The salary of the Treasurer shall be paid from the beneficient funds which he handles.

Section 111.

Presbyterial Committees

These shall be classed as follows according to the natures of their duties:

(1) Standing; (2) Permanent; (3) Examining.

1. Standing Committees.

These shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Stated Meeting of Presbytery, and shall continue until the final adjournment. To them shall be committed the routine business of the Presbytery, and their reports shall be submitted in writing. They shall be appointed as follows:

A. At each Spring Meeting a Committee on:
(1) Devotional Exercises.
(2) Bills and Overtures.
(3) Judiciary.
(4) Minutes of Synod.

(5) Records of Sessions.
(6) Auditing.
(7) Nominations.
(8) Leave of Absence.
(9) Records of Presbytery.
(10) Resolutions (Privately)

B. At each Fall Meeting on:
(1) Devotional Exercises.
(2) Bills and Overtures.
(3) Judiciary.
(4) Records of Presbytery.
(5) Minutes of General Assembly.
(6) Auditing.
(7) Nominations.
(8) Leave of Absence.
(9) Resolutions (Privately).

C. Duties of These Committees

(1) The Devotional Committee shall be appointed before the close of each stated meeting of the Presbytery and the Pastor or a Ruling Elder of the church in which Presbytery is to hold its next stated meeting shall be chairman. The duty of this committee shall be to recommend to Presbytery at the next stated meeting the hours for meeting and hours for preaching and other religious exercises.

(2) The Committee on Bills and Overtures shall review all bills and overtures coming to the Presbytery, and all overtures from the Presbytery to the Synod or the Assembly and make recommendations regarding Presbytery's action.

(3) The Judicial Committee shall review all cases of discipline, etc., coming before Presbytery and shall recommend the action necessary.

(4) The Committee on Minutes of the Assembly or Synod shall carefully examine said minutes and report whatever in them may require the attention of the Presbytery and suggest such action as is needed.

(5) The Committee on Sessional Records shall examine carefully the Records of sessions sent up to the Spring meetings of Presbytery and shall report whether the proceedings have been regular and constitutional as directed in Chapter XIV of our Form of Government.

(6) The Committee on Auditing shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Presbytery at each regular Spring Meeting, also, the accounts of all committees and individuals handling Presbyterial funds.

(7) The Committee on Nominations shall nominate the persons (A) on permanent committees, (B) Trustees for Davidson College, (C) a minister to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the next stated meeting and give subject for same, (D) any other important position, which would naturally require a committee to nominate after mature deliberation.

(8) The Committee on Presbyterial Records shall examine the printed minutes of Presbytery, call attention to any errors, if there be such, and after correction, recommend their adoption as the official records of the Presbytery.

(9) The Committee on Leave of Absence shall consider and pass on all excuses for tardiness and non attendance, and all requests for leave of absence.

The report shall be made in writing and printed in the minutes.

(10) To the Committee on Resolutions shall be referred all matters calling for a resolution from the Presbytery, such as appreciation of hospitality, response to special addresses, etc.

2. Permanent Committees

There shall be appointed the following permanent committees whose time of service shall be discretionary with the Presbytery.

(1) Presbyterial Home Missions

There shall be a Permanent Committee on HOME MISSIONS, which shall meet ordinarily once a month for transacting business, and the chairman shall present a report of the work at each stated meeting of the Presbytery.

It shall conduct the missionary work within the bounds of the Presbytery, and shall disburse the funds received for Presbyterial Home Missions. It shall take the general oversight of feeble churches, especially when vacant, and of missionary fields in our bounds, with a view to secure for all destitute places adequate evangelistic and pastoral labors. It shall direct the labors of the Superintendent of Home Missions and General Evangelist, take the oversight of the Orphans' Home; also the mission schools, unless otherwise provided for by Presbytery. It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the treasurer's books at least quarterly.

This committee shall have the power to adopt such rules as will enable it to carry on the work with efficiency, and also to group the smaller churches as may be deemed best.

A record of its proceedings shall be kept and presented to the Presbytery at each Spring meeting for review. This committee, being incorporated, is authorized to hold in trust any property for the Presbytery, not otherwise provided for.

(2) Foreign Missions.

There shall be a Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions to whose hands this important cause shall be intrusted. It shall keep in touch with the Foreign Mission work of the church at large and seek to enlist the interest and zeal of the churches of the Presbytery in this great cause. It shall make a report of its work at each stated meeting of the Presbytery, and in connection therewith shall arrange for such public presentation of the subject as will tend to increase information and stimulate interest.

(3) Assembly's Home Missions.

This Committee shall keep in touch with the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions and use every effort to interest the churches in this cause. It shall present a report at the Spring meeting.

(4) Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

This Committee shall have the immediate care and oversight of our candidates for the ministry and beneficiaries of the Ministerial Relief Fund from this Presbytery.

It shall by correspondence keep informed in regard to both candidates and beneficiaries.

It shall receive applications for aid from candidates for the ministry and beneficiaries of the Relief Fund and recommend to Presbytery the amount of aid. In cases of emergency the Committee may use its judgment in relief cases.

It shall assign trial parts to candidates in preparation for licensure. A full report shall be made at each Spring meeting.

(5) Religious Education.

This committee shall at every stated Spring meeting present to the Presbytery a summary of the sessional report on Sabbath Schools, using the blank furnished by the General Assembly. It shall also promote the interest of the Sabbath School and Young People's work along such lines as the Presbytery may direct and shall correspond and cooperate as far as practicable with this department of the Assembly's work.

(6) Bible Cause

This committee shall be composed of two ministers and one elder. It shall endeavor to deepen the interest of the Presbytery in this cause, and especially in the work of the American Bible Society, the recognized agent of our church, and to secure from every church a contribution to the support of this great work.

It shall report at the stated Fall meeting.

(7) Stewardship.

The Stewardship Committee shall have supervision of the beneficient work of the Presbytery and shall keep in touch with and, as far as practicable, cooperate with the Assembly's and Synod's Stewardship Committees. It shall, at the stated Spring meeting, report in full upon the Every Member Canvass and results obtained in each church. At the Fall meeting it shall give due consideration to the budget offered by the General Assembly and Synod as they relate to that of the Presbytery and shall propose a budget for the Presbytery, a percentage basis on which it is to be distributed and a quota for every individual church. It shall receive and tabulate the statisical reports from the churches and make a composite report to the Presbytery.

It shall perform any additional duties assigned it by the Presbytery or the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship.

(8) Sabbath and Family Religion.

The duties of this committee shall be to promote the interests of family worship and the observance of the Sabbath Day. It shall make report at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

(9) Woman's Work.

This committee shall be composed of three members. It shall act as an advisory committee to the Woman's Auxiliary and represent the Auxiliary to the Presbytery. At every Spring meeting it shall compile a report to the Presbytery from the sessional report blanks.

(10) Men's Work.

This committee shall be composed of seven members, five of whom shall be laymen. They shall cooperate with the Assembly's department of Men's Work and with the Home Mission Committee of this Presbytery and seek in every possible way to develop the active interest of the men of our churches through organization and the acceptance by these men of definite tasks for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ. They shall make report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery, giving a summary from the sessional report blanks.

(11) Schools and Colleges.

This committee shall consider the interests of all the educational institutions which receive support from this Presbytery, or to which this Presbytery elects trustees, and keep the Presbytery informed as to their condition and needs.

Reports from the Boards of Trustees of these institutions shall be referred to them for consideration and such recommendations as they may deem pertinent.

(12) Historical.

The duties of this committee shall be as follows:

(1) To encourage churches to observe anniversaries.

(2) To assemble data in reference to each church of the Presbytery.

A. Date of organization, charter members, etc.

B. Full lists of all ministers and elders with dates of service.

C. All incidents of importance in the development of the organizations, such as Sunday School, Auxiliaries, etc.

(13) Vacancy and Supply.

This committee shall cooperate with the Assembly's Committee of Vacancy and Supply and render all possible aid to vacant churches seeking supplies or pastors, and to ministers seeking new fields.

(3) Examining Committees.

There shall be eight permanent committees for the examination of candidates seeking licensure or ordination, and of ministers seeking admission into the Presbytery, viz.:

(1) Experimental Religion.
(2) Academic Studies.
(3) Language, Thesis and Critical Exercises.
(4) Natural and Exact Sciences.
(5) Mental and Moral Philosophy.
(6) Ecclesiastical History.
(7) Church Government and Sacraments.
(8) Theology.

The Moderator conducts the examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry.

The examination on theology, ecclesiastical history, church government and sacraments (and on any other part ordered by the Presbytery), shall be conducted by the appropriate committee in open Presbytery, and each member of the Presbytery shall have the privilege of asking any question he may desire, upon the subject under consideration.

Section IV.

Churches, Pastors and Stated Supplies.

Presbytery will not constitute the relation of Pastor, nor consent to the establishment of the relation of stated supply between a minister and any one of its congregations which is in arrears to a former minister for ministerial services, except for satisfactory reasons.

Whenever a call, placed in the hands of a minister, is accepted by him, the sum specified in the call shall be made a matter of record.

When a church reports a failure to pay punctually to its minister the salary promised, the church so failing shall be summoned to appear before Presbytery by its representatives or commissioners and show cause for such failure.

No stated supplyship shall be continued longer than one year, except by special permission of the Presbytery, and the relation shall in all cases terminate at each Spring meeting, when, if desired by the church, a new application shall be filed.

The relation of stated supply to a church shall be formed only by the consent of the Presbytery, or of the Home Mission Committee in the interim of Presbytery.

Ministers and churches have no authority to change the conditions of a call, or the terms of supplyship regularly approved by the Presbytery, and the Presbytery will not recognize such alterations unless made by its consent.

Churches shall forward all funds collected for the Beneficient Causes of the church, directly to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, who shall receipt for them and keep an account of the same for the Presbytery's use.

Sessions of vacant churches are enjoined to make proper compensation to the supplies who may visit them by appointment of the Presbytery, according to the ability of the congregation; and, in general, to pay the expenses of ministers invited to visit them.

Section V.

Licentiates.

Licentiates are required to attend stated meetings of the Presbytery. If a Licentiate is necessarily absent from such stated meetings, he shall send a reason therefor, and a written report of the manner in which he has been occupied.

If a Licentiate absent himself from two successive meetings of Presbytery, and fail to transmit a satisfactory excuse for his absence, and a satisfactory account of his labors, he shall be notified to appear at the next stated meeting, and show cause why his license should not be revoked.

Section VI.

Candidates.

(1) As to the Reception of Candidates.

All applications to be received as candidates for the ministry should be made through the Committee of Christian Education and a sufficient time before the meeting of the Presbytery for the committee to make a thorough investigation.

(1) As to the reputation of the applicant for piety, good practical sense, prudence, and humility; and (2) whether there be any physical or mental infirmities, or any eccentricities of character, or other defects, which are likely to interfere with his usefulness as a minister of the gospel. These facts should be clearly and fully reported to the Presbytery, ordinarily at a regular meeting and no applicant be received until such report is made. The applicant should further be required to present to the Presbytery an official certificate from the session of the church to which he belongs, of his good standing as a member, and of his character and qualifications as set forth above.

(2) As to the Supervision of Candidates.

Candidates under the care of Presbytery are subject to its oversight, direction, and control in all matters pertaining, to their education and training for the ministry. To this end the Presbytery should, through its Committee of Christian Education, keep in close and intimate touch with each of its candidates; should require reports from their instructors and from the candidates themselves, and information from every proper source as to advancement in study and their general deportment; and if the candidates pursue their studies outside the bounds of our church or deviate from the ordinary course of study, it should be only with the consent of the Presbytery, or, ad interim, of its Committee of Christian Education.

(3) As to Pecuniary Aid.

Since financial assistance given to candidates in their preparation for the ministry is not intended to be a complete support, but only a supplement to other resources, therefore when a candidate applies for aid, let the Committee make close inquiry as to—

(1) His financial ability, present and prospective.

(2) The attitude of his parents or friends, and of their ability and willingness to aid him.

(3) The attitude of the church to which he belongs, and its willingness to extend aid.

And let any appropriation be made only according to the actual need of the candidate, who must at the same time be given to understand that he will be expected to refund the amount given him in case he fails to enter the ministry.

Section VII.

Miscellaneous.

The Presbytery will regularly elect trustees to take part for the Presbytery in the government of Davidson College, whose term of office shall be two years, and they shall report annually to the Presbytery at the Fall meetings.

(2) Free Conversations on the State of Religion.

At every Meeting, if the Presbytery desires it, there shall be held a free conversation on the state of religion within the bounds of Presbytery. The roll shall be called and every minister, licentiate and ruling elder present, shall have an opportunity to express his views on this subject.

(3) Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be chosen at the

Spring Meeting in the following manner:

Presbytery shall engage in prayer, after which nominations may be made, and the vote taken by ballot or viva voce.

Commissioners to the General Assembly shall send to the Presbytery through the stated clerk, a written report of their attendance upon the General Assembly. If the commissioner has failed to attend upon any of the sessions of the General Assembly he shall state it in his report together with his reason for such failure.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly shall make their report in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly.

Examined, and found in excellent order and their approval recommended
Morristown, Tenn. Sept. 17, 1930.

Samuel W. Glasgow.
W. O. J.

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The MINUTES

of the

Presbytery *of* Asheville

Call Meeting: March 31, 1930.
Adjourned Meeting: May 19, 1930.

STATED SPRING MEETING
THE SIXTY-EIGHTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

MONTREAT, NORTH CAROLINA,
APRIL FIFTEENTH
1930

Directory *of* Presbytery

Moderator—Rev. E. D. McMahan, Canton, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.
Treasurer and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

Permanent Committees

1. Home Missions—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. W. F. Crouse, D.D., and Messrs. J. J. Conyers, J. R. Shope, I. J. Archer, R. J. Grizzt, Buffner Campbell, H. A. Osborne, T. M. Slagle, R. L. Prevost, Dr. Kelly Bennett, and J. T. Bailey.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. R. L. Alexander, Drs. I. J. Archer, Bernard R. Smith, and Mr. R. E. White.
3. Assembly's Home Missions—Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. S. R. Crockett, Mr. S. L. Woodward.
4. Bible Cause—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. S. P. Verner.
5. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., and Messrs. J. T. Bailey and J. F. Ramsey.
6. Religious Education (Education and Sunday School Work)—Rev. L. W. Simmons, Rev. E. D. McMahan, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. S. C. Clapp.
7. Sabbath and Family Religion—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. W. K. Beaty, and Mr. Charles Gray.
8. Church Sociology—Rev. W. K. Beaty, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and Mr. R. J. Grizzt.
9. Stewardship—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Dr. I. J. Archer, and Messrs. H. H. Carson, J. H. McConnell, George Wright, and J. T. Bailey.
10. Men of the Church—Rev. R. L. Alexander, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, J. C. Blackwood, Gallatin Roberts, J. S. Coleman, L. L. Burgin, L. H. McKay, George Samaroew, Dr. J. R. Sevier.
11. Schools and Colleges—Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D., Mr. W. H. McMurray.
12. Historical—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Mr R. L. Gash.
13. Vacancy and Supply—Rev. J. R. Sevier, D.D.
14 Advisory Committee of Maxwell Training School—Mrs. E. C. Quinlan, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, and Mrs. W. R. McGuire.

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CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., March 31, 1930.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in call session in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville at 3:00 P. M. and was constituted with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Dr. R. F. Campbell served as Moderator.

There were present:

Ministers: W. H. Adams, M. S. Avery, R. L. Alexander, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, L. N. Edmunds, W. A. Murray, and R. P. Smith.

Elders: E. L. Gaston, First Church, Asheville.

The following Call was read and found in order:

Franklin, N. C., March 18, 1930.

The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the study of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, on Monday, March 31st, at 3:00 P. M., to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To dismiss Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg to the Presbytery of Atlanta.

2. To dismiss Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., to the Presbytery of Ebenezer, U. S. A.

Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg was dismissed to the Presbytery of Atlanta, and Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, Jr., to the Presbytery of Ebenezer, U. S. A.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. S. Avery.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

— *of* —

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Sixty-Eighth Semi-Annual Session

Montreat, N. C., April 15, 1930.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Anderson Chapel, Montreat, N. C., at 11:00 A. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, from John 1:12, "Personal Evangelism."

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. L. Alexander, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray, E. D. McMahan, T. A. Painter, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier (2), R. P. Smith, W. F. Creson, L. M. Edmunds.

Elders: D. B. Burns, Asheville First; W. C. Green, Black Mountain; A. B. Riley, Brevard; J. T. Bailey, Canton; John Lyddy, Davidson River; J. E. Rice, Franklin; L. M. Richardson, Hazelwood; J. T. Fain, Hendersonville; G.M.Brittain, Mills River; Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; G. R. McPherson, Morrison; M. W. Bell, Murphy; H. W. Cresman , Ora Street; W. D. Patton, Swannanoa; G. A. Webster, Weaverville; John Scott, West Asheville.

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer, Rev. E. D. McMahan was elected Moderator, and Rev. R. L. Alexander Temporary Clerk.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, the following hours of meeting were adopted for the sessions of Presbytery: 9:00 A. M.-12:30 P.M.;

recess; 2:00 P. M.-5:00 P. M.; 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

The report of the commission to ordain and install Licentiate O. C. Landrum as pastor of Hazelwood was adopted.

Candidate C. R. McCarty was received from Augusta Presbytery. It was made the first order of the day for the afternoon session to examine C. R. McCarty with a view to licensure.

Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Dr. L. T. Wilds.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. **Bills and Overtures**—J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, L. M. Richardson.
2. **Judiciary**—H. B. Dendy, R. P. Smith, J. T. Bailey.
3. **Minutes of Synod**—W. Hooper Adams, A. B. Riley.
4. **Records of Session**—W. F. Creson, O. C. Landrum, L. N. Edmunds, G. A. Webster.
5. **Auditing**—J. E. Rice, John Scott, D. B. Burns.
6. **Nominations**—R. S. Eskridge, L. T. Wilds, I. J. Archer.
7. **Leave of Absence**—W. S. Hutchison, W. D. Patton.
8. **Records of Presbytery**—D. W. Richardson, J. T. Fain.
9. **Resolutions**—T. A. Painter.

Presbytery having received a certificate of dismission of Candidate C. R. McCarty from Augusta Presbytery, proceeded to examine him with a view to licensure as prescribed by the Book of Church Order. His trial sermon was from Matt. 16:24.

The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and Mr. McCarty was duly licensed as a probation-

er for the gospel ministry as provided in the Book of Church Order.

A call from the Highlands Church at $1,800.00 per year was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him, pending his ordination.

The Moderator appointed Rev. O. C. Landrum and Elder L. M. Richardson to serve on the Committee on Church Societies.

Communications

From Dr. S. M. Tenney, received as information. From Davidson River Church. Referred to Home Mission Committee.

From Rev. K. J. Foreman: Referred to Committee on Leave of Absence.

From Rev. J. J. Fox, in regard to the Appalachian Appeal, which was endorsed by Presbytery.

From Rev. E. T. Wilson, asking permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery till the Spring Meeting. Request granted.

From Union Seminary, referred to Commmittee on Christian Education.

From Montreat Normal, referred to Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Rev. J. H. Gruver invited Presbytery to visit the Mountain Orphanage. Presbytery accepted the invitation, and at 4:20 took recess.

Tuesday Evening Session.

At 7:30 Presbytery was opened with prayer by Dr. S. H. Chester.

The popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was presided over by Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Gruver introduced some children from the Orphanage who gave an inspiring program.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison gave an address on "Country Church Work."

Rev. S. R, Crockett reported on Maxwell Training School.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Superintendent, made an encouraging report.

There were also several short talks from the floor.

Dr. R. C. Anderson made an interesting report on the Montreat Normal School.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet Wednesday at 9:00 A. M.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. and the devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. R. F. Campbell who gave a report of the meeting in Pittsburgh.

The following committee was appointed to draw up an overture to the Assembly in regard to Union: Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. W. H. Adams, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Elder M. W. Bell.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted. It was as follows:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1930.

Evangelistic meetings held, three.
Preaching, thirty-four times.
Professions of faith, seventeen.
Congregational meetings assisted with and sessions moderated, fourteen.

Churches organized, one.

Assisted in ordaining and installing ministers, two; elders, six; deacons, six, in three different congregations.

Mileage, 4612.

Edited ten issues of "Our Mountain Work."

Sent out 1,300 letters for Mountain Orphanage for special appeal during summer; also 500 letters for Mountain Orphanage at the Christmas season.

Have gotten out special letters for the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

Have sent out three calls to the Builder's League as well as follow-up letters for same.

Have dictated or written 675 personal letters.

The receipts for the Builder's League Fund have been $717.00.

Superintendent's receipts for meetings held, $74.05.

The expenses of my office for the year have been as follows:

Office expense, including equipment, postage, stationery	$ 90.91
Superintendent's expense for travel, telephone calls, and telegrams	327.10
Stenographic help	300.00
Treasurer's bond	25.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Superintendent's salary	1.00
Making a total expense for the office of Superintendent-Treasurer of	$1,344.01

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. DENDY,

Superintendent-Treasurer.

The Black Mountain Church was granted permission to change the terms of their call to their pastor by cutting out the words "and Manse."

Dr. S. H. Chester of Nashville Presbytery was asked to sit as a visiting brother.

The hour of reconvening for the afternoon session was changed to 2:30 P. M., to give the various committees time to meet.

The pastoral relation between Rev. S. R. Crockett and the Waynesville Church was dissolved.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

Your Committee on the Records of Presbytery respectfully reports that we have reviewed the Minutes of the Presbytery for the year 1929, and find them in proper form, with the following exceptions:

In the Minutes of the Call Meeting for September 9, 1929, and the Spring Meeting, April 16, 1929, there is no record of the Presbytery having been convened with prayer.

With these corrections, we recommend the adoption of the printed Minutes as the official records of the Presbytery.

DONALD W. RICHARDSON.

The Manual was amended so that the salary of the Treasurer hereafter will be paid from the Home Mission Fund.

The report on Sabbath Schools was adopted and filed.

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:00 A. M.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Dr. D. W. Richardson; text, I. Cor. 15:3, 4.

The Communion was administered by Rev. S. R. Crockett and Rev. W. F. Creson.

Memorials on Rev. J. T. Mitchell and Rev. Wilmer McNair were read.

REV. JOEL T. MITCHELL

Born June 20, 1851.

Died November 19, 1929.

Rev. Joel T. Mitchell who was a member of Asheville Presbytery, died at Raleigh, N. C., November 19th, 1929. The following facts relative to his life and work are taken almost wholly from an obituary which appeared in the Christian Observer of February 12th, 1930:

He was born in Greene County, Kentucky, June 20th, 1851. He was the eldest son of Abner Hamilton and Mary Atkinson Mitchell, and was reared in Ebenezer Church. He taught several years in Kentucky, and then entered Union Seminary at Hampton Sidney, Virginia, in 1888. Beginning his ministry in 1890, he served the

following fields in Kentucky: Hebron, Bullit County, McHenry, Silver Creek, Whitesburg and Hazard. In 1902 he began work in the Fredericktown Group in Missouri, transferring later to the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. He served the Irontown group in Missouri, the Plainville, and the Natona groups and La Harpe in Kansas. From this last charge he retired in 1923 and wen to live in North Carolina. It was this move that brought him into our Presbytery, serving as stated supply the Hazelwood Church. He was proficient as a teacher of the Bible and faithful as a minister of the Gospel.

He is survived by a daughter residing at Cary, N. C., and a son, Rev. Thos. H. Mitchell, pastor at Indian Trail, N. C.

REV. WILMER MacNAIR
Born September 23, 1858.
Died December 30, 1929.

Mr. MacNair was the son of a Reformed Church minister, Rev. John L. MacNair, and was born at Stone Ridge, N. Y., on September 23rd, 1858. He graduated from Rutgers in 1881, and from Princeton Seminary in 1886. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Newark, and for some years he worked in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., spending part of the time in the western part of the land. In 1892 he became pastor of a Reformed Church at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., where he remained until 1895. Two years later he began an engagement as stated supply at Pottersville, N. J., where he remained until 1923, in which year he resigned and went to Asheville, N. C., for his health. He was received into the Presbytery of Asheville, and rendered in many ways faithful voluntary service, which was highly appreciated by all those who shared in the benefits of his ministry.

Mr. MacNair married Miss Eleanor Roberts, of South Orange, N. J., who survives him, with three children, John L. MacNair, of Jetmore, Kansas; Rev. Everett W. MacNair, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Miss Louisa MacNair, who lives with her mother in West Asheville. He is also survived by two sisters, Miss Anna D. MacNair, of Pardville, Missouri, and Miss Mary N. MacNair, of Somerville, N. J., and one brother, J. Lloyd MacNair, of Ithaca, N. Y. A funeral service was held in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, after which the remains were taken to Brooklyn, N. Y., where another service was held, and the interment took place in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. MacNair was a brother greatly beloved, a man of sweet

spirit, full of love and sunshine. Much of his time was spent in visiting the sick and in teaching Bible classes in the sanatoriums of Asheville. This Presbytery puts on record the esteem and love in which Mr. MacNair was held, and our sympathy with the bereaved family.

W. F. CRESON,
R. P. SMITH,
R. F. CAMPBELL,
Committee.

Presbytery took recess till 8:30 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

At 2:30 P. M. Presbytery was opened with prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The reports from our Foreign Mission fields as to God's blessing upon the work are most encouraging, in evidence of which we give a quotation or two.

Our Mid-China Mission reports: "Never before have we experienced such willing audiences or so many opportunities for preaching." "Africa's report is almost a continuous paen of praise." Of the "Kingdom of God Movement" in Japan for winning a million to Christ, our Mission reports: "Many thousands have publicly declared their faith and great numbers have already united with the churches."

Over against these encouraging reports, however, is the discouraging fact that receipts for the year just closed were the lowest in several years, which, added to the fact that the average cost of all that enters into Foreign Mission work has risen 25 per cent, has resulted in a serious reduction of our missionary force and the holding back of waiting recruits, thus steadily strangling the Foreign Missionary work of our Church.

The only hope we can see is that the pastors of the churches lay the seriousness of the situation upon the hearts of the people by prayer and by the presentation of the facts to them and by the preaching of our Lord's "Great Commission," "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The Alternate from the Black Mountain Church was invited to sit with Presbytery and given the privileges of the floor, without vote.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received as information.

The matter in regard to a candidate from this Presbytery, now in Union Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, which was instructed to confer with Dr. R. P. Smith and Dr. D. W. Richardson.

Rev. J. G. K. McClure, Jr., of French Broad Presbytery, U. S. A., and Rev. Dumont Clark of New Brunswick Presbytery, U. S. A., were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted.

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly in session at Charlottesville, to drop proceedings looking to the formation of a Judicial Commission of nine members, and to discourage all actions tending towards the centralization of powers.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

The report of the special Committee on Union was adopted.

OVERTURES COMMITTEE

The Presbytery of Asheville, in Stated Meeting assembled, declares its endorsement in principle of the Union of the branches of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church in this country, and that we overture the General Assembly of 1930 to appoint a committee to confer with similar committees from other Presbyterian and Reformed bodies in this country, in order to formulate a brief statement of the Reformed faith, to serve as a doctrinal basis for a united Church, and to make other inquiries and recommendations regarding the union of said bodies.

We favor Regional Assemblies to preserve the right of local self-government, with a Super-Assembly to handle such matters as the Regional Assemblies have in common, such as evangelism, education and Foreign Missions.

W. HOOPER ADAMS, Chairman.

Rev. J. G. K. McClure and Rev. Dumont Clark addressed Presbytery on "The Lord's Acre Plan." A vote of thanks was given for their interest in and contribution to

the country churches by introduction of "The Lord's Acre Plan."

The Committee on Consolidation of Schools was received and the committee continued and asked to bring definite recommendations to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Dr. D. W. Richardson was extended a vote of thanks for his sermon and requested to furnish the Stated Clerk triplicate copies of the sermon for publication in the church papers.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend the election of—

R. L. Alexander, Chairman of Committee of the Men of the Church.

Dr. R. C. Anderson, Trustee of Davidson College for another two years.

R. S. ESKRIDGE,
I. J. ARCHER.

The Stewardship report was adopted.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Stewardship Committee makes the following tabulation from the reports which have come into its hands:

Amount contributed to regular benevolences	$35,206.00
Value of Church Property	698,700.00
Value of Manses	75,500.00
Total	$774,200.00
Debt on Property	$29,975.00

H. B. DENDY, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was received as information.

The invitation of the Black Mountain Church for the Fall Meeting was accepted.

Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully reports as follows:

We recommend that Rev. E. T. Wilson be excused for non-attendance and granted permission to labor outside our bounds till the Fall Meeting, and that Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman also be excused for non-attendance upon the meeting.

We also recommend that the following members be excused as noted:

L. M. Richardson, Elder, Hazelwood, after Tuesday afternoon session; J. T. Fain, Elder, Hendersonville, after Tuesday afternoon session; Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. E. D. McMahan, Elder J. T. Bailey, and Rev. T. A. Painter from attending popular meeting Tuesday night; Rev. L. T. Wilds and Rev. E. D. McMahan from attendance Wednesday P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HUTCHISON.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was adopted.

To the Presbytery of Asheville:

As members of your committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Synod of Appalachia, we report that we have examined that publication and have found it complete and in good form.

W. HOOPER ADAMS, Chairman.
A. B. RILEY.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 P. M.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Presbytery met at 7:30 and was opened with prayer by Rev. O. C. Landrum.

The Judiciary Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands.

The Auditing Committee recommended that the auditor's report be recommitted to him, and when completed, to be returned to the Auditing Committee of the Home Mis-
T. A. PAINTER, Chairman.

The report on Sessional Records was taken up seriatim and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

Your Committee on Sessional Records would submit the following report:

1. That the Minutes of Asheville First, Black Mountain, Canton, Morrison, Brevard, Montreat, Waynesville, Mills River, Ora Street, Slagle Memorial, Etowah, and Hendersonville be approved as written; also Franklin and Weaverville.

2. That the following exceptions be made:

West Asheville: Statistical report is incomplete; Davidson River: only two meetings of the session during the year; no statistical report as part of sessional records; Hazelwood: failed to include statistical report to Presbytery as part of sessional records; Swannanoa: session meetings without prayer on April 1st.

3. We recommend that, in the future, all Clerks of Sessions be urged to write with pen and ink all sessional records; and to refrain from pasting in actions of sessions written on pieces of paper of any sort.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. CRESON, Chairman.
ORIE C. LANDRUM,
LELAND N. EDMUNDS,
G. A. WEBSTER.

The Statistical Report was presented by the Stated Clerk, who was instructed to forward it to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the salary of the Stated Clerk.

Rev. W. A. Murray and Elder E. E. White were appointed as Devotional Committee for the Fall Meeting.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals:
Rev. W. K. Beaty, Dillingham, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Franklin, N. C.
Elder Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat, N. C.
Elder M. W. Bell, Murphy, N. C.

Alternates:

Rev. T. A. Painter, Swannanoa, N. C.
Rev. E. D. McMahan, Canton, N. C.
Elder E. E. White, Black Mountain, N. C.
Elder B. B. Burns, Asheville, N. C.

The following was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Your Committee respectfully offers the following resolution:

That as an expression of the gratitude that is in our hearts for the happy circumstances which have attended this session of Asheville Presbytery, thanks be rendered,

First, to our Heavenly Father for the kind providence which made it possible for Presbytery to convene in this highly favored spot.

Second, to the good people of Montreat Church for their gracious and openhearted hospitality.

Third, to the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary; to the faculty and students of the Montreat Normal School, and to Dr. Anderson and his helpers for the thorough and hearty services they have rendered in ministering to our needs, comfort and pleasure during our stay in their midst.

Fourth, to Dr. S. M. Tenney for his cordial invitation to visit the Home of the Historical Foundation.

T. A. PAINTER, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHURCH SOCIETIES

I. Woman's Work—
22 Societies. Membership, 1633.

II. Y. P. Work—
Societies, 19. Membership, 586. Contributions, $377.00.

III. Men's Work—
Societies, 10. Membership, 320.

W. HOOPER ADAMS, Chairman.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in the First Church, Asheville, May 19th, 1930, at 3:00 P. M.

Next Stated Meeting, Black Mountain, N. C., October 15, 1930, at 11:00 A. M.

E. D. McMAHAN, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.
R. L. ALEXANDER, Temporary Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., May 19, 1930.

The Presbytery of Asheville met pursuant to adjournment in the study of the First Church at 3:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Elder J. C. Blackwood.

Moderator Rev. E. D. McMahan presided.

There were present:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, J. A. Flanagan, E. D. McMahan, W. A. Murray, and R. P. Smith.

Elders: H. W. Cresman, Ora Street; John Scott, West Asheville; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville.

As neither Commissioner Rev. W. K. Beaty nor his alternate, Rev. T. A. Painter, could attend the General Assembly, Rev. J. H. Gruver was elected Commissioner to the Assembly and Rev. W. F. Creson, alternate.

Rev. T. A. Painter was appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery and to select his own subject.

Dr. R. P. Walker was received from Atlanta Presbytery and after the required examinations was enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery. A call from the Waynesville Church at $2,100 per year and Manse, was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

The following Commission was appointed to install Dr. Walker as pastor at Waynesville, June 1st, at 8:00 P. M.: Rev. S. R. Crockett to preside; Rev. H. B. Dendy to preach the sermon; Rev. O. C. Landrum to charge the

pastor, and Elder J. T. Bailey to charge the people. Rev. E. D. McMahan was appointed as alternate to either of the ministers, and Elder L. M. Richardson as alternate to J. T. Bailey.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install Licentiate C. R. McCarty as pastor at Highlands, June 12, at 8:00 P. M.: Rev. H. B. Dendy to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. J. A. Flanagan to charge the pastor, and Rev. R. L. Alexander to charge the people. Elders Dr. Gilbert, S. P. Verner, J. E. Rice and C. W. Medler. Rev. S. R. Crockett was appointed as alternate to Rev. R. L. Alexander.

Rev. S. R. Crockett made a statement in reference to Candidate W. C .Wilson. The committee was instructed to request Mr. Wilson to confer with the committee as soon as practicable.

Messrs. J. C. Blackwood, Mr. G. W. McKay, and C. C. Lingerfelt of Ora Street Church were given the privilege of the floor. Mr. J. C. Blackwood read a record of a congregational meeting requesting the dissolution of the Ora Street Church. Mr. G. W. McKay made a strong plea for the continuation and preservation of the church. After considerable discussion the following commission was appointed and given authority to act on the petition of the Ora Street Church. The Commission was instructed to meet Sunday, June 1st, at 2:30 P. M., with a duly called congregational meeting of the Church: H. B. Dendy, chairman, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Smith, and L. N. Edmunds, alternate; Elders: J. J. Conyers and J. O. McElroy. The session of Ora Street Church was instructed to meet and call a congregational meeting for June 1st, at 2:30 P. M.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

E. D. McMAHAN, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

W. A. Murray, Stated Clerk

Committees on Examination

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds and Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences—Rev. R. P. Smith and Rev. W. K. Beaty.

Philosophy—Rev. W. H. Adams and Rev. E. T. Wilson.

Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Church Government and Sacraments—Dr. J. R. Sevier and Dr. R. P. Smith.

Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Trustees

Trustees of Presbytery—Messrs. J. D. Murphy and D. S. Watson.

Trustees of Davidson College — Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires in the spring of 1932; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires in the spring of 1931.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES—STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1930.

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows:

Number of Ordained Ministers	28	Number of Installations	3
Number of Churches	32	Number of Pastoral Dissolutions	4
Number of Licentiates	1	Number of Churches Organized	1
Number of Candidates	2	Number of Ministers deceased	2
Number of Licensures	4	Rev. Joel T. Mitchell, Rev. Wilmer McNair.	
Number of Ordinations	3		

Ministers and Licentiates Number of Candidates	Postoffices	Churches	OFFICERS Elders	OFFICERS Deacons	Communicants Added on Confession	Communicants Added on Certificate	Communicants Whole Number Communicants	Baptisms Adult	Baptisms Infant	Benevolent Funds Collected: Total Sabbath School Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Chris. Education and Ministerial Relief	Relig. Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Orphan's Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastor's Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastor's Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Collected: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
W. Hooper Adams, S.S.	Asheville, N. C.	*Ora Street	7	4	1	—	117	—	—	144	76	16	11	4	13	3	6	142	52	105	1133	250	207	47	25	—
R. L. Alexander, P.	Brevard, N. C.	*Brevard	6	11	—	9	150	—	—	118	162	26	26	52	—	7	13	98	72	195	1928	—	869	—	—	15
J. P. Anderson, D.D., P.	Murphy, N. C.	*Murphy	4	5	5	4	58	3	2	42	15	6	12	5	—	2	—	28	—	—	1500	—	98	—	—	—
R. C. Anderson, D.D., Pres.	Montreat, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M. S. Avery, P.	Candler, N. C.	*Oak Forest	4	3	1	6	57	—	6	149	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	500	500	170	—	1705	32
W. K. Beaty, P.	Dellingham, N. C.	*Covenanters	5	4	—	1	108	—	10	130	42	4	4	2	—	1	2	24	—	—	336	1350	11	—	—	16
W. K. Beaty, P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. F. Campbell, D.D., P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First	23	25	15	42	1461	7	25	1606	4676	544	855	458	—	249	556	5860	3611	4174	6950	—	16182	1053	—	413
V. A. Crawford, F. M.	Tokushima, Japan.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. F. Creson, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	*West Asheville	8	18	16	42	424	11	—	282	310	50	48	132	—	12	24	240	72	361	2800	—	1134	—	88	400
W. F. Creson, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Robert Bingham	1	1	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
S. R. Crockett, Supt.	Franklin, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	*Weaverville	7	5	6	14	144	1	—	137	100	14	14	8	—	4	7	75	42	100	600	—	650	12	2475	38
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Red Oak	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	6	—	—	—	—	—
L. N. Edmunds, A. P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. S. Eskridge	West Asheville, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	*Andrews	4	1	2	1	26	2	—	—	15	5	3	1	2	1	4	1	3	10	350	1350	299	—	100	10
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	3	1	2	—	23	2	2	—	62	10	10	5	—	3	5	50	30	75	400	10	—	—	—	—
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	1	1	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	82	225	47	—	81	4
F. M. Eversole, D.D., F. M.	Chunju, Korea.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. A. Flanagen, P.	Franklin, N. C.	*Franklin	4	7	—	4	65	—	—	57	91	12	21	18	5	3	6	60	32	90	800	—	165	—	106	26
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 2., N. C.	Morrison	3	2	—	—	26	—	—	55	20	3	2	11	—	1	1	15	6	26	139	—	29	—	83	—
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 1., N. C.	Slagle Memorial	1	—	7	—	21	—	—	43	33	4	2	1	—	1	2	21	10	10	162	—	26	—	40	35
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																									
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	*Mills River	5	5	8	—	110	2	4	80	34	4	4	18	—	2	2	143	17	59	500	800	512	—	—	—
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah, N. C.	2	2	—	—	50	—	2	30	22	—	—	—	—	1	20	2	6	—	100	—	2	—	—	—
O. C. Landum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	*Hazelwood	3	2	2	6	45	2	—	160	16	1	1	5	1	1	1	7	1	8	578	979	651	—	381	—
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hepco, N. C.	White Oak	3	2	—	—	16	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	1	1	6	3	9	37	3	31	—	—	2
E. D. McMahan, P.	Canton, N. C.	*Canton	6	7	2	6	144	2	—	192	175	77	30	14	—	8	13	168	55	188	2000	—	894	—	3450	182
W. A. Murray, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain	4	7	11	6	116	9	1	272	168	17	20	14	5	4	12	156	70	196	2186	—	861	15	—	221
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	*Swannanoa	7	7	9	5	139	7	—	120	116	14	17	23	8	4	14	150	50	95	2000	—	439	—	1399	5
D. W. Richardson, D.D., Prof.	Richmond, Va.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. R. Sevier, D.D., S. H. M. Em.	Hendersonville, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. P. Smith, D.D., S. H. M. Em.	Asheville, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
L. T. Wilds, Jr., D.D., P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	*Hendersonville	13	20	16	27	544	6	5	279	1035	222	190	59	—	29	59	841	575	882	3700	—	4283	—	26790	506
E. T. Wilson	New York.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
P. P. Winn, F. M.	Chunju, Korea.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Bryson City	*Bryson City	5	4	1	11	75	1	—	60	31	5	5	2	—	1	3	25	15	37	700	—	57	—	—	—
	Waynesville, N. C.	*Waynesville	6	7	6	1	123	2	1	116	234	32	52	15	—	8	16	223	831	210	1231	—	406	—	160	174
	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands	2	2	4	19	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Pisgah Forest, N. C.	*Davidson River	3	3	—	—	102	—	—	50	61	19	17	6	3	2	17	44	11	64	—	—	132	—	585	—
	Montreat, N. C.	*Montreat	4	5	7	8	182	2	—	194	463	87	80	36	—	23	36	770	221	557	900	—	722	—	—	188
	Hendersonville, N. C.	Rugby	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Licentiate: C. R. McCarty.	Highlands, N. C.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals			143	161	122	213	4413	59	59	4395	7971	1378	1426	891	37	552	821	9159	5787	7465	31683	546728877	112737468	2267		

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1930.

FALL MEETING

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Black Mountain Church at 11:00 A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. E. D. McMahan, from the text, Philippians 1:27, "Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: J. P. Anderson, R. C. Anderson, M. S. Avery, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, E. D. McMahan, W. A. Murray, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, and L. T. Wilds.

Elders: H. J. Olive, Asheville First; Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain; S. P. Verner, Brevard; K. L. Gash, Etowah; A. L. Leach, Franklin; Alexander Harly, Hendersonville; T. W. Bird, Mills River; C. C. Lord, Montreat; H. T. Lindsley, Waynesville; G. A. Webster, Weaverville; John Scott, West Asheville; R. W. Teague, White Oak.

Dr. J. R. Sevier was elected Moderator and Rev. J. A. Flanagan Temporary Clerk.

The following report of the committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted:

TUESDAY

11:00 A. M.— Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. E. D. McMahan, Canton, N. C.
2:00 - 5:00 P. M.— Business Session.
7:30 P. M.— Popular Meeting in interest of Home Missions. Dr. R. F. Campbell presiding.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises, conducted by Rev. J. A. Flanagan.
9:15 - 10:00 A. M.— Business.
10:00 A. M.— Foreign Mission Report. Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chairman, followed by an address by Rev. George Stevens, of China.

10:50 - 11:00 A. M.— Recess.
11:00 A. M.— Presbyterial Sermon by Rev. T. A. Painter, of Swannanoa.
Presbyterial Communion, administered by Rev. R. S. Eskridge and Rev. W. S. Hutchison.
2:00 - 5:00 P. M.— Business Session.
7:30 P. M.— Evening Session.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. MURRAY,
E. E. WHITE.

Rev. J. P. Smith, Jr., of Red River Presbytery; Rev. H. H. Cassady of King's Mountain Presbytery, and Rev. J. W. Justice,, pastor of the Black Mountain Baptist Church, were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Special Order

It was decided to hear the representative of King College at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M.

The unprinted minutes were read.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. **Bills and Overtures** — E. D. McMahan, S. P. Verner, H. J. Olive.
2. **Judiciary** — R. F. Campbell, R. C. Anderson, T. W. Bird, G. A. Webster.
3. **Records of Presbytery** — W. F. Creson, M. S. Avery, Alexander Harley, C. R. McCarty.
4. **Minutes of the General Assembly** — R. P. Walker, O. C. Landrum, J. H. Gruver, A. L. Leach.
5. **Auditing** — John Scott, C. C. Lord, H. T. Lindsley.
6. **Leave of Absence** — T. A. Painter, L. N. Edmunds, Dr. A. E. Knoefel.
7. **Nominations** — R. S. Eskridge, W. S. Hutchison, R. W. Teague.
8. **Resolutions** — J. A. Flanagan.

Communications

From Absentees: Referred to Committee on Leave of Absence.

Dr. S. L. Morris: To a Special Committee, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

Presbyterian Foundation: To Stewardship Committee: Rev. E. T. Wilson, asking permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery; granted.

Rev. E. D. McMahan, Chairman of the Commission to install Rev. R. P. Walker as Pastor of the Waynesville Church, reported that duty performed June 1st, 1930.

The Commission to ordain and install Licentiate C. R. McCarty as Pastor of the Highlands Church, reported that duty performed October 9th, 1930.

The commissions were commended for their diligence.

The reception of Rev. H. H. Cassady was deferred to a later meeting.

The commission to act on the petition of the Ora Street Church reported that they "did not see their way clear to dissolve the Ora Street Church." The report was adopted and filed.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

Your committee, in making its report on the work of the American Bible Society, our official agency for the distribution of the Scriptures, rejoices in the fact that during the year 1929 many encouraging accomplishments and cheering advances have been made. In an age when the pessimist can point out many non-religious tendencies, it is heartening to know that there is an ever-increasing circulation of the Word of God. Last year the American Bible Society issued over eleven million copies of the Scriptures, the second year in its history to accomplish this task, and the fifth successive year in which the circulation of the past year has been exceeded.

We would also call your attention to the fact that Sunday, December 7th, is designated as Universal Bible Sunday, and that September 13th was the day set apart by our Assembly as the day in which our pastors should call the attention of our people to the important place occupied by the Bible. This year a splendid brochure, "One Book for All People," has been prepared by Dr. James I. Vance, to help in presenting the message of the day.

In view of these facts, we recommend:

1. That this body endorse heartily the work of the Society, and pray for its continued success in the distribution of the Scriptures.
2. That we endorse the "Back to the Bible Movement" which has for its general object a Bible being read daily in every home, a Bible being used by every Bible School pupil, and the Bible being placed in every church pew.
3. That if we did not use Sunday, September 13th, as Bible Cause Day, that we will use Sunday, December 7th, to present the cause of the Society.
4. That we note the fact that our General Assembly has recommended that one per cent of our benevolences go to this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

The matter of dissolving the Rugby Church was referred to the Home Mission Committee, which was given the power of a commission to act on this matter.

The report of the Stewardship Committee was taken up seriatim and adopted.

Your Stewardship Committee reports that our churches as a whole have made a very creditable showing in their benevolent giving for the past year. A number have given their full quota and some have gone beyond their askings. On the other hand, there are also some who have not done as well as was expected of them. We recommend that:

1. Our pastors and elders do everything within their power to develop the spirit of liberality among their people and that they not only make an earnest effort to raise the full amount of their benevolent quota by presenting the budget as a whole but that as much information as possible be given to the people with reference to the needs of the various causes.

2. The budget for Asheville Presbytery for 1931-32 be $38,575.

3. The percentage basis for the distribution of this amount be:

	Per cent.
Presbytery's Missions	30
Assembly's Missions	4
Synod's Missions	2
Foreign Missions	25
Colleges	6
C. E. and M. R.	4
S. S. Extension	2
Bible Cause	1
Maxwell School	5
Mountain Orphanage	15
Montreat Normal	6
	100

4. That Presbytery continue to send the 2 per cent to the Richmond Committee; that the chairman of the Home Mission Committee inform the Richmond Committee of Presbytery's consideration of this matter and make urgent request that at least half of this 2 per cent be returned to Asheville Presbytery for its particular Sunday School extension work.

5. The askings of the several churches of Asheville Presbytery for the year 1931-32 be as follows:

Andrews	$ 100.00
Asheville First Church	22,000.00
Bethel	300.00
Black Mountain	600.00
Brevard	650.00
Bryson City	400.00
Canton	700.00
Covenanters	100.00
Davidson River	400.00
Etowah	100.00
Franklin	300.00
Hayesville	25.00
Hazelwood	300.00
Hendersonville	6,000.00
Ivy Park	50.00
Mills River	350.00
Montreat	1,800.00
Morrison	100.00
Murphy	500.00
Oak Forest	200.00
Ora Street	200.00
Red Oak	25.00
Robert Bingham	25.00
Slagle Memorial	100.00

Swannanoa	500.00
Waynesville	800.00
Weaverville	400.00
West Asheville	1,500.00
White Oak	50.00
	38,575.00

H. B. DENDY, Chairman.

The time for the Special Order of the day having arrived, Rev. H. B. Dendy made a strong plea for the support of the campaign for King College Endowment. The discussion was carried on by several members of Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following special committee to study "Changes in Pastorates": R. F. Campbell, L. T. Wilds, M. S. Avery, S. P. Verner, and George Wright.

Dr. R. C. Anderson gave an interesting account of the condition, work and needs of the Montreat Normal School.

Principal S. L. Woodward also spoke in the interest of the School.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

Dr. R. F. Campbell presided over the popular meeting in the interest of Presbyterial Home Missions.

Rev. Ernest Widenhouse, of the M. E. Church South, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Eight boys from our Orphanage delighted Presbytery with a song.

Rev. G. P. Stevens, of our China Mission, was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a vsiting brother.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Superintendent of Home Missions, gave a stirring and heart-searching address on the Home Mission work in Asheville Presbytery.

Rev. O. C. Landrum spoke on Home Mission Work and Soul Winning.

Dr. R. P. Smith gave a most interesting account of the beginnings of Home Mission work, the conditions that prevailed then and the progress that has been made.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Dr. R. C. Anderson to visit Assembly Inn and the Montreat Normal School at 4:00 P. M. Wednesday.

After a hymn, Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Wednesday Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

A letter from Dr. F. M. Eversole was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

A call from the White Oak Church for the pastoral services of Rev. O. C. Landrum, at a salary of $75.00 per year, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

Elder C. W. Medler, Alternate from Weaverville, was enrolled.

The special committee appointed to formulate a reply to Dr. S. L. Morris on "Changes in Pastorates," made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Special Committee to Which Was Referred the Communication From Dr. S. L. Morris, in Regard to Vacancy and Supply

We recommend the following reply to the letter from Dr. S. L. Morris, Chairman of the General Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on "Making Changes in Pastorates":

It appears to this Presbytery that the Assembly's Bureau of

The following committee was appointed to install Rev. O. C. Landrum as Pastor of White Oak Church:

Vacancy and Supply is meeting the situation fairly well, considering the difficulties of their task.

We suggest, for a closer co-ordination between the Bureau and the Presbytery, that the General Assembly request each Presbytery to turn over the matter of Vacancy and Supply to its Committee of Home Missions, to be handled either by the committee as a whole or through a sub-committee, to act in co-operation with the Bureau.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

The Committee on Minutes of the Assembly reported that they found noting calling for the action of Presbytery.

Date of installation, Thursday, October 23rd, 7:30 P. M.

To preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions: Rev. H. B. Dendy.

To charge the Pastor, Dr. R. P. Walker.

To charge the People, Rev. E. D. MacMahan.

Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Alternate; L. M. Richardson, Elder.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and pending adoption of the recommendations, Rev. George Stevens, of our China Mission, made a thrilling address on "Our Work in China." The report was adopted and Presbytery by a rising vote, expressed appreciation of Mr. Stevens' address.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

In view of the deplorable decrease of Foreign Missions offerings and the consequent necessity of retrenchment in the face of Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," we recommend:

1. That ministers of our churches do all in their power to awaken the people to do their best to meet this crisis.

2. That this Presbytery indorse the proposed Missionary Congress, to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 16 - 19, 1931, and that each church endeavor to send one or more delegates to this Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Painter. Text, Hebrews 2:16. Subject, "The Great Salvation."

After the sermon the elements of the Lord's Supper were served by Revs. R. S. Eskridge and W. S. Hutchison.

The service was concluded with a hymn and the benediction.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M.

Rev. T. A. Painter was asked to prepare copies of the Presbyterial Sermon for publication in the church papers.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the Minutes of Presbytery, the printed Minutes were adopted as the official records of Presbytery.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures, Auditing and Judicial Matters, reported that nothing had come into their hands.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Brevard Church for the Spring Meeting.

The report of Family Religion and Sabbath Observance was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

Your committee bases this report, rendered verbally, on the answer to Questions 6 and 8 of the Narrative last spring, viz.: the questions on Family Religion and Sabbath Observance. Finding these answers, on the whole, inadequate, we recommend:

1. That Session make definite effort to give real answers to these questions.

2. That our pastors lay it upon their own hearts to know their families intimately enough to be aware of their life in family devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

A profitable and cheering report of the Churches was heard on the State of Religion.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their attendance: Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, D. B. Burns, and Dr. I. J. Archer. Their diligence was commended.

The report of the Committee on Consolidation of Schools was received and the committee continued.

After Rev. S. R. Crockett had reported on the Maxwell Home, Presbytery expressed its appreciation of Mr. Crockett's work and assured him of their continued interest and prayers for God's blessing upon the work.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We recommend that the requests of Revs. W. Hooper Adams and E. T. Wilson, that they be excused from attending this meeting of Presbytery, and that they be permitted to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until the Spring Meeting, be granted.

Also, that Rev. D. W. Richardson, Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, Rev. F. M. Eversole, and Rev. R. L. Alexander be excused for non-attendance upon this session of Presbytery

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. PAINTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations reports as follows:

As Trustee of Presbytery, to take the place of Mr. P. R. Allen, deceased, we nominate Theo. D. Morrison, of Asheville First Church.

To fill the vacancy on the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion, caused by Rev. W. K. Beaty's going to another Presbytery, we name Rev. R. P. Walker .

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. ESKRIDGE, Chairman.

Per W. S. HUTCHISON.

Rev. R. L. Alexander and Elder S. P. Verner were

appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises for the Spring Meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Feeling that we have had a very inspiring and helpful and hopeful meeting of Presbytery, and that this has been brought about by several contributing agencies, we therefore offer the following resolutions:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge and give expression to the kindly dealings of a gracious and loving Heavenly Father for His favor and tender care.

2. That we express our deepest appreciation to pastor and to people for their open-hearted hospitality; for their careful consideration of our every need, and for the wonderful spirit which has been manifested in this loving and thoughtful service. And especially do we thank the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary, who have proven themselves true and loyal helpmeets; for the delightful luncheons which were served; for the attractive display of lovely flowers; for all the helpful and kindly things which they have done for us.

3. That we appreciate deeply, and thank sincerely, the Rev. George Stevens for his interesting and challenging message; the Rev. T. A. Painter, for his helpful and soul-inspiring sermon; our Moderator, Dr. Jos. R. Sevier, for the happy and efficient manner of conducting the sessions of the Presbytery; and all those who have had a share in making this a most profitable meeting of our Presbytery.

4. That we thank Dr. and Mrs. Anderson for their kind invitation to visit Montreat and the Montreat Normal School, and the Rev. J. H. Gruver for his invitation to visit the Mountain Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with a hymn, prayer and benediction.

J. R. SEVIER, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.
J. A. FLANAGAN, Temporary Clerk.

Next Stated Meeting, Brevard, N. C., April 14, 1931, at 11:00 A. M.

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., March 6, 1931.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the church house of the First Presbyterian Church at 2:30 P. M.

Rev. E. D. McMahan, the last Moderator present, presided.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Painter.

There were present:

Ministers: R. P. Smith, R. F. Campbell, L. T. Wilds, M. S. Avery, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, J. H. Gruver, T. A. Painter, E. D. McMahan, W. A. Murray, J. A. Flanagan, S. R. Crockett, R. L. Alexander, L. N. Edmunds, and O. C. Landrum.

Elders: John Scott, West Asheville; C. C. Lord, Montreat ; H. J. Olive, Asheville First: J. T. Bailey, Canton.

The following call was read and found in order:

"Black Mountain, N. C., Feb 24, 1931.

The requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, March 6th, 1931, at 2:30 P. M., to transact the following business:

1. To act upon the petitions for the union of Brevard and Davidson River Churches.

2. To receive Rev. H. H. Cassady from King's Mountain Presbytery.

3. To receive Dr. J. W. Caldwell from Atlanta Presbytery and to act on all matters relating to the above items."

The petitions from the Brevard and Davidson River Churches were read. These petitions asked the consent of Presbytery for the consolidation of these two churches into one church, to be named "Brevard-Davidson River

Church." The petition was granted, and these two churches were united into one organization.

Dr. John W. Caldwell was received from Atlanta Presbytery, and after the required examinations, was enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

A call from the Montreat Church, at a salary of $2,500 per year and manse, was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

The following committee was appointed to install Rev. J. W. Caldwell as pastor of Montreat Church, Sunday, March 22nd, at 4:00 P. M.:

1. To preach, Rev. T. A. Painter.

2. To propound the constitutional questions: Rev. W. A. Murray.

3. To charge the Pastor: Dr. R. P. Smith.

4. To charge the Congregation: Rev. W. F. Creson; Rev. J. H. Gruver, alternate. Elder, E. E. White.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

E. D. McMAHAN, Moderator.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

OF

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

SEVENTIETH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1931.

SPRING MEETING

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Brevard Church at 11:00 A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Dr. J. R. Sevier, from the text, Deut. 32:11.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: R. L. Alexander, R. C. Anderson, M. S. Avery, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, E. D. McMahan, W. A. Murray, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds — 20.

Elders: J. W. Moore, Asheville First; Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain; J. T. Bailey, Canton; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. E. Rice, Franklin; Dr. J. S. Brown, Hendersonville; S. L. Woodward, Montreat; O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa; J. C. Rose, Waynesville; G. A. Webster, Weaverville; John Scott, West Asheville; Dr. A. H. Morey (2) Hendersonville; C. W. Medler (2) Weaverville; J. D. Osborne (2) Mills River—14.

Rev. W. F. Creson was elected Moderator and J. A. Flanagan Temporary Clerk.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, the hours of meeting were fixed as follows:

Tuesday: 2:00 P. M. — Season of Conference and Prayer.
8:00 P. M.—Popular Meeting on Home Missions.

Wednesday: 9:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises, led by Rev. L. N. Edmunds.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Dr. E. W. Smith, followed by Presbyterial Communion.
2:00-5:00 P. M.—Business Session.
8:00 P. M.—Popular Meeting on Foreign Missions, led by Dr. E. W. Smith.

Thursday: 9:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises, Dr. R. P. Walker.

Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. D. W. Richardson.

Dr. R. F. Campbell presided through a most helpful season of prayer, song, and testimony.

There were several voluntary talks and many voluntary prayers.

The Conference was closed at 4:00 P. M. with hymn and prayer led by Dr. J. R. Sevier.

At 4:00 P. M. the Moderator resumed the chair and appointed the standing committees and substitutes for absentees on permanent committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures:**
   Dr. J. R. Sevier, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Dr. R. F. Campbell, John L. Scott, O. L. Merchant
2. **Judiciary:**
   Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. C. R. McCarty.
3. **Minutes of Synod:**
   Dr. D. W. Richardson.
4. **Records of Sessions:**
   Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Rev. E. D. McMahan, Rev. M. S. Avery, J. W. Moore, J. L. Gash.
5. **Auditing:**
   Mr. J. T. Bailey, Mr. J. E. Rose, Mr. S. L. Woodward.
6. **Nominations:**
   Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Mr. J. C. Rose.
7. **Leave of Absence:**
   Mr. R. L. Gash, Dr. A. E. Knoefel.
8. **Records of Presbytery:**
   Rev. R. L. Alexander.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Sabbath and Family Religion:

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Mr. John Scott.

Church Societies:

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Dr. L. T Wilds, Rev. C. R. McCarty.

Communications from W. H. Adams, T. A. Painter, J. W. Caldwell, and J. P. Anderson were referred to the Leave of Absence Committee.

Overtures to the General Assembly in reference to the Promotional Agencies and Laymen's Meeting were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The report of the Auditor of the Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Montreat School was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Rev. C. B. Chapin, of Lehigh Presbytery, U. S. A.. was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. H. B. Dendy reported that the committee had installed Rev. O. C. Landrum at Hazelwood, and Rev. W. A. Murray reported that Rev. J. W. Caldwell had been installed at Montreat. The committees were discharged.

At the request of Rev. H. H. Cassady, his letter was returned toRev. W. J. Roach, Stated Clerk of King's Mountain Presbytery.

Rev. E. T. Wilson was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery.

Rev. L. T. Wilds requested that his church be permitted to reduce his salary $50.00 per month, and Rev. W. A. Murray, that his salary be reduced $25.00 per month. Both requests were granted.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. W. F. Creson, and Rev. W. A. Murray were requested to write a report of this afternoon's conference and transmit to the churches

After prayer, Presbytery took recess till 8.00 P. M.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery met at 8:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. S. Eskridge. Dr. R. F. Campbell of the Home Mission Committee presided.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Superintendent and Treasurer, read his annual report.

Rev. C. B. Chapin gave an interesting and touching account of his work as Chaplain at Oteen.

Rev. J. H. Gruver reported on the work of the Mountain Orphanage, and Rev. S. R. Crockett about the Maxwell Home.

Dr. R. C. Anderson spoke of the work and condition of the Montreat Normal School. Several short talks were made by various members of the Presbytery. Dr. E. W. Smith led in prayer for a blessing on the work.

After announcements, Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

Wednesday Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. The Devotional Exercises were led by Rev. L. N. Edmunds.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Dr. F. M. Eversole was excused from attendance on this meeting and granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Auditor's report of the Treasurer's books and accounts and recommended that the Auditor's report be accepted as official and filed with the Stated Clerk. Recommendation adopted.

The Superintendent's and Treasurer's report was adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1931.

Miles traveled in the interest of Presbytery's work, 4,929.

Evangelistic meetings held, one.

Other preaching services, six.

Receipts, forty-five dollars.

Conferences with pastors and summer workers, sessions and congregations, thirty-two.

Pastors installed, three.

Edited twelve issues of "Our Mountain Work."

Have sent out three calls for Builder's League and follow-up letters on same.

Receipts for Builder's League, $463.00.

Attended twelve meetings of Home Mission Committee.

Assisted in arranging for Presbyterian Chaplain at Oteen. Presbyterian preaching at Sylva, summer supply preaching at Ora Street, and supply at Bryson City.

Have held numerous conferences with Dr. Smith relative to the work of the Presbytery.

Have dictated or written over one thousand letters in the interest of the work of Presbytery.

Have gotten out special letters, etc., for the Orphanage and the Stated Clerk.

The expenses of my office for the year have been as follows:

Office expense, including equipment, postage, stationery	$64.49
Superintendent's expense for travel, telephone calls, and telegrams	359.43
Stenographic help	370.00
Treasurer's bond	25.00
Lock box at Wachovia Bank & Trust Company	3.00
Audit of Treasurer's books	50.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Superintendent's salary	1.00
Total	$1,472.92
Less Superintendent's receipts	45.00
Net cost to Presbytery of Superintendent-Treasurer,	$1,517.92

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

Your Committee on the Records of Presbytery respectfully reports that we have examined the Minutes of the Presbytery for the year 1930, and find them in proper form.

We recommend the adoption of the Minutes as the official records of the Presbytery, and that the Official Copies of the Minutes of Presbytery be filed by the Clerk with the Historical Foundation at Montreat.

R. L. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Your Committee on Men of the Church respectfully reports as follows:

Five Men of the Church Organizations: Asheville First, Hendersonville, Weaverville, Canton, Brevard-Davidson River, with a total membership of 268.

Programs carried out as outlined by the Progressive Program.

Special services conducted at jails, chain gangs, outlying churches, Mission Sunday Schools, charity work, visitation of sick, and stewardship principles emphasized.

SUBSCRIBED BY CHURCHES IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY TO JANUARY 15, 1931.

Andrews	$146.00
Bethel	412.00
Black Mountain	210.00
Brevard	791.00
Bryson City	345.00
Canton	360.00
Davidson River	227.50
Hayesville	49.00
Hazelwood	154.00
Montreat	240.00
Murphy	194.00
Swannanoa	313.00
Waynesville	21.00
White Oak	45.00
Total	$3,507.50

The fact that several churches have not entered into the campaign was not due to unwillingness to co-operate, but financial conditions of Western North Carolina.

Asheville Presbytery placed the Minister's Annuity Fund under the Men of the Church, and we respectfully report progress of the campaign up to January 15, 1931.

R. L. ALEXANDER.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD

Your committee has examined the Minutes of the Synod of Appalachia and finds nothing requiring action on the part of the Presbytery.

DONALD W. RICHARDSON.

The report of the Commitee on Schools and Colleges was received and the recommendations adopted.

We recommend:

1. That the management of the Montreat Normal School be encouraged to take steps to standardize the school as soon as possible as a Junior College and Normal School.

2. That the churches of the Presbytery be urged to give the full six per cent of the benevolent budget as specified by Presbytery.

3. That all schools and colleges receiving financial aid from Presbytery be asked to report to Presbytery at its Spring Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. ANDERSON,
R. S. ESKRIDGE.

The following Elders were enrolled: Dr. A. H. Morey, Hendersonville; J. D. Osborne, Mills River, and C. W. Medler, Weaverville.

The following Commissioners and Alternates were elected to the General Assembly in Montreat, May 28th:

Principals: Dr. R. P. Smith, Asheville; Dr. D. W. Richardson, Richmond, Va.; R. W. Teague, Hepco; R. L. Gash, Brevard.

Alternates: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville; Rev. O. C. Landrum, Hazelwood; J. J. Conyers, Asheville; J. T. Bailey, Canton.

Presbytery took recess till 11:00 A. M.

At 11:00 A. M., Dr. L. T. Wilds submitted the Foreign Mission Report, which was received, and after Dr. E. W. Smith preached a strong sermon on Foreign Missions, the recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Your Commitee submits the following report:

Reports from our Foreign Mission field continue to be most encouraging and gratifying — in the way of conversions, sacrificial giving by the native Christians, eagerness for the Gospel, and other evidence of the Spirit's working.

The report of the missionary receipts for the past year show a deficit of $152,260.00, increasing the debt to $359,277.00. resulting in a necessary reduction of 33 1/3 per cent, not in missionary salaries but in other expenditures on the field and in the salaries of administrative and promotional departments. New missionaries will be sent out only in the way of replacements and to supply emergency needs. This condition certainly calls for heroic and self-sacrificing giving on the part of all who are interested in carrying out "The Great Commission."

We recommend that our ministers use every available means of awakening the interest of our people — such means as missionary literature, visits of missionaries, church schools of missions, the observance of the week of prayer and self-denial, and the preaching of it and praying for it in their pulpits.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The sermon was followed by Presbyterial Communion, served by Revs. R. P. Walker and E. D. McMahan.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer.

The report of the Committee on Consolidation of schools was received and the committee discharged.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison was excused from attendance on this meeting.

The following reports were adopted:

COMMITTEE OF SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Committee of Sessional Records reports the following records approved as written:

Franklin, Hendersonville, Swannanoa, Weaverville, Canton, Black Mountain, West Asheville, Waynesville, Montreat, Hazelwood, Brevard-Davidson River, Mills River, Asheville First.

The following churchs did not send records: Andrews, Bethel, Robert Bingham, Red Oak, Bryson City, Rugby, Covenanters, White Oak, Haysville, Ivy Park, Murphy, Oak Forest, Ora Street.

Slagle Memorial — No meetings second and fourth quarters.

Morrison — No meeting for third quarter.

Etowah — Only two meetings in the year.

Highlands — No meeting till August, and statistical report not in book.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. WALKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK

Your Committee finds the following interesting facts connected with the Woman's Work of the Presbytery:

There are twenty-two Auxiliaries, with a total membership of 1,388 members contributing last year to the benevolent causes of the church $8,122; to local church work, $3,743, and to miscellaneous causes, $626 — a total of $12,500.

The women seem to be quite active, using all of the means for promoting the Kingdom — such as mission study classes, prayer bands, family altars, tithing, the church papers, weeks of prayer and self-denial, and the like.

We recommend that they be commended for their faithfulness and zeal in the service of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

SUMMARY — ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Mrs. S. W. Black, Bryson City, Presbyterial Recording Secretary.

Auxiliaries in Presbyterial - 22 Members - -	1388 plus
Auxiliaries enrolled but not reporting - - - - - - -	0
Organizations not belonging to Presbyterial - - - - - -	0
Auxiliaries averaging 50 per cent in attendance - - -	15
Auxiliaries including every resident woman member of Church,	15
Auxiliaries divided into Circles - - - - - - - - -	15
Auxiliaries whose general Circles shift annually - - -	11
Auxiliaries increasing benevolent budget 5 per cent this year -	7
Auxiliaries contributing to all Church Benevolent Causes -	6
Home Circles - - - - 9 Members - - -	133
Business Woman's or Evening Circles - 9 Members -	186
Foreign Mission Study:	
Study Circles - - - 15 Reading Circles - - -	3
Church Schools of Missions - - - - - - - -	None

Members - - - 345 Meetings - - - -	43
Auxiliaries observing season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions - - - - - - - - - - -	18
Auxiliaries undertaking White Cross Work - - - - -	19
Home Mission Study:	
Study Classes - - - - 13 Reading Circles -	4
Church Schools of Missions - - - - - - - -	None
Members - - - -339 Meetings - - -	33
Auxiliaries observing season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions - - - - - - - - - - -	16
Volunteers for Life Service - - - - - - - - - -	2
Girls' Circles - - - - 9 Members - - - -	128
Prayer Bands - - - - 47 Members - - -	612
Auxiliary Bible Classes - - 56 Members - -	658
Family Altars - - - - 210 Tithers - - -	342
Auxiliaries presenting Stewardship during year - - - -	15
Auxiliaries having classes in Personal Work - - - - - -	1
Copies Prayer Calendar taken - - - - - - - -	224
Survey Subscribers - - - - 273 Canvasses made	16
Church Paper Subscribers - 296 Canvasses made -	14
Auxiliaries using Year Book of Programs - - - - - -	13
Auxiliaries doing Christian Social Service - - - - - -	18
Group Conferences held - - - - - - - - - - -	5

Contribution to Denominational Benevolences

1. Foreign Missions - - - - - - - - -	$2,086.80
2. Assembly's Home Missions - - - - - - - -	422.00
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief - - -	229.39
(a) Birthday Gift—Endowment, Ministerial Relief -	518.16
4. Religious Education and Publication - - - - -	119.71
5. Assembly Training School for Lay Workers - - -	22.00
6. Bible Cause - - - - - - - - - - - -	36.00
7. Synod's Home Missions - - - - - - - -	-242.93
8. Orphans' Homes - - - - - - - - - -	2,564.22
9. Educational Institutions - - - - - - - - -	945.00
10. Presbytery's Home Missions - - - - - - - -	465.00
11. Auxiliary Special Benevolences - - - - - - -	731.17
Total, Denominational Benevolences - - -	$8,122.89

Contributions to Local Church Work

12. Current Expenses of Local Auxiliary:	
(a) Local Auxiliary Contingent Fund - - -	$1,457.83
(b) Presbyterial and Synodical Contingent Fund -	332.50
13. Building Expense - - - - - - - - - - -	2,301.50
Total, Local Church Work - - - - - - -	$3,743.33

Total, Denominational Benevolences - -	$8,122.89
Total, Local Church Work - - - - - -	3,743.33
Miscellaneous Contributions - - - - - -	626.18
Grand Total, All Contributions - - - - -	$12,492.40
Total Increase or Decrease compared with last year, from reports - - - - - - - - - - -	$—3,376.22

Standard for Woman's Auxiliary

Blue Circle Auxiliaries - 6 Silver Circle Auxiliaries - 6

(No more reported).

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The Committee recommends —

1. That all churches take E. M. C.

2. That tithing or proportionate giving be encouraged by Pastor and Sessions.

3. That Pastors and Sessions do everything within their power to encourage the erection of a Family Altar in every home in our Presbytery.

H. B. DENDY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee begs to submit the following report and make the following recommendations:

1. That Dr. D. W. Richardson be asked to preach the doctrinal sermon at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

2. That Permanent Committees be as follows:

Home Missions: R. F. Campbell, D.D., H. B. Dendy, W. F. Creson, D.D., J. B. Shope, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, R. L. Prevost, R. P. Smith, D.D., L. T. Wilds, D.D., J. J. Conyers, I. J. Archer, Ruffner Campbell, H. A. Osborne, J. T. Bailey.

Foreign Missions: L. T. Wilds, D.D., Dr. I. J. Archer, E. E. White, D. W. Richardson, D.D, Dr Bernard R. Smith.

Assembly's Home Missions: R. P. Walker, S. L. Woodward, S. R. Crockett.

Bible Cause: J. A. Flanagan, O. C. Landrum, S. P. Verner.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief: S. R. Crockett, R. P. Smith, D.D., J. T. Bailey.

Religious Education: L. N. Edmunds, E. D. McMahan, J. H. Gruver, L. T. Wilds, D.D., S. C. Clapp.

Sabbath and Family Religion: W S. Hutchison, C. R. McCarty, Charles Grey.

Church Societies: J. W. Caldwell, E. J. Griset.

Stewardship: H. B. Dendy, H. H. Carson, Geo. Wright, R. P. Smith, DD., Dr. I. J. Archer, J. H. McConnell, J T. Bailey.

Men of Church: R. L. Alexander, J. C. Blackwood, L. H. McKay, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, J. S. Coleman, L. L. Burgin, Geo. Summerow, Dr. J. R. Sevier.

Schools and Colleges: R. C. Anderson, D.D., T. A. Painter, R. S. Eskridge, W. H. McMurray.

Historical: W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

Committees on Examinations:

Science: W. A. Murray, O. C. Landrum.

Philosophy: J. W. Caldwell, D.D., C. R. McCarty.

Respectfully submitted,
J H. GRUVER,
L. T. WILDS,
J. C. ROSE.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Sessional reports show that there are fourteen churches with young people's organizations; six with no organization; one with a union organization.

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. CROCKETT,
L. T. WILDS.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your Committee on Religious Education submits the following report:

Number of schools - - - - - - - - - - -	33
Number reporting cradle rolls - - - - - - - - (Total enrollment, 140.)	8
Number reporting home departments - - - - - (Total enrollment, 748.)	6
Number of officers and teachers - - - - - -	319
Total membership - - - - - - - - - - -	3100
Number of schools reporting pupils added on profession	7
Total number added - - - - - - - - - - -	79
Grand total contributions to all causes - -	$5,823.00

The following churches did not make any report to Presbytery on Religious Education: Covenanters, Ivy Park, Red Oak, Bethel, Rugby The total memberships as reported last year by Covenanters and Ivy Park are included in the total membership reported in this report.

Looking forward to the work for the current year, we make the following recommendations:

(1) That evangelism be stressed as the supreme task of the Sunday School work. You will note from the above report that only eight churches of the Presbytery reported any additions to the church from the Sunday School. It is the opinion of your committee that it has been an oversight on the part of some churches in leaving this item vacant. We would urge every church to give particular attention to this item in making future reports.

(2) That all schools use only the periodicals and lesson helps of our own committee.

(3) That every school observe Rally Day and make a liberal offering to the cause of Religious Education and Sunday School Extension.

(4) That every school make special efforts to send representatives to the Banners Elk Young People's Conference, June 9 - 17.

(5) That every school give full co-operation to Dr. J. J. Fix in his effort to carry out the program of work in the department of Religious Education for this Synod for the year 1931. (A copy of his program is herewith attached.)

(6) That we highly recommend Kingdom Highways, which is the work for young people as submitted by Dr. J. L. Fairly and his committee. This should be the major emphasis with reference to the young people.

Respectfully submitted,

LELAND N. EDMUNDS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Presbytery of Asheville, in session at Brevard, North Carolina, April 16th, 1931, respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, meeting in Montreat, North Carolina, May 28th, 1931:

1. To withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

2. To authorize a Laymen's Convention to be held in Montreat, North Carolina, every two (2) years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SEVIER, Chairman.

REPORT ON NARRATIVE BY COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

1. Most of the churches report two preaching services on the Sabbath, except where churches belong to groups.

2. Churches report average attendance at morning service of from 50 to 60 per cent; at evening service, 30 to 40 per cent; at prayer meeting in churches holding this service, 10 to 15 per cent.

3. Most of the churches report additions by letter and on profession.

4. By far the largest number received on profession came from the Sunday School.

5. About half of the churches report evangelistic services during the year.

6. Most of the churches report an encouraging number of family altars.

7. Most of the churches report the observance of the Communion ment during the year.

8. The churches generally report a good observance of the Lord's Day.

9. Nearly all the churches report faithfulness of parents in presenting their children for baptism. A few report the contrary.

10, 11 and 12. Most of the churches answer these questions in the affirmative .

13. The churches without exception report the principles of stewardship taught by the pastor.

14. One hundred and fifty-six persons are reported as tithing or more than tithing.

15. All the churches except two report an every-member canvass.

16. Most of the churches report a failure to accept or pay in full the apportionments for the benevolent causes.

17. Eleven out of the twenty-one churches sending in narratives, report pastor's salary paid promptly and in full.

18. Most of the churches report worldly conformity as existing only slightly.

19. Eleven churches report holding of evangelistic services outside of bounds.

20. Six churches report efforts to secure recruits for the ministry.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Highlands Church for the Fall Meeting, October 13, 1931, at 11:00 A. M.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received as information.

Resolutions of Thanks were adopted, as follows:

Whereas, the Presbytery of Asheville has been most cordially and hospitably received and entertained by the Church and people of Brevard: therefore, be it

Resolved (1) That the Presbytery express our sincere appreciation of the kindness of our hosts and hostesses who have so freely opened to us their homes; to the ladies of the Church who have provided us with such bountiful luncheons; to the genial pastor of the Church, together with the mistress of the manse, and the entire congregation, whose grateful guests we have been.

2. That we remember in special prayer the pastor and the membership of the Brevard Church in the work which they are doing for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

3. That the pastor, Rev. R. L. Alexander, be requested to communicate the substance of these resolutions to the membership of his Church.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. C. R. McCarty, Elder L. C. Rice of the Highlands Church, and the Stated Clerk were appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises for the Fall Meeting.

The Statistical Report was ordered to be printed in the Minutes and a copy be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

The report of the Leave of Absence Committee was adopted.

The Minutes were read and approved. After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Next Stated Meeting, Highlands, North Carolina, October 13, 1931, at 11:00 A. M.

W. F. CRESON, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.
J. A. FLANAGAN, Temporary Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., July 3rd, 1931.

The Presbytery of Asheville met at 3:00 P. M., in the Church House of the First Church, and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The following call was read and found in order:

The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to be held in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, July 3rd, 1931, at 3:00 P. M., to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To consider and act upon any and all matters pertaining to the financial interests of our work in Asheville Presbytery.
2. To receive candidates for the Gospel Ministry.
3. To handle any matters growing out of the above items.

W. F. CRESON, Moderator.

The following were present:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, W .F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, S. R. Crockett, J. W. Caldwell, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, E. D. McMahan, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders: A. E. Eve, Robert Bingham; J. O. McElroy, Weaverville; J. J. Conyers, Asheville First; O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa; W. C. Green, Black Mountain; L. M. Richeson, Hazelwood; Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; J. D. Osborne, Mills River.

Mr. Merrill Keith, of the Weaverville Church, presented himself as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

After the required examinations, Merrill Keith was enrolled as a candidate for Ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery and placed under the supervision of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Dr. R. P. Smith, at the request of Presbytery, delivered an impressive charge to the candidate.

Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy for a blessing upon the guidance and consecration of Candidate Merrill Keith.

The Superintendent of Home Missions was instructed to write a letter to be read to all the churches, setting forth the condition and needs of the Home Mission and Benevolent Causes. The Pastors were instructed to give their congregations an opportunity for a special offering for Presbyterial Home Missions at the earliest practicable date.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

W. F. CRESON, Moderator
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion: The Moderator.

Academic Studies: Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis: Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences: Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. A. Murray, and Rev. O. C. Landrum

Philosophy: Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. R. McCarty.

Ecclesiastical History: Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Theology: Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery: Messrs. J. D. Murphy, D. S. Watson and Theo. D. Morrison.

Trustees of Davidson College: Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring of 1932; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring of 1931.

Official Copy
Attest. W. A. Murray Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES. **STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 1931**

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers, 30; number of churches, 30; number of candidates, 2; number of ordinations, 1; number of installations, 4.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES Number of Candidates	POSTOFFICE	CHURCHES	OFFICERS: ELDERS	OFFICERS: DEACONS	COMMUNICANTS: ADDED ON CONFESSION	COMMUNICANTS: ADDED ON CERTIFICATE	COMMUNICANTS: WHOLE NUMBER COMMUNICANTS	BAPTISMS: ADULT	BAPTISMS: INFANT	TOTAL SABBATH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	BENEVOLENT FUNDS COLLECTED: FOREIGN MISSIONS	ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION	ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS	BIBLE CAUSE	SYNOD'S HOME MISSIONS	ORPHANS' HOMES	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS	OTHER FUNDS COLLECTED: PASTORS' SALARIES ACTUALLY PAID	CURRENT EXPENSES	CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS	BUILDING EXPENSE	MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS
	244 Merrimon St.																								
W. H. Adams	~~Charlotte, N.~~ C. Albany, Ky.																								
R. L. Alexander, P.	Brevard, N. C.	*Brevard-Davidson River*†	9	13	7	8	182			107	$ 130.00	$ 47.00	$ 77.00	$ 15.00	$ 3.00	$ 7.00	$ 14.00	$ 198.00	$ 72.00	$ 147.00	$2,170.00	$ 354.00	$ 52.00	$ 536.00	$ 166.00
J. P. Anderson, P.	Murphy, N. C.	*Murphy*†	3	4	8	4	58	4	3	54	20.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	13.00	8.00	20.00	1,325.00	195.00	130.00		190.00
R. C. Anderson	Montreat, N. C.																								
M. S. Avery, P.	Candler, N. C.	*Oak Forest*†	4	3	22	12	91	17		170	22.00	2.00	1.00	15.00		1.00	1.00	26.00	4.00	31.00	600.00	394.00		1,000.00	12.00
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	*Montreat*†	4	5	2	4	151			194	655.00	125.00	195.00	47.00		22.00	38.00	701.00	478.00	505.00	1,285.00	579.00			371.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First†	21	25	42	106	1268	12	15	1403	4,309.00	538.00	705.00	599.00		234.00	388.00	4,554.00	1,789.00	3,711.00	4,700.00	12,344.00	134.00	1,634.00	1,177.00
V. A. Crawford, F. M.	Tokushima, Japan																								
W. F. Creson, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	*West Asheville*†	12	23	11	42	451	8	4	293	326.00	106.00	88.00	87.00		9.00	18.00	194.00	114.00	272.00	3,000.00	1,445.00			
W. F. Creson, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Robert Bingham	1	1			15													5.00		5.00			52.00
S. R. Crockett, Supt.	Franklin, N. C.																								
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	*Weaverville*†	6	4	5		145			128	110.00	21.00	8.00	3.00		2.00	8.00	69.00	15.00	139.00	800.00	675.00	50.00	2,800.00	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Red Oak					12														2,170.00				
L. N. Edmunds, A. P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First																							
R. S. Eskridge	West Asheville, N. C.																	7.00	13.00	38.00	350.00	40.00		90.00	12.00
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	*Andrews*†	3	1	2	1	29	2			19.00	11.00													
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	2	1	2		33	2			37.00	6.00	4.00	2.00		2.00	2.00	25.00	7.00	123.00	400.00				10.00
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	39	3.00								1.00	6.00	98.00				132.00
F. M. Eversole, F. M.	Chunju, Korea																								
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	*Franklin*†	4	7		2	64			51	175.00	33.00	17.00	19.00	5	2.00	3.00	50.00	25.00	49.00	800.00	312.00		50.00	9.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 2, N. C.	Morrison†	3	2		2	28		2	54	27.00	17.00	2.00				3.00	12.00	2.00	15.00	124.00	32.00			
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 1, N. C.	Slagle Memorial†	1			1	20			28	12.00	2.00					1.00	14.00	3.00	34.00	101.00	21.00		5.00	
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																								
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																								
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	*Mills River*†	5	3	7		112	4		75	29.00	3.00	24.00	7.00				150.00		106.00	550.00	376.00		1,500.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	2	2			49			30	15.00	1.00					2.00	39.00	1.00	4.00	100.00	14.00			
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	*Hazelwood*†	3	4	7	4	56	5		165	15.00	4.00	1.00	9.00				1.00		48.00	419.00	148.00		330.00	
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hepco, N. C.	White Oak	3	2			13			50								2.00		6.00	50.00				
C. R. McCarty, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands†	3	1	16	5	41	13		33	31.00	5.00	5.00	3.00		1.00	3.00	19.00	22.00	37.00	1,000.00	593.00			33.00
E. D. McMahan, P.	Canton, N. C.	*Canton*†	5	6	5	12	143	3	3	184	189.00	81.00	63.00	15.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	127.00	89.00	154.00	2,000.00	132.00			
W. A. Murray, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain†	4	5	10	5	122	8	4	254	102.00	17.00	13.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	7.00	77.00	69.00	119.00	1,915.00	376.00			477.00
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	*Swannanoa*†	7	7	3	3	140	1		135	115.00	17.00	45.00	35.00	8.00	4.00	17.00	52.00	5.00	128.00	2,000.00	302.00	22.00	1,377.00	49.00
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																								
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																								
R. P. Smith, S.H. M. Em.	Asheville, N. C.																								
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	*Waynesville*†	6	6	3	15	140		1	110	244.00	49.00	78.00	27.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	327.00	23.00	109.00	2,200.00	601.00		438.00	160.00
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	*Hendersonville*†	13	21	11	21	537	7	7	259	915.00	168.00	209.00	48.00		24.00	54.00	598.00	348.00	713.00	3,500.00	1,998.00	8.00	2,483.00	338.00
E. T. Wilson	Elizabeth, N. J.																								
P. P. Winn, F. M.	Chunju, Korea																				332.00	132.00			
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*S.S.	4	3			62			50	68.00										225.00	11.00			16.00
30	Dillingham, N. C.	Covenanters*S.S.	5	4		1	108		10	130	42.00	4.00	4.00			1.00	2.00	29.00	11.00	28.00	75.00	40.00			
	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	2	2		2	23			65							11.00								
Candidates — 2.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Rugby					6																		
	Asheville, N. C.	Ora Street*S.S	1	1	5		48			84	10.00							15.00			563.00	101.00		48.00	
		31																							
Totals			137	157	169	251	4158	87	53	1145	7,620.00	$1,260.00	$1,542.00	$ 940.00	29.00	$ 326.00	$ 597.00	$7,299.00	$3,099.00	$6,547.00	$32,852.00	21,220.00	$ 396.00	12,291.00	$3,204.00

By Order of the Presbytery. W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk, Black Mountain, N. C.

approved by Synod of
appalachia in session at
Montreat - Sept 16, 1931
J. H. Hassinger, Moderator.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., August 28, 1931.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Church at 3:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

There were present:

Ministers: M. S. Avery, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, J. H. Gruver, E. D. McMahan and W. A. Murray.

Elders: J T. Bailey, Canton; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville.

The following call was read and found in order:

Black Mountain, N. C, August 16, 1931.

The requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Friday, August 28th, 1931 at 3:00 P. M. to act upon the resignation of Rev. E. D. McMahan as Pastor of the Canton Church and all matters relating thereto."

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

Rev. E. D. McMahan asked Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relationship between him and the Canton Church in order that he might be able to pursue a post graduate course in Union Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Elder J. T. Bailey read a communication from the Canton Church stating that in a regularly called congregational meeting, the congregation had concurred in the request.

The resignation was accepted and Rev. E. D. McMahan was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Highlands, N. C., October 13, 1931.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Highlands Church at 11:00 A. M. and the opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. F. Creson, from Romans 13: 11-14.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: R. L. Alexander, R. C. Anderson, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. F Creson, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, and L. T. Wilds.

Elders: J. W. Moore, Asheville First; C. C. Dougherty, Black Mountain; J. A. Miller, Brevard-Davidson River; J. T. Bailey, Canton; J. L. Gash, Etowah; C. A. Lowry, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; L. C. Rice, Highlands; O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; J. J. Gray, Morrison; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; J. O. McElroy, Weaverville; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville.

Dr. R. P. Walker was elected Moderator and Rev. J. A. Flanagan Temporary Clerk.

The following report of the committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted:

TUESDAY

11:00 A. M. Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. F. Creson.

2:15—5:00. Business Session.

7:30 P. M. Popular meeting in interest of Home Missions.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

11:00 A. M. Presbyterial Sermon by Dr. D. W. Richardson. Communion.

2:00 P. M. Business Session.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 P. M. and was opened with prayer.

The unprinted minutes were read.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures:**
   Rev. W. F. Creson, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. R. P. Smith, J. W. Moore
2. **Judiciary:**
   Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Dr. J. R. Sevier, J. A. Miller.
3. **Records of Presbytery:**
   Rev. S. R. Crockett, J. J. Gray.
4. **Minutes of the General Assembly:**
   Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. J. W. Caldwell, I. J. Archer.
5. **Auditing:**
   C. C. Dougherty, W. T. Snyder.
6. **Leave of Absence:**
   Rev. O. C. Landrum, G. C. Summerow.
7. **Nominations:**
   Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Rev. J. H. Gruver, J. O. McElroy.
8. **Resolutions:**
   Rev. R. L. Alexander.

Revs. W. H. Adams and W. S. Hutchinson were excused from attendance on this meeting. Rev. W. H. Adams was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery till the Spring Meeting.

A communication from Dr. Sweets referring to Ministers' Annuity Fund was referred to the committee on that cause.

The following reports were adopted:

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO DISSOLVE RUGBY CHURCH

The commission appointed by the Presbytery to dissolve Rugby Church met in the Pastor's study of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina, on Friday afternoon, October 2, at 5:00 o'clock P. M.

The following members were present: Rev. R. F. Campbell D. D.; Rev. R. P. Smith D. D., Rev. L. T. Wilds D. D., Rev. W. F. Creson. Rev. H. B. Dendy, Colonel J. H. McConnell, Mr. H. A. Osborne, Mr. R. L. Prevost, Mr. J. T. Bailey, Dr. I. J. Archer. The commission was constituted with prayer by Rev. L. T. Wilds D. D. It was reported to the commission that there were no remaining members in this church as they had all been taken into the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church. The commission therefore dissolved the Rugby Church and asked the Hendersonville Church Session to take a general oversight of the property of the church.

H. B. DENDY, Secretary.

Montreat Normal School

After Dr. R. C. Anderson had spoken on Montreat and the Montreat Normal School the following motion made by Dr. R. F. Campbell was adopted:

"That the Presbytery has heard with gratification the report of the Montreat Normal School and heartily commends this institution to the prayers and liberality of our people and to parents who have daughters to be educated."

Montreat

At the last meeting of General Assembly the following action was taken relative to Montreat:

1. That the General Assembly make the largest possible use of the Montreat plant for the promotion of its work. The grounds, buildings and public utilities could be used more fully by the Church for profit during the entire year.

2. That all the churches be earnestly requested to give notice of the Assembly's Conferences, and to remember the Institution in prayer on Montreat Day, the first Sunday in June, 1932.

We call special attention of our Pastors and Sessions to this action of the Assembly and urge them to give wide publicity to the Montreat work, to remember it in prayer and give it hearty and liberal support on Montreat Day, June 5th. Montreat is not on the Church's budget for anything and is entirely dependent for its support upon its own operations and gifts not included in the budget.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

Your Committee notes with pleasure the fact that the American Bible Society continues to make progress in its work of distribution of the Scriptures, this being the sixth year in succession in which the circulation of the previous year has been exceeded. This year over eleven million copies of the Bible and portions of the Scriptures were published. It is estimated that every five weeks some portion of the Scriptures is translated into a new language by the Bible societies or some similar agency. Some portions of the Scriptures are now being translated into 906 languages and dialects. "The Bible is still the world's most popular Book."

We therefore recommend to the Presbytery:

1. That the American Bible society be given our heartiest endorsement and our prayers in its work of distributing the Word of God.

2. That we urge our churches to give in full the askings of the Presbytery of one per cent of the Benevolent quota.

3. That pastors and people endorse and observe, along with all other Christian denominations, "Universal Bible Sunday," December 6th, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our report is brief, although much might be said as to the urgency of the need and in the way of appeal to meet it.

Distressing echoes of the 33 1-3 per cent cut in our appropriation for Foreign Missions have poured in from all our fields. Our missionaries have cut their own salaries to the bone and our Secretary's salary and the salaries of all employees in the office have been cut 10 per cent. Receipts for the first quarter are $4,000 less than for the same period of last year. In view of conditions our Executive Committee last month passed a resolution appealing for thousands of intercessors who will pray daily that this work may be sustained and not allowed to suffer more than it has already done.

We would urge upon our ministers that they keep this great cause before their people, urging them especially to pray for it and for the other causes of the church, and that each church give special diligence to the observing of the week, Jan. 24-31, 1932, as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The time having arrived for consideration of Maxwell Farm Home, on account of the absence of some interested parties, the time was postponed to be taken up at will.

Revs. H. B. Dendy and D. W. Richardson, Commissioners to the last Assembly, reported their attendance. Their reports were adopted and they were commended for their diligence.

Rev. R. L. Alexander, chairman of Men's Work, made a verbal report. Presbytery authorized the holding of a conference of the men of the Church to be held in Asheville at a convenient time.

Maxwell Farm Home

At 4:00 o'clock, communication was read from the sub-committee on Maxwell Farm Home requesting Presbytery not to close the Maxwell Home. It was moved that the request be granted.

Pending action, Rev. S. R. Crockett and Elder R. L. Prevost made reports on the conditions and work of Maxwell Farm Home. Rather a free discussion was carried on.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, representing the Home Mission Committee, stated the position of the committee and urged the suspension of the Maxwell Farm Home.

The time was extended to 5:45.

Mess'rs H. A. Osborne and R. L. Prevost were permitted to vote on the Maxwell Farm Home question by proxy.

Presbytery took recess at 5:45.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

The popular meeting in interest of Home Missions was presided over by Dr. R. F. Campbell, who gave a brief account of a meeting of Presbytery held in Highlands 33 years ago.

Short and interesting addresses were made by Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Elder J. W. Moore, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. S. R. Crockett, Sup't. of Maxwell Home and Rev. J. H. Gruver, Sup't. of the Mountain Orphanage.

The following recommendation was adopted: That the Presbytery authorize the committee to employ a Superintendent of Home Missions for his whole time, as soon as they see the way clear to do so."

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Wednesday Morning Session

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M.

The Devotional Exercises were led by Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The unfinished business relating to Maxwell Farm Home was resumed, with Rev. S. R. Crockett on the floor. After much discussion the following substitute, offered by Dr. I. J. Archer, was adopted by a vote of 19 to 16:

"In view of the distressing financial condition of our Presbytery, be it resolved: That the operation of Maxwell Farm Home be suspended December 31st, 1931, and that Presbytery assume the liabilities."

Presbytery took recess till 11:00.

At 11:00 the Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Dr. D. W. Richardson—Texts, Psalms 90: 16 and I Tim. 5: 4, "Learn first to shew piety at home." After the sermon, Presbyterial Communion was served by Rev. S. R. Crockett and Rev. L. N. Edmunds.

Presbytery took recess till 1:30.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

The Sub-Committee on Maxwell Farm Home was permitted to extend the time of suspension from Dec-

ember 31, 1931 till the close of the school year, provided that the Sub-Committee can find a way to operate the Farm Home without expense to the Presbytery.

The following reports were adopted:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We recommend the following: That Elder O. W. Lancaster be excused from Tuesday night's session, Elders R. L. Prevost and H. Arthur Osborne after Tuesday afternoon's session and Elder I. J. Archer, Dr. J. W. Caldwell and Dr. D. W. Richardson after Wednesday morning's session.

Respectfully submitted,
ORIE C. LANDRUM, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS

1. **Religious Education:** Dr. J. R. Sevler vs Rev. E. D. McMahan.

2. **Stewardship:** Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chairman; vs. Rev. H. B. Dendy.

3. **Church Societies:** Rev. J. H. Gruver, chairman, vs Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

4. **Trustees of Presbytery:** Mr. Geo. H. Wright vs Judge J. D. Murphy.

Trustees of Davidson College: That our Trustees be elected for 3 vs 2 years — That Mr. Ruffner Campbell be reelected for 3 years.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

MINUTES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Action on the proposed change in the Book of Church Order was postponed till the Spring Meeting.

2. Your Committee would call the attention of the Presbytery, its Pastors and Sessions, to the action of the Assembly, in regard to using greater care than ever before in receiving candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

See minutes of General Assembly, Page 49.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Maxwell Farm Home

In view of the decision to suspend work at the Maxwell Farm Home, the Presbytery of Asheville wishes to put on record the following:

1st. Its unchanged and unchangeable appreciation of the consecrated spirit and act of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle in donating this valuable property to the Presbytery.

2nd. It is with deep regret that Presbytery has decided it necessary under prevailing conditions, to suspend the work, and desires it to be understood that this conclusion has been reached after long, patient and careful consideration of the whole work, and with a view of fulfilling, at the best time and in the best way, the purpose of tde donors.

3rd. The Presbytery desires to express its hearty appreciation of the earnest and unselfish service of Rev. S. R. Crockett, Mr. R. L. Prevost, Mr. H. Arthur Osborne and Mr. J. T. Bailey in the Operation of the Maxwell Farm Home and desires to assure them and our people that this decision to suspend is in no way a reflection on these faithful men and their earnest efforts, but has been taken in view of circumstances beyond their control or ours.

4th. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to send a copy of the above resolutions to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

1. That we accept a quota of $28,850.00.

2. That this amount be sent down to the churches in the following amounts:

That the askings of the several churches of Asheville Presbytery for the year 1932-1933 be as follows:

Andrews	$100.00
Asheville First Church	16,000.00
Bethel	300.00
Black Mountain	400.00
Brevard	700.00
Bryson City	400.00
Canton	700.00
Covenanters	100.00
Etowah	100.00
Franklin	300.00
Hayesville	50.00
Hazelwood	200.00
Hendersonville	4,000.00
Ivy Park	50.00
Mills River	300.00
Montreat	1,800.00
Morrison	100.00
Murphy	300.00
Oak Forest	200.00
Red Oak	25.00
Robert Bingham	25.00
Slagle Memorial	100.00

Swannanoa	500.00
Waynesville	600.00
Weaverville	450.00
West Asheville	1,000.00
White Oak	50.00
	$28,850.00

3. That the percentage basis for the distribution of this amount remain as heretofore viz:

	Per Cent
Presbytery's Missions	30
Assembly's Missions	4
Synod's Missions	2
Foreign Missions	25
Schools and Colleges	6
C. E. and M. R.	4
Rel. Ed. and Publication	2
Bible Cause	1
Maxwell	5
Mountain Orphanage	15
Montreat	6
	100

4. That the emphasis on the spiritual approach to Stewardship be continued, as we believe this is the only means of bringing the Church to an adequate view of Christian Stewardship.

5. That the date of the next Every Member Canvass be March 13, 1932.

6. That the theme of the next Every Member Canvass be, "EVERY MEMBER ENLISTED."

7. That the six weeks, February 1—March 15, be used as a period of intensive stewardship study, inspiration, education and cultivation.

8. That all churches and church people be urged to pray for the purpose and success of the Every Member Canvass, especially during the week prior to the canvass.

9. That all churches and church leaders make especial efforts to enroll proportionate givers, beginning with one-tenth, as the great Christian principle, and that the ministers, Elders and Deacons take the lead in this.

10. That, with the budget as a minimum, we continue to stress plans for supplementary offerings, so far as ordered by the church courts.

H. B. Dendy, Chairman.

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

We commend most heartily the work done by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication and Dr. John J. Fix, Chairman of Religious Education in this Synod, in the field of Religious Education.

We recommend that:

1. Each Church should hold Leadership Training Schools. There is an endless number of ways by which Training may be given.

2. Advice and assistance should be sought from our Committee and Dr. John J. Fix with reference to Sunday School extension and Leadership Training Schools.

3. The teaching of Catechisms should be stressed in our Sunday Schools.

4. A yearly Summer Conference be held for boys and girls of the Intermediate age, i. e. 12, 13, 14. This to apply only to Asheville Presbytery.

5. Group Conferences of the leaders of Young People, including the Presbyterial Secretaries of Religious Education, be held for the purpose of discussing the work of the Young People in our Presbytery.

6. We recommend that a special speaker on Religious Education be secured for the Spring meeting of Presbytery. The hour to be arranged by the chairman and Stated Clerk.

7. That the Treasurer be authorized to arrange for the speaker's expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
LELAND EDMUNDS, Chairman Religious Education Committee.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures and Auditing reported that nothing had come into their hands.

The Trustees of Davidson College were requested to report at the Spring meeting.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the West Asheville Church for the Spring meeting, April 12, 1932, at 11:00 A. M.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Whereas, the Presbytery of Asheville has been most cordially received and entertained by the Church and people of Highlands, therefore be it resolved;

1st. That the Presbytery express our sincere appreciation of the kindness of our host and hostesses who have so freely opened to us their homes; to the ladies of the Church who have provided us with such bountiful lunches; to the pastor of the Church and the entire congregation, whose grateful guests we have been.

2nd. That we remember in special prayer the pastor and the membership of the Highlands Church in the work they are doing for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

3rd. That the Pastor, Rev. C. R. McCarty, be requested to read these resolutions to the membership of the Church.

R. L. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," prayer and the benediction.

R. P. WALKER, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.
J. A. FLANAGAN, Temporary Clerk.

Next Stated Meeting, West Asheville, April 12, 1932, 11:00 A. M.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion: The Moderator.

Academic Studies: Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis: Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences: Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. A. Murray, and Rev. O. C. Landrum.

Philosophy: Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. R. McCarty.

Ecclesiastical History: Rev. W. S. Hutchinson and Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Theology: Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery: Messrs. D. S. Watson, Theo. D. Morrison and G. H. Wright.

Trustees of Davidson College: Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring of 1932; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring of 1934.

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CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., November 13, 1931.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the study of the First Church at 3:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer.

The following were present:

Ministers: M. S. Avery, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy and W. A. Murray.

Elder: D. B. Burns, Asheville First.

The following call was read and found in order:

Black Mountain, N. C., November 3, 1931.

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in the Church house of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., on Friday, November 13th, at 3:00 P. M. to dismiss Rev. E. T. Wilson to Piedmont Presbytery, Synod of South Carolina." W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

A request was read from Rev. E. T. Wilson for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Piedmont, Synod of South Carolina.

The request was granted and Rev. E. T. Wilson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Piedmont.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. S. Avery.

W. F. CRESON, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., December 4, 1931.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the study of the First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Painter.

The following were present:

Ministers: M. S. Avery, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, J. H. Gruver, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, and L. T. Wilds.
Elders: Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; J. T. Bailey, Canton, and E. J. Griset, West Asheville.

The following call was read and found in order:

Black Mountain, N. C., November 23, 1931.

The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Friday, December 4th, at 3:00 P. M., to transact the following business:
1. To receive Rev. G. B. Hammond, if the way be clear.
2. To act on a call from the Canton church for the pastoral services of Rev. G. B. Hammond and all matters relating thereto.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

Rev. G. B. Hammond of the Presbytery of Detroit, U. S. A., presented a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of Asheville. After the required examinations, he was received and enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. G. B. Hammond from the Canton church, at a salary of $2,000.00 per year and Manse, was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

The following committee was appointed to install Rev. G. B. Hammond as pastor of the Canton church December 13, 1931, at 7:30 P. M. Dr. R. P. Walker to preside, propound the constitutional questions and charge the pastor.

Dr. R. F. Campbell to preach.
Rev. M. S. Avery to charge the congregation.
Elder, R. L. Prevost.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

R. P. WALKER, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SPRING MEETING

West Asheville, N. C., April 12, 1932

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the West Asheville Church at 11:00 A. M., and the opening sermon was preached by Dr. R. P. Walker, the retiring moderator, from Matt. 11:28-30.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: W. H. Adams, R. L. Alexander, J. P. Anderson, R. C. Anderson, M. S. Avery, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds (2), R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds. 25

Elders: D. B. Burns, Asheville First; J. F. Justice, Bethel; R. L. Gash, Brevard-Davidson River; J. T. Bailey, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Covenanters; M. R. Anderson, Etowah; J. E. Rice, Franklin; L. M. Murchison, Hazelwood; O. Y. Brownlee, Hendersonville; L. C. Rice, Highlands; J. H. Burgin, Mills River; Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; G. G. Brown, Morrison; T. P. Gaston, Oak Forest; A. E. Eve, Robert Bingham; T. M. Slagle, Slagle Memorial; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; R. L. Prevost (2), Waynesville; D. E. Penland, Weaverville; John Scott West Asheville.—21.

Rev. J. H. Gruver was elected Moderator and Rev. J. A. Flanagan Temporary Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted as follows:

Your Committee of devotional exercises submits the following report:

1. That the hours for the sessions of Presbytery be fixed as follows: Meet at 9:00 a. m., recess at 12:30 p. m., re-convene at 2:00 p. m., recess at 5:30 p. m., re-convene at 7:30 p. m., adjourn at will.

2. That Dr. W. T. Thompson, of Richmond, Va., be heard at 2:00 p. m. today on Religious Education.

3. That Rev. T. A. Painter conduct the devotional exercises Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. CRESON,
JOHN SCOTT.

The unprinted minutes were read as information.

Revs. F. M. Eversole and E. D. McMahan were excused from attendance of this meeting and granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery till the fall meeting.

Dr. J. P. Anderson resigned as Pastor of the Murphy church effective March 31, 1932. The congregation having concurred in the request, his resignation was accepted.

Dr. Anderson's application to the C. E. & M. R. Committee was approved and referred to Presbytery's Committee.

Dr. Anderson was excused from further attendance and special prayer was offered by Dr. R. F. Campbell for him and his family, especially his sick daughter.

An editorial from the Franklin Press was read and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. L. T. Wilds of Hendersonville and adopted by Asheville Presbytery:

"Resolved that Asheville Presbytery heartily condemns the editorial in "The Franklin Press," of issue April 7th, 1932, entitled, "Our Presbyterian Pope," in which Dr. R. F. Campbell is represented as acting the part of a pope to the Presbytery. The Presbytery is too much a lover of liberty to tolerate the dominance of any man. And Dr. Campbell is too Christ-like, humble, gentle, sweet-spirited, to ever be thought of as lording it over anybody. We understand that the editor of said paper is a young man who has a great deal to learn; but we take this action lest there go abroad a false impression of Presbytery and one of its ministers."

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 p. m.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery re-convened at 2:00 p. m. and was opened with prayer by Rev. O. C. Landrum.

The Moderator appointed the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures.**
   Dr. R. P. Walker, Chmn., D. E. Penland.
2. **Judiciary.**
   Dr. R. F. Campbell, W. S. Hutchinson, G. A. Brown.
3. **Minutes of Synod.**
   Dr. J. R. Sevier, J. E Rice

4. **Records of Sessions.**
   T. A. Painter, R. S. Eskridge, J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, R. L. Alexander, John Scott, W. S. Hutchison, C. R. McCarty.
5. **Auditing.**
   R. L. Gash, Dr. I. J. Archer.
6. **Nominations.**
   H. B. Dendy, Dr. I. J. Archer.
7. **Leave of Absence.**
   Rev. W. F. Creson, C. H. Alexander.
8. **Records of Presbytery.**
   Rev. L. N. Edwards, C. C. Dougherty
9. **Resolutions (Privately)**
   O. C. Landrum, G. B. Hammond.

The reports of Dr. R. C. Anderson and Mr. Ruffner Campbell as Trustees of Davidson College were approved.

Reports from Davidson and Montreat were referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges.

The report of Dr. R. P. Walker on the installation of Rev. G. B. Hammond as pastor at Canton, was approved.

Revs. G. B. Hammond and K. J. Foreman were asked to serve on the committee on Church Societies for this meeting.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The recommendations were adopted.

1. That Presbytery approve and enter into the Church-wide Evangelistic Campaign for 1933, and arrange at the fall meeting to consider the importance and promise of this concerted effort throughout the Assembly.

2. That Presbytery's Home Mission Committee be urged to bear in mind this Evangelistic year, and seek by every method possible to awaken interest in the unsaved within our bounds.

3. That October 12—November 30 be designated as Home Mission Study Season, with every congregation using the official book, "The Red Man's Trail," and that November 13-20 be the Week of Prayer and Self-denial for Assembly's Home Missions in all our churches.

4. That pastors and sessions urge upon their people the importance of maintaining our Home Mission work in these difficult days, not only to carry out the plain command of our Lord, but also to insure the growth and the very life of our denomination in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. WALKER, Chairman.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The chairman made a verbal report which was approved.

Presbytery took recess till 3:00 P. M. At 3:00 P. M. Dr. J. R. Sevier presided during the special meeting in the interest of Religious Education. Dr. W. T. Thompson delivered a most helpful address on "Christian Education."

The following reports were adopted:

WOMEN'S WORK

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery

March 31, 1932.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery wishes to acknowledge its gratitude to our heavenly Father for His continued blessing and guidance.

There has been a marked development along spiritual lines. The women have put first things first as shown by the increase in prayer bands and members engaged in praying; by a larger number pursuing regular and definite study of His Word; also by an increase in the number of those reading the Survey and Church Papers, thus enabling them to become "doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Figures representing the contributions are not yet available, but there are indications that during this year of depression, gifts have in many cases decreased, but the reports of the local auxiliaries show that the women have been faithful, loyal and efficient.

We can not estimate the value of the five Group Conferences held throughout the bounds of the Presbytery, bringing inspiration and information; affording the joy of Christian fellowship; and binding us closer together as "partners with Him," to whom we are looking —"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day and forever."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. E. DORSEY, President.

CHURCH SOCIETIES

Report of the Committee on Statistics of the Men's Work, the Woman's Work, and the Young People's Work.

Men's Work: 18 churches reported, 6 organized this year with a membership of 230.

Women's Work: Of 25 reports 21 organized societies was reported with total benovelences of $11,844.80.

Young People's Work: 23 reports in all, showing a total of 23 societies in 15 churches with a total membership of 643 and total contributions of $460.53.

Your committee respectfully calls attention to the fact that nowhere on the blank for Women's Work is there a place to report membership, and that in reporting Young People's Work these churches reported having societies, but gave no report on membership.

GEO. B. HAMMOND,
K. C. FOREMAN.

FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

There are some most encouraging facts from our Foreign Missions work. During the past year we have had the largest number of professions of faith since the year 1924. Our total number of communicants, our Sunday School membership, and our student enrollment are all the largest in the history of our work. The number of patients treated has been exceeded only once before. There has been a substantial increase in contributions from native sources during the past three years, which fact means a real sacrifice on the part of native Christians for the financial depression has been severe in all our mission lands as everywhere else in the world. Moreover, never was there a greater eagerness for the Gospel nor response to its appeal on the part of the peoples of our foreign fields. We should not forget these encouraging facts nor fail to be thankful for them.

However, there are also some discouraging ones—chiefly financial. Because of the decline in receipts, another cut was necessitated last October, making a total cut of 43 and 1-3% and bringing the expenditure for the year down nearly one quarter of a million dollars below that of the preceding year. With the very finest spirit of loyalty and self-sacrifice our missionaries have accepted reductions of their salaries, postponed their furloughs, and given liberally of their meager salaries, grieving only because of the necessitated restrictions on their work of love. Young people of our church are offering themselves for foreign service; but are having to be told that the church is not furnishing the means necessary to send them out.

Such conditions should move every pastor to do everything possible to meet this crisis in our Foreign Missions work.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Your committee on Men of the Church respectfully reports as follows:

Number of organizations 6.
Number of active members 230.
Contributions outside of budget $790.00.
Special Activities:
Support of boy at Maxwell Orphanage.
Payments on pipe organ.

Local charity.
Mission Sunday Schools.
Personal work and visitation.
Evangelistic services.
Special services at jail and chain gang camp.
Special meetings at State Prison Camp.
Programs carried out as outlined by the Progressive.
Program and Stewardship principles emphasized.

MINISTERS ANNUITY FUND

Dr. Sweets reports: When we consider the financial situation in 1930-31 we think every one will agree that marvelous progress has been made. We have entered on our books signed pledges for more than $900,000 to the $3,000,000 fund. Paid pledges up to date $344,764.18.

Asheville Presbytery

Number of subscribers	154
Amount pledged	$4,212.06
Amount paid	$1,360.05

This committee requests that all the Churches, the Groups of men, women and youth, and all the members continue to pray that God may guide and bless this constructive movement. We feel that this movement begun in prayer, continued in prayer will be completed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

Dr. G. W. Painter, of Abingdon Presbytery, spoke instructively on the Foreign Mission work.

Dr. R. C. Anderson presented the work of Montreat and the Montreat Normal School.

Dr. R. C. Anderson was appointed to take the place of Rev. L. N. Edmunds on the Standing Committee on Presbyterial Records.

Presbytery after prayer by Rev. K. J. Foreman, Presbytery took recess till 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. and was led in prayer by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

Dr. R. F. Campbell presided over the popular meeting in interest of Home Missions.

The recommendation of the Home Mission Committee in reference to the Maxwell Home was read. The report will be considered at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, S. H. M. & Tr., read his report and made a strong appeal for Presbyterial Home Missions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1931.

Evangelistic meetings held 2; other preaching services 4; regular pastor of 4 churches, preaching 3 times each Sabbath; Conferences with workers 75.

Edited 12 issues of Mountain Work. Have sent out three calls for Builders League and follow-up letters for same. Receipts for Builder's League $220.50. Attended 15 meetings of Home Mission Committee. Have held numerous conferences with Dr. Smith relative to the work of our Presbytery.

Have dictated or written over one thousand letters in the interest of the work of the Presbytery.

The expenses of my office for the year have been as follows:

Office expense, including equipment, postage, stationery	$ 44.46
Supts. expense, travel, telephone calls, telegrams, etc.	230.81
Stenographic help	240.00
Treas. Bond	25.00
Lock Box Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.	3.00
Audit of Treasurer's Books	50.00
Treasurer's Salary	550.00
Total	$1,143.27

H. B. DENDY, Supt.-Treas.

Rev. J. H. Gruver spoke on the Mountain Orphanage and presented a group of girls who delighted Presbytery with several songs.

Dr. C. B. Chapin, Chaplain at Oteen, spoke encouragingly of the work at Oteen.

Dr. J. W. Caldwell discussed "The Various Phases of Home Mission Work."

Short talks were made by Revs. O. C. Landrum and W. S. Hutchison and Dr. R. P. Smith.

A special collection amounting to $23.61 was taken for a scholarship at Montreat.

Action on the proposed change in the Book of Church Order was set for consideration after the business of the Maxwell Home is finished.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. C. B. Chapin.

Wednesday Morning Session

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. T. A. Painter.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Auditor's report of the Treasurer's books were referred to the Auditing Committee. Treasurer's report adopted.

Presbytery resumed consideration of the Maxwell Home.

At 10:50 Presbytery took recess until 11:00 A. M.

At 11:00 A. M. Presbytery reconvened. The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. W. Hooper Adams. Subject: "Growth." Text, Mark 4:28.

Revs. J. W. Caldwell and G. B. Hammond presided during the serving of the Lord's Supper.

The following memorial of Rev. P. P. Winn was adopted by a rising vote:

MEMORIAL—REV. P. P. WINN

Rev. Paul Patterson Winn was born April 26, 1845, near Decatur, Georgia, of godly Presbyterian parents, and of an ancestry which rendered distinguished service in Colonial and Revolutionary days. He was educated at Davidson College, North Carolina, and spent fifty years in ministerial service in North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia. In the early part of his ministry he was assistant professor of Greek, and for some time in charge of the Greek Department of Davidson College, where during five years he gave a generation of ministers in our church their foundation in the study of this language. An offer made him of several years study in Germany and the chair of Greek in the College, permanently, was declined because he felt that his was a call to preach. He held pastorates in Lenoir, N. C., Old Concord Church near Statesville, N. C., Clayton, Ala., Conyers, Ga., Oak Forest and Swannanoa, N. C., and was for several years president of Isbell College, Talladega, Ala. While a member of Asheville Presbytery he had a liberal share in the organization of the West Asheville Church, for he organized and conducted a Sunday School in West Asheville which grew and developed into this church. In later years, in Korea, he used to love to tell how this school was organized on the hymn "Trust and Obey."

At the end of fifty years of such service in this country, then almost seventy-five years of age, through the generosity of his sister, the late Mrs. G. B. Scott, of Decatur, the way was opened for him to go to Korea to make his home with his son and daughter, missionaries in Chun-Ju. There for more than eleven years he rendered a unique service as pastor of the missionary community, in which capacity he preached to the missionary congregation regularly throughout the years. To the Korean Christians, too, his ministry

was most acceptable, for the Koreans greatly reverence age and experience, and very often, through an interpreter, he preached to them in their churches, in the Bible schools and Classes, and at their church courts. His ministry was not confined to Chun-Ju only, but embraced the whole Mission, by the members of which he was affectionately known as "Father Winn."

Dr. Preston, the Secretary of the Mission writes, "Father Winn has left us all an inspiring example and a precious heritage of faithful service. He had the urge to preach of the true minister of the Gospel and he never gave up his ministry. His sermons were scholarly and fruitful in the lives of his hearers. I shall never cease to marvel at the amount of good he accomplished during the years in Korea despite the handicaps of old age. Nor have I ever seen finer courage or a more indomitable will. He seemed determined not to allow himself to become decrepit or dependent, either mentally or physically, and he overcame creeping disabilities by sheer will-power."

Another member of the Mission wrote, "Our whole Mission is grieved with you over the loss of your father. He did not seem just yours but ours—his big heart and friendly, cordial way, took us all in and made us feel we had found out here that which it hurt most to give up in America—our parents—I carry very vividly in my memory the occasions when it was my privilege to touch his life, and I thank God for every one of them."

Many letters have come, too, from Korean pastors and Korean friends bearing testimony to their love for him, and their high evaluation of his ministry and life among them. One who was formerly in Korea says, "Always when I remember him I recall the closing sentence of his prayers, which impressed me so much that sometimes I find myself saying it too: "In thine own good time bring us to our heavenly home." His entrance into this Heavenly Home was on Nov. 14, 1931—in Pasadena California. With his son and daughter he had just returned from Korea. They were resting a while before making the trip across the Continent, in Southern California, when Mr. Winn sustained an injury from a fall, and after two weeks in the Pasadena Hospital was called to his eternal rest.

A service in Korea was held in Pasadena on Sunday, November 15, conducted by Rev. C. S. Kim, pastor of the Korean Church in Los Angeles, and attended by the officers and a number of the members of that church. Then the remains were brought to Decatur, Georgia, where services were conducted by Rev. D. P. McGeachy, Rev. J. G. Patton and Rev. W. E. Crane.

Mr. Winn was married in 1871 to Miss Sue Anderson, daughter of the late Rev. John Monroe Anderson, professor at Davidson College. He is survived by his three sons and one daughter:—Mr. James A. Winn of Greenville, S. C., Rev. S. Dwight Winn, and Miss Emily Winn, of Chun-Ju, Korea, and Mr. E. L. Winn, of West Ashe-

ville, N. C. One sister, Mrs. Kate Winn Kirkpatrick, of Decatur, Georgia, also survives him.

"When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way;
When we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will
Trust and obey."

R. P. SMITH,
R. F. CAMPBELL, Committee

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon

Presbytery reconvened at 1::30 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

Dr. R. F. Campbell read the recommendation of the Home Mission Committee in reference to Maxwell Home.

After considerable discussion the recommendation of the Home Mission Committee was adopted by a vote of 27 to 14.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE MAXWELL FARM HOME

At the meeting of Presbytery in Highlands Oct. 14th, 1931, the following action was taken: "In view of the distressing financial condition of our Presbytery, be it resolved: That the operation of Maxwell Farm Home be suspended December 31st, 1931, and that Presbytery assume the liabilities."

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

The Sub-Committee on Maxwell Farm Home was permitted to extend the time of suspension from Dec. 31st, 1931, until the close of the school year, provided that the sub-committee can find a way to operate the Farm Home without expense to the Presbytery."

In view of this action taken by Presbytery at its last regular meeting, the Home Mission Committee recommends;

I. That immediate steps be taken looking to the suspension of the Home and that the boys be transferred to the Mountain Orphanage as soon as their respective schools are out for the year 1931-32.

II. As soon as the steps for the suspension of the Home and placing of the boys have been completed and the liquidation of all indebtedness against the Presbytery has been effected, that the matter of the disposition of the remaining property and Real Estate be referred to the Home Mission Committee for their further consideration and that they report back to the Fall meeting of the Presbytery with their recommendations after conference with Mr. and Mrs. Slagle and other special donors.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Presbytery took up the order of the day, the consideration of the Assembly's request for advice on the question of The Rotary System of church officers. It was answered in the affirmative.

The report on Sessional Records was adopted and the exceptions sustained.

The following resolution was adopted. "It is the consensus of opinion of Asheville Presbytery that the sessions be excused from closing with prayer if going immediately into the church service and from opening with prayer if the meeting is at the close of a service."

The report committee on nominations was adopted.

NOMINATIONS

I. Dr. R. C. Anderson to succeed himself for a period of 3 years as trustee of Davidson College.

II. Dr. J. W. Caldwell to preach the Presbyterial Sermon, selecting his own subject.

III. Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, be added to the Foreign Mission Committee.

H. B. DENDY, Chairman.
F. J. ARCHER.

The Committee on Religious Education was authorized to hold an Intermediate conference, if the way be clear, without Presbytery's assuming any financial responsibility.

The following committees reported that nothing had come into their hands requiring the attention of Presbytery, Judiciary, bills and overtures and Minutes of Synod.

The report of the Stewardship Committee was adopted.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Your Stewardship Committee has had placed in its hands reports from 28 churches, but only 15 of these give any information as to the Every Member Canvas and the outlook for the coming year.

The figures are therefore so incomplete and inadequate that we see no us in placing them in detail in the minutes of Presbytery. The totals are as follows:

For Benevolences, 840 subscribers, $19,284.00 pledged, which is $9,566.00 less than the amount accepted by the Presbytery last fall. Current expenses, 1,004 subscribers, $29,837.00 pledged.

J. W. CALDWELL, Chairman.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.

Your Auditing Committee reports that it has examined the Auditors report of the Treasurer's books, accounts and securities, prepared by Wm. H. Zimmerman, certified public accountant, and recommends that same be approved and received in lieu of Treasurer's report.

R. L. GASH,
I. J. ARCHER, Auditing Com.

The Statistical Report was presented by the Stated Clerk, who was instructed to print it in the Minutes and forward a copy to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

The following commissioners were elected to the General Assembly at Montreat, N. C., May 26th.

Ministers: Principal—Dr. R. P. Walker, Waynesville, N. C. Alternate—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Hendersonville, N. C. Principal—Rev. R. L. Alexander, Brevard, N. C. Alternate —Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Franklin, N. C.

Elders: Principal—John Scott, W. Asheville, N. C. Alternate—W. T. Snyder, W. Asheville, N. C. Principal—L. M. Richardson, Hazelwood, N. C. Alternate—Thomas Furness, Canton, N. C.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Mills River church for the Fall meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Whereas, the Presbytery of Asheville has been most cordially received and entertained by the people of the Church of West Asheville, be it resolved therefore;

1st: That the Presbytery express our sincere appreciation to our hosts and hostesses who have so freely opened to us their homes; to the ladies who have served us such bountiful lunches; to the pastor of the church and the entire congregation whose guests we have been,

2nd. That we remember in prayer the pastor and people of the West Asheville Church in their work for Christ and His church.

3rd. That the Pastor, Rev. W. F. Creson, be requested to read these resolutions to the membership of the church.

ORIE C. LANDRUM, Chairman.
GEORGE B. HAMMOND.

Revs. W. A. Murray and T. A. Painter were requested to formulate a set of rules for the guidance of the sessions in writing their Minutes and present the report at the Fall meeting.

The following reports were adopted:

COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

Your committee respectfully submits the following report:

1. The churches named below did not submit their records:

Andrews, Bethel, Bryson City, Hayesville, Murphy, Red Oak, White Oak.

2. We recommend that the minutes of the following churches be approved as written:

Canton, Etowah, Franklin, Mills River, Bingham Heights, Slagle Memorial, Ora Street, West Asheville, Waynesville.

3. We recommend that the records of the following churches be approved with the exceptions noted:

Asheville First, Black Mountain, Brevard, Covenanters, Hendersonville, Highlands, Montreat, Morrison, Hazelwood, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Weaverville.

Signed: T. A. PAINTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF NARRATIVE BY COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION APRIL 12, 1932.

1 and 2—Our churches have an adequate number of preaching services, but attendance at its best is little above 50%.

3 and 4—Additions on profession are mostly from the Sunday School.

5—Ten churches held evangelistic services; twelve reported that they did not.

6—Only two churches report no family altars. The others indicate an encouraging number.

7—Our churches are all faithful in the observance of the Lord's Supper, and attendance there is about seventy-five percent.

8-12—In the matter of Sabbath observance, infant baptism, catechisms, and other memory work our churches are generally faithful.

13—All pastors teach the principles of Stewardship.

14—Nineteen churches report tithing members.

15—Eighteen churches made the Every Member Canvass.

16—Only six churches report the payment of all benevolent causes.

17—Eleven churches report pastor's salaries paid in full.

18—Worldly conformity exists in no alarming extent in the Presbytery.

19—Thirteen churches did evangelistic work outside the bounds of their congregations.

20. Eleven churches report efforts to secure recruits for the ministry.

W. S. HUTCHISON,
C. R. McCARTY, Committee.

REPORT TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Davidson College

Your Committee would respectfully report that the Reports of Davidson College and the Montreat Normal School have been placed in our hands.

Davidson College reports an enrollment of 647 students during this session, the largest enrollment in the history of the College. There are 80 registered for next session and it now looks as if the capacity of the College will be reached next year. Professors report that the students have done better work this year than usual. A fine spirit prevails in the College, all of the 647 are members of the church excepting 15. 14 different denominations are represented, 459 are Presbyterians.

The budget of the College for this year is about $280,000 for current expenses. It appears now that the College will live within the limit of this budget and will close without deficit this year. Considerable reduction in the budget will be made another year. Many of the students have been pressed for funds to pay their expenses and there is need for much larger scholarship funds and much larger loan funds.

The co-operation of friends and Presbyteries in the great work is most highly appreciated.

Montreat Normal School

The present session of the Montreat Normal School has been very gratifying in many respects. Enrollment of students 125. A faculty of fifteen have charge of the operations of the School. Teachers are exceptionally well qualified for the work they are doing. A larger number than usual have Master's Degree. The Christian spirit of the School is excellent, both among teachers and students.

Equipment of the School has been much improved, the Library has been enlarged and an additional reading room connected with it, and three large additional rooms have been used for the College Department. We believe the School will be fully standardized as a Junior College, as well as a High School and Normal, before the

end of the Session. A great many States and several Foreign Countries are represented in the student body. The number from the Synod of Appalachia and Asheville Presbytery are yearly increasing. This year there are 25 from Asheville Presbytery.

The School has been more hard pressed this year than ever before financially. Contributions from Asheville Presbytery and the Synod of Appalachia have fallen off several hundred dollars, and a large number giving scholarships have been unable to give these this year, while some new scholarships have been given. The shrinkage in gifts amounts to about $2,000.00. The generous co-operation of friends, Presbytery and Synod is most highly appreciated, and yet the need this year is greater than ever before. We most earnestly request that contributions to this cause be as liberal as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman,
T. A. PAINTER,
R. S. ESKRIDGE.

Your committee on Leave of Absence would submit the following report:

1. That Elder T. M. Slagle be excused after four o'clock to-day.
2. That Rev. G. B. Hammond be excused after four o'clock to-day.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. CRESON.

The Minutes were read and approved.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

J. H. GRUVER, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Temporary Clerk.

Next stated meeting, Mills River, October 11, 1932, 11:00 A. M.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion: The Moderator.

Academic Studies: Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis: Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences: Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. A. Murray, and Rev. O. C. Landrum.

Philosophy: Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. R. McCarty.

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W. A. Murray, Stated Clerk.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 1932

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers, 29; number of churches, 29; number of candidates, 3; number of installations, 1; number of pastoral dissolutions, 2; number of churches dissolved, Rugby; number of ministers received from other denominations, 1; number of ministers deceased, Rev. P. P. Winn, age 86, died Nov. 14, 1931.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES Number of Candidates	POSTOFFICE	CHURCHES	OFFICERS		COMMUNICANTS			BAPTISMS		BENEVOLENT FUNDS COLLECTED											PASTORS' SALARIES		OTHER FUNDS COLLECTED			
			ELDERS	DEACONS	ADDED ON CONFESSION	ADDED ON CERTIFICATE	WHOLE NUMBER COMMUNICANTS	ADULT	INFANT	TOTAL SABBATH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	FOREIGN MISSIONS	ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION	ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS	BIBLE CAUSE	SYNOD'S HOME MISSIONS	ORPHANS' HOMES	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS	PAID DIRECT	PAID INDIRECT	CURRENT EXPENSES	CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS	BUILDING EXPENSE	MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																									
R. L. Alexander, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	9	13	7	9	194	3	4	126.00	175.00	28.00	28.00	56.00		7.00	14.00	140.00	42.00	210.00	2,000.00		1,371.00		3,371.00	
J. P. Anderson, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	4	3	7	2	62	2	3	34.00	22.00					2.00		35.00		12.00	991.00		55.00		50.00	
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																									
M. S. Avery, P.	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest*	4	5	8	15	115	5	2	200.00	37.00	6.00	6.00	3.00		2.00	3.00	30.00	18.00	45.00	600.00		231.00		4,478.00	10.00
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	4	5	12	17	182	6		251.00	890.00	479.00	163.00	59.00	1.00	18.00	36.00	819.00	335.00	533.00	2,500.00		792.00			758.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First†	19	25	32	77	1433	9	8	1,641.00	2,952.00	493.00	526.00	318.00		190.00	355.00	3,795.00	1,289.00	4,280.00	6,910.00		10,287.00	125.00		652.00
V. A. Crawford, F. M.	Tokushima, Japan																									
W. F. Creson, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	10	20	20	11	448	9		304.00	234.00	37.00	37.00	20.00		9.00	19.00	140.00	159.00	280.00	2,490.00		1,803.00			
S. R. Crockett, Supt.	Franklin, N. C.																									
H. B. Dendy, P. S. H. M.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	6	4	6		126	6		134.00	95.00	17.00	19.00	1.00		3.00	7.00	63.00	37.00	119.00	675.00		583.00	50.00	2,918.00	
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Dillingham, N. C.	Covenanters†	3	3	1		120	1		104.00	11.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	8.00	50.00		28.00		1.00	
L. N. Edmunds, A. P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First																								
R. S. Eskridge	West Asheville, N. C.																									
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	3	1		4	33			34.00	21.00	4.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	13.00	4.00	30.00	350.00	800.00	90.00		252.00	
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	3	1	3		36				40.00	11.00	6.00	3.00		2.00	6.00	29.00	19.00	49.00	400.00	200.00				
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	1	1	2	4	16	1		40.00	14.00	1.00	1.00		1.00			2.00	1.00	5.00	60.00	200.00	64.00		35.00	
W. M. Eversale, F. M.	Kingsville, Texas																									
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	4	6	5		66	1	2	55.00	46.00	19.00	5.00	17.00		1.00	2.00	43.00	18.00	52.00	662.00	675.00	168.00		172.00	15.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 2, N. C.	Morrison†	3	2	7		31	4		36.00	20.00	2.00	2.00	1.00		1.00	4.00	21.00	4.00	22.00	131.00		50.00			
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 1, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	1		5	3	24	3		36.00	17.00	3.00	4.00	1.00		1.00	2.00	13.00	9.00	21.00	93.00		50.00			
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																									
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																									
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	6	14	9	159	4	6	150.00	118.00	43.00	32.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	50.00	67.00	115.00	1,837.00		919.00		310.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	5	3			90			75.00	70.00	4.00	13.00	3.00				62.00		120.00	352.00	500.00	101.00		129.00	9.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	2	1		1	48			35.00	12.00	2.00						2.00		5.00	50.00	100.00				
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*†	3	5	12	9	76	12		185.00	38.00	6.00	6.00	9.00		2.00	3.00	31.00	16.00	48.00	615.00	1,100.00	293.00			64.00
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak†	3	2			16			60.00	4.00	3.00	1.00					2.00	3.00	12.00	39.00		38.00			
C. R. McCarty, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands†	3	1	5	2	48	2		56.00								200.00		105.00	1,200.00		157.00			
E. D. McMahan, Student	Richmond, Va.																									
W. A. Murray, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain†	4	5	9	13	130	6		273.00	126.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	5.00	3.00	13.00	144.00	66.00	150.00	1,800.00		409.00			
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	7	7	5	8	147			144.00	104.00	2.00	21.00			5.00	6.00	69.00	46.00	105.00	1,800.00		353.00		637.00	
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																									
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																									
R. P. Smith, S. H. M. Em.	Asheville, N. C.																									
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	6	6		6	141			98.00	126.00	36.00	12.00	12.00		2.00	5.00	37.00	100.00	87.00	2,250.00		360.00		575.00	
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	13	20	8	23	538	5	3	245.00	861.00	216.00	153.00	48.00	109.00	21.00	48.00	671.00	494.00	662.00	3,000.00	40.00	2,227.00		1,440.00	
29	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City* S. S.	4	1	1	5	72	2		50.00	35.00	6.00	6.00	3.00		1.00	3.00	28.00	18.00	43.00	796.00		406.00			
	Asheville, N. C.	Ora Street* S. S.	1	2			38			78.00	20.00	2.00						35.00			348.00		188.00		29.00	25.00
Candidates—3.	Asheville, N. C.	Ivy Park S. S.	2	2			24			95.00	3.00							12.00		5.00	40.00		40.00			
	Weaverville, N. C.	Red Oak S. S.					12											10.00			12.00				30.00	
	Asheville, N. C. 29	Robert Bingham V	1	1			12																			
			158	151	169	218	4437	81	28	$4,539.00	$6,091.00	$1,439.00	$1,060.00	$583.00	$126.00	$277.00	$541.00	$6,487.00	$2,747.00	$7,143.00	$32,051.00	$3,615.00	$21,063.00	$175.00	$14,426.00	$1,534.00

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in its

SEVENTY-THIRD

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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

CALL MEETINGS

May 31, 1932

February 1, 1933

March 2, 1933

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Horse Shoe, N. C.

October 11-12, 1932

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SPRING MEETING

ASHEVILLE FIRST CHURCH

Asheville, N. C.

April 11-12, 1933

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. T. A. Painter, Swannanoa, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.

Treasurer and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, J. J. Conyers, J. B. Shope, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, Dr. I. J. Archer, R. L. Prevost, Ruffner Campbell, H. A. Osborne and J. T. Bailey.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. Bernard Smith, E. E. White, Dr. I. J. Archer.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, S. L. Woodward.
4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. O. C. Landrum, S. P. Verner.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. S. R. Crockett, L. M. Richeson.
6. **Religious Education**—Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. R. L. Alexander. Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, S. C. Clapp, D. B. Burns, A. H. Morey, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. R. McCarty, C. L. Grey.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, E. J. Griset.
9. **Stewardship**—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. I. J. Archer, H. H. Carson, J. H. McConnell, G. H. Wright, J. T. Bailey.
10. **Schools and Colleges**—Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. T. A. Painter, W. H. McMurray.
11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

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CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., May 31, 1932.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Church at 3:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following were present:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, L. N. Edmunds, R. S. Eskridge, J. H. Gruver, W. A. Murray and R. P. Smith.

Elder: D. B. Burns, First Church, Asheville.

The following call was read and found in order:

"Black Mountain, N. C., May 19, 1932.

"The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Church Asheville, Tuesday, May 31st, at 3:00 P. M., to act upon the application of Candidate W. C. Wilson, for Licensure and all matters connected therewith."

J. H. GRUVER, Moderator.

A communication from Dr. R. B. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, relative to Candidate W. C. Wilson, was read and ordered filed with the Stated Clerk.

The contents of the letter were freely discussed by several members of Presbytery.

The trials for the Licensure of Candidate W. C. Wilson were postponed until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

J. H. GRUVER, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

FALL MEETING

Mills River Church,
Horse Shoe, N. C.,
October 11, 1932.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Mills River Church at 11:00 A. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. H. Gruver, from Genesis 4:9. Am I my brother's keeper?

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. L. Alexander, R. C. Anderson, M. S. Avery, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders—D. B. Burns, Asheville First; Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain; John Lyday, Brevard-Davidson River; J. E. Henderson, Canton; W. H. Jarrett, Covenanters; J. L. Gash, Etowah; A. L. Leach, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; J. E. Ockerman, Hendersonville; J. H. Burgin, Mills River; J. C. Rice, Montreat; E. C. Bernard, Oak Forest; O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa; J. C. Rose, Waynesville; C. W. Medler, Weaverville; J. A. Edwards, West Asheville; M. V. Jenkins, White Oak.

Rev. L. N. Edmunds was elected Moderator and Elder J. C. Rice, Temporary Clerk.

Candidate W. B. Penny was transferred to the care of North Alabama Presbytery.

Revs. W. H. Adams, J. P. Anderson and E. D. McMahan were excused from attendance on this meeting. Rev. E. D. McMahan was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the Spring Meeting.

The following report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submits the following report:

In accordance with the action of the last General Assembly, designating 1933 as Evangelistic year, we recommend:

(1) That all sermons and devotional exercises of this meeting be evangelistic in tone.

(2) That there be two sermons beyond the usual number, as follows: The Rev. T. A. Painter to preach Tuesday, 2 P. M., on "The Gospel of the Grace of God"; The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Wednesday, 2 P. M., on "Personal Evangelism."

(3) That *Home Missions Night* be used to emphasize the theme *Evangelism and Missions*, with the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Jr., D. D., and the Rev. H. B. Dendy as the chief speakers.

(4) That the Rev. Dr. R. P. Smith conduct the devotional exercises Wednesday morning.

The following schedule of hours is suggested: Meet at 9 A. M., Recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M. Reassemble at 2 P. M. Recess at 5:30 P. M. Evening service to begin at 7:30 o'clock, and Recess at will.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HUTCHISON,
J. H. BURGIN, Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. From Union Theological Seminary. Referred to the Committee on C. E. & M. R.
2. From Davidson College. Received as information.
3. From Dr. J. D. Leslie, S. C., Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.
4. From Dr. H. W. McLaughlin. Referred to Committee on Religious Education.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 9:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

The Moderator appointed the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Elder D. B. Burns.
2. *Judiciary*—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Rev. C. R. McCarty, Elder D. B. Burns.
3. *Records of Presbytery*—Rev. W. F. Creson, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Elder A. L. Leach.
4. *Minutes of General Assembly*—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett, Elder C. W. Medler.
5. *Auditing*—Elders O. L. Merchant, J. C. Rice and Rev. M. S. Avery.
6. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. O. C. Landrum, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Elder J. C. Rose.
7. *Nominations*—Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. R. L. Alexander, Rev. T. A. Painter, Elder J. E. Ockerman.
8. *Resolutions*—Dr. R. P. Walker, Dr. J. R. Sevier.

Rev. T. A. Painter preached from Acts 20:24. "The Gospel of the Grace of God."

Rev. K. J. Foreman gave an interesting talk on Davidson College.

In order to give the Committees time to meet, Presbytery took recess until 4:15 P. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 4:15 and was opened with prayer by Rev. K. J. Foreman.

The following report was adopted:

BIBLE CAUSE

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that there was a decrease in the distribution of Bibles and Testaments during the past year, due to the decrease in income of the Bible society. It should be a matter of much concern to all Christians that the income of the Bible society has fallen off at an alarming rate during the past few months. Administrative expenses have been cut sharply that the work of distribution may be carried on.

We recommend:

1. That our pastors, so far as possible, use Sunday, December 4th, which is designated as Universal Bible Sunday, as a time to bring the attention of their congregations to the place of the Scriptures in the Christian faith.

2. That contributions be sent as rapidly as possible to this needy and worthy cause.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman
ORIE C. LANDRUM.

The reports of the Commissioners to the General Assembly were received and adopted and the Commissioners were commended for their diligence.

Dr. R. C. Anderson was enrolled and made the interesting announcement that the Montreat Road is being hard surfaced.

He also emphasized the importance of the Montreat School and the Mountain Retreat Association.

The following report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted:

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

on Suspension of Maxwell and Liquidation of indebtedness against Presbytery in this connection.

We would respectfully report:

1. That the direction of Presbytery that the Home be suspended and that the boys be transferred to the Mountain Orphanage as soon as their respective schools were out for the year 1931-32 has been carried out.

2. That our Committee has permitted Brother Crockett to remain at Maxwell during this year, rent free, without any charge whatever, for anything that has already been spent on the crop.

3. That our Committee sold to Brother Crockett all household effects, live stock, farm equipment and all movable properties belonging to the Maxwell Farm Home as of May 1st, 1932, such as listed and described below:

5 brood sows—1 young sow—14 pigs—5 cows—2 heifers—1 calf—1 bull—1 young boar—2 teams—2 old wagons and harness—1 cart and harness—8 turkeys—about 65 old chickens—25 baby chicks—2 old Delco plants—1 shredder—1 riding cultivator—junk in pig-house (small pieces, a few small tools, etc.)—1 Ford truck—1 iron kettle—meat in smoke house (what remains of ten rather small hogs and some corned beef)—22 gals. sorghum—2 rolls of roofing and parts of rolls—1 cream separator—1 hay rake—cane mill and boiling pan—2 walking cultivators and some old pieces—1 manure spreader— ¼ interest in old binder—1 mowing machine—1 wheat drill—1 corn planter and one in very bad condition—1 fertilizer distributor—1 feed crusher and belt—1 grist mill—1 old gas engine (not in running order)—1 old wood saw in bad condition—1 section harrow for tractor—1 two-horse disk harrow (part interest)—1 drag harrow—1 corn sheller—1 junk tractor—1 concrete block machine—1 bull tongue plow—2 turning plows—1 lot of bench and carpenter tools, small garden and farm tools such as saws, hammers, axes, anvil, drill, bits, hoes, mattocks, picks, and other such items too numerous to mention—10,000 ft. more or less of lumber, mostly of very cheap quality—inside furniture consisting of a lot of very plain unsalable pieces such as dressers, tables, small desks, chairs, beds, etc., kitchen furniture, range, small heaters, etc., some plain dishes, etc., towels (about eight dozen new, very plain for most part) linens, a small part new—canned goods, about 180 cans—crocks, empty cans and so forth—1 hall heater—laundry tubs not set up—1 water tank—stationery stamped envelopes, letter heads—books—old plumbing pipe—and some drain tile—anl various other items of small or no value too numerous to mention—books (little value)—1 old sewing machine and two in unusable condition. (This does not include school desks.) at a price of $1100 and credited this amount on the $1283 owing to him on salary as Supt. of Maxwell.

4. That we have payed the following amounts in cash to creditors of Maxwell:

		Bal.
Macon County Supply Co.	$33.09	$50.00
Nantahala Creamery	34.47	40.00
Farmer's Supply Co.	20.00	———
Log Cabin Motor Co.	20.69	———
James Motor Co.	6.57	———
H. A. Osborne	143.80	350.00
Miss Mary Whitner	78.00	35.00
Mrs. Sadie Lucas	50.00	25.00
Dr. Furr	10.00	———
W. G. Hall	9.20	———
W. L. Higdon	9.65	———

S. R. Crockett	83.00	100.00
Champion Bank and Trust Co.	62.34	90.66
Mr. Crockett Board for two High School boys	20.00	.....
Bus fare Maxwell Boys to Mtn. Orphanage	7.00	.....
Amount due May 1st, 1932	$2378.47	
Amount paid out to date	1687.81	
Balance due creditors	$ 690.66	

5. That we have applied the 5% from the budget to this indebtedness and all Maxwell designated funds, with the exception of a $11.52 balance still in the Treasury.

6. That we ask for further time in which to finish the liquidation of the balance of the indebtedness and the making of further recommendations with reference to the disposition of the remaining property.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle was read and received as information. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the letter and return to the Home Mission Committee for their files.

Presbytery was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith.

The following report of the Foreign Mission Committee was adopted:

The Popular Meeting in interest of MISSIONS was presided over by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee would call the attention of Presbytery to the following facts concerning our Foreign Mission situation:

1. The unprecedented spiritual opportunity that confronts us around the world, as evidenced by the new testimonies to the open heartedness of the people to the Gospel of Christ and the glowing accounts of the conquests of the Gospel wherever it is being preached.

2. Our present financial situation.

Our General Assembly fixed the sum of $784,000 for this work for the present current church year, $400,000 less than was actually expended two years ago.

Receipts for the first five months, ending Aug. 31st, amounted to only $198,830.55, a decrease of over $27,500 as compared with the same period of last year.

Another cut of 10% was ordered by the Assembly effective Sept. 1st, provided, however, that if the gifts of the people warrant it this cut is to be refunded to the various salary and work accounts from which it will be deducted.

3. The need for an immediate restoration of our appropriations to our missionaries and their work. "The successive reductions in our work have been met heroically and bravely by our missionaries. But it is only fair to warn the church that the danger line has been reached. The fact that our work has not suffered greater damage has been due to the unselfishness of our missionaries who have kept the work alive only by a heroic sharing of their personal salaries with the needs about them. Many of them have given all that they had, and have wept because they had no more to offer."

4. This ringing call of our General Assembly,

"That the Assembly recognize in the visible results attending our work abroad a challenge of God to our Church and a call to all our people for a rededication of life and means to the supreme mission of taking the world for Christ, and in answer to this challenge and call the Assembly record its conviction that, in spite of the difficulties facing us, the Foreign Mission work of our Church must go forward until our God-given task is completed. We are convinced that even now there are in our Church resources sufficient for the restoration and enlargement of the work. We therefore call upon all our members to gird themselves in courageous faith for a missionary advance, and especially to give themselves to prayer for a mighty spiritual awakening through which alone victory is possible."

We recommend:

1. This recommendation of the Assembly,

"That the Assembly record its feeling that, as heretofore, so also now, the preaching of the gospel to all the world should be the primary emphasis of the Church and that this be kept constantly in mind, especially during these days when decreasing appropriations are necessitating the radical curtailment of the Church's work."

2. That every church of the Presbytery make the most possible of Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Jan. 22-29, 1933.

3. That our church treasurers be urged to send in regularly and promptly the people's offerings for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The Popular meeting in interest of Missions was presided over by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Interesting addresses were made by Dr. L. T. Wilds on "THE CHALLENGE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS," and by Rev. H. B. Dendy on "THE CHALLENGE OF HOME MISSIONS."

Two songs were rendered by the Mills River Quartet.

The Missionary Program was closed with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker and Dr. R. F. Campbell dismissed Presbytery with prayer.

Wednesday Morning Session, October 12, 1932

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. The Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. R. P. Smith.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write to Dr. H. S. Randolph expressing the appreciation of Presbytery for his courtesy and cooperation with the Intermediate Conference.

The following reports were adopted:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Complying with the request of the General Assembly, we recommend that the MEN'S WORK and the COUNTRY CHURCH WORK be transferred to the Committee on Religious Education and that the following be added to the Committee:

Rev. R. L. Alexander, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Elders: D. B. Burns, A. H. Morey, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.

2. We recommend that the Intermediate Conference be held again this year and the details to be arranged by the Committee.

L. N. EDMUNDS, Chairman.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

SUGGESTED DOCKET FOR SESSIONS

1. Open with prayer.
2. Roll call.
3. Reports of various Church Departments.
4. Reports of Deacons.
5. New Business.
6. Reading and approval of minutes.
7. Adjournment with prayer.

The attention of the sessions is earnestly directed to Book of Church Order Paragraphs 61-69, Chapter 14.

Your committee recommends that the above docket be mimeographed and sent to each clerk of session, to be pasted in the session books.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. MURRAY,
T. A. PAINTER.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

We, your committee on the Records of Presbytery, have examined the minutes of Presbytery and find them neatly and correctly kept.

We recommend that official copies of these minutes be filed with the Historical Foundation at Montreat.

W. F. CRESON,
J. A. FLANAGAN,
A. L. LEACH.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Your Committee recommends:

1. That action on the question of VACANCY AND SUPPLY be postponed until the Spring meeting.

2. That in reference to the matter handed down from the General Assembly with reference to Church Property, that we answer the Assembly in the NEGATIVE.

3. That Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to leave the bounds of the Synod of Appalachia as they now stand.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. GRUVER, Chairman.

Dr. R. F. Campbell and Dr. R. C. Anderson were elected representatives to the Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on the Boundaries of the Synod of Tennessee to meet in Knoxville, Tenn. Revs. H. B. Dendy and L. T. Wilds were elected Alternates.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. We have made such brief examination of the Assembly's Minutes as time permitted.

2. The two matters submitted to the Presbytery for consideration [(a) control of church property; (b) supply of vacant churches, change of pastorates, etc.] have already been brought up and referred to the proper committee.

3. We wish to call Presbytery's attention to the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, urging "extreme care and prayerful diligence" in accepting candidates for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted:
K. J. FOREMAN, Chairman,
S. R. CROCKETT,
C. W. MEDLER.

Rev. C. B. Ratchford, of the Presbytery of Florida, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. C. B. Ratchford presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Florida and after the examinations required by the Book of Church Order, Rev. C. B. Ratchford was enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until 11:00 A. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:00 A. M. The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Dr. J. W. Caldwell on "Power and Evangelism," Acts 1:8.

Rev. K. J. Foreman and Dr. R. F. Campbell administered the Presbyterial Communion.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

Rev. W. D. Chedester, of Mecklenburg Presbytery and Rev. Dumont Clark of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, U. S. A., were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, the Asheville Presbytery has enjoyed so greatly the very cordial entertainment of the Mills River Church, be it resolved,

1. That we, as a Presbytery, are thankful that our religious forefathers living in this beautiful valley established this historic Church some seventy-five years ago, which Church has been a service of great good in this community and out of whose bounds has gone forth one minister and two missionaries.

2. We congratulate both Rev. W. S. Hutchison, the pastor, and the membership of this Church, on their beautiful and commodious church building, and the evidences that we have here of a strong and successful country church.

3. That Asheville Presbytery express its sincere appreciation to our hosts and hostesses, who have so graciously received us into their homes; and to the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist ladies, who have served such bountiful meals at the Church; to the Mills River Quartette for their special music at the evening service; and to pastor and people, whose hospitality we have so greatly enjoyed.

4. That the pastor, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, be requested to present these resolutions of appreciation to the membership of his Church.

Respectfully submitted:
R. P. WALKER,
JOSEPH SEVIER,
Committee.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan preached on "Personal Evangelism."

The Auditing Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands.

The leave of absence committee recommended the following:

That Rev. M. S. Avery and E. C. Bernard be excused after 4:00 P. M., Tuesday. Dr. R. C. Anderson, after the Tuesday afternoon session, and also from the Tuesday morning session. J. A. Edwards, after the Tuesday night session. G. C. Summerrow and M. V. Jenkins, after Tuesday morning session.

Respectfully submitted:
ORIE C. LANDRUM, Chairman,
J. C. ROSE.

NOMINATIONS

1. That Dr. J. W. Caldwell and Theodore D. Morrison be added to the Home Mission Committee.

2. That Dr. R. F. Campbell be appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery.

3. That Rev. W. A. Murray be re-elected Stated Clerk for three years.

R. S. ESKRIDGE, Chairman.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee would report as follows:

I. That Presbytery accept a quota for Benevolences for 1933 of $28,850.00.

II. That this amount be pro-rated among the Churches of the Presbytery in the following amounts:

Andrews	$ 100.00
Asheville First Church	16,000.00
Bethel	300.00
Black Mountain	400.00
Brevard	700.00
Bryson City	400.00
Canton	700.00
Covenanters	100.00
Etowah	100.00
Franklin	300.00
Hayesville	50.00
Hazelwood	200.00
Hendersonville	4,000.00
Highlands	150.00
Ivy Park	50.00
Mills River	300.00
Montreat	1,800.00
Morrison	100.00
Murphy	300.00
Oak Forest	200.00
Red Oak	25.00
Robert Bingham	25.00
Slagle Memorial	100.00
Swannanoa	500.00
Waynesville	600.00
Weaverville	450.00
West Asheville	1,000.00
White Oak	50.00
	$28,850.00

III. That the following schedule of percentages be used in the distribution of these Benevolences:

Presbytery's Home Missions	30%
Assembly's Home Missions	6%
Synod's Home Missions	4%
Foreign Missions	25%
Schools and Colleges	7%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	4%
Religious Education and Publication	2%
Bible Cause	1%
Mountain Orphanage	15%
Montreat	6%
	100%

IV. That the following action of the General Assembly be adopted as Presbytery's action:

(a) That the date of the every member canvass be March 19, 1933.

(b) That pastors and church officers definitely prepare for the every member canvass by a program of intense cultivation and earnest prayer for a period of at least six weeks preceding the canvass.

(c) That, in presenting the General Assembly's benevolent budget to their congregations, pastors and church officers be urged not to grant immunity from further financial appeals during the year in view of the fact that the benevolent budget represents only the church's minimum needs and makes no provision whatever for such emergencies as God in His wisdom may see fit to thrust upon us from time to time.

(d) That we call the very earnest attention of Presbyteries and churches to the 1933 General Assembly's evangelistic campaign. That, in connection with this campaign, pastors and officers make every effort possible to enlist the co-operation of every church member as a tither or proportionate giver, and that proportionate giving be presented as a normal part of the Christian's service to his Lord and to his Church.

V. That every Church be urged to make a thorough canvass, both for current expenses and benevolences, and the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery will make its appropriation to Home Mission Churches, contingent on their making such a canvass.

VI. In view of the acute situation in all our Assembly Committees, and in view of a proper honesty and stewardship, Church Treasurers are urged to be most careful as to the money for the Benevolent Causes, and to forward the same promptly to the Central Treasurer.

VII. We would repeat the statement that in these matters of stewardship and benevolence (as in many other ways) the "pastor is the key man." We urge our ministers, therefore, to lay all the causes of benevolence most earnestly on the hearts of their people, and to lead them in generous giving.

VIII. That the Treasurer of the Presbytery be permitted to continue

the use of 5 per cent of the undesignated gifts, to the liquidation of the Maxwell debt, until the full amount has been paid.

IX. That the following amounts be assessed upon the Churches of the Presbytery for its contingent and necessary expenses:

Andrews	$ 8.00
Asheville First	225.00
Bethel	10.00
Black Mountain	25.00
Brevard - Davidson River	40.00
Bryson City	20.00
Canton	25.00
Covenanters	8.00
Etowah	4.00
Franklin	15.00
Hayesville	4.00
Hazelwood	10.00
Hendersonville	70.00
Ivy Park	4.00
Mills River	16.00
Montreat	50.00
Morrison	8.00
Murphy	10.00
Oak Forest	10.00
Ora Street	10.00
Robert Bingham	5.00
Red Oak	5.00
Slagle Memorial	8.00
Swannanoa	20.00
Waynesville	25.00
Weaverville	15.00
West Asheville	30.00
White Oak	5.00

Respectfully submitted:
J. W. CALDWELL, Chairman,
R. P. SMITH.

The place of next meeting was referred to the Moderator and Stated Clerk.

The following was adopted:

"That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the churches which are not represented at Presbytery as to their excuses for not being represented, and to report their excuses at the next meeting of Presbytery, and to inform these churches that such report will be made. Also to call the attention of churches to their not complying with the law of the church in getting permission of Presbytery in securing pulpit supplies which fail-

ure Presbytery believes to be simply an oversight on the part of such churches."

The Minutes were read and approved.

Dr. R. F. Campbell presided over a most helpful and inspiring session of voluntary prayers and short talks on Evangelism.

After singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

LELAND N. EDMUNDS, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, State Clerk,
J. C. RICE, Temporary Clerk.

MINUTES

of the

Presbytery of Asheville

in its

SEVENTY-FOURTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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CALL MEETINGS
February 1, 1933
March 2nd, 1933.

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SPRING MEETING
Asheville, N. C.
April 11-12, 1933

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Asheville, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.

Treasurer and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, J. B. Shope, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, Dr. I. J. Archer, R. L. Prevost, Ruffner Campbell, H. A. Osborne, J. T. Bailey.

2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. Bernard Smith, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. E. E. White, Dr. I. J. Archer.

3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.

4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. O. C. Landrum, S. P. Verner.

5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Rev. S. R. Crockett, Dr. R. P. Smith, J. T. Bailey.

6. **Religious Education**—Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. R. L. Alexander, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, S. C. Clapp, D. B. Burns, A. H. Morey, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.

7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. R. McCarty, C. L. Grey.

8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, E. J. Griset.

9. **Stewardship**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. I. J. Archer, H. H. Carson, J. H. McConnell, G. H. Wright, J. T. Bailey.

10. **Schools and Colleges**—Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. T. A. Painter, W. H. McMurray.

11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., February 1st, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

The following were present:

Ministers: M. S. Avery, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray and R. P. Smith.

Elder: E. P. Brownell, Asheville First.

The following call was read and found in order:

Asheville, N. C., January 23, 1933.

"The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Church, Asheville, February 1st, at 3:00 P. M., to transact the oollowing business:

1. To receive Clyde K. Landrum under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.
2. To receive Rev. W. P. Chedester from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg."

L. N. EDMUNDS, Moderator.

Rev. W. P. Chedester presented a letter of dismission from Mecklenburg Presbytery and after the required examinations was enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

Mr. Clyde K. Landrum presented a letter of testimonial and commendation from the Session of the Hazelwood Church.

He was examined on experimental religion and motives for seeking the Ministry by Dr. R. P. Smith and by Rev. M. S. Avery on his beliefs in the Authority and Inspiration of the Scriptures.

The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and Mr. Clyde K. Landrum was enrolled as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery and under the special supervision of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

A very earnest and solemn charge was delivered to the candidate by Rev. W. F. Creson.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. A. Murray.

L. N. EDMUNDS, Moderator,

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Black Mountain, N. C., March 2nd, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Black Mountain Church at 3:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith.

There were present:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, L. N. Edmunds, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, R. P. Smith, and R. P. Walker.

Elders—Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain; J. C. Rose, Waynesville; John Scott, West Asheville.

The following call was read and found in order:

Asheville, N. C., February 20, 1933.

"The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the Black Mountain Church, Thursday, March 2nd, 1933, at 3:00 P. M., to act upon the resignation of Rev. W. A. Murray, as Pastor of the Black Mountain Church and all matters related thereto."

Rev. W. A. Murray offered his resignation as Pastor of th Black Mountain Church effective March 31st, 1933.

Dr. A. E. Knoefel stated that the congregation had concurred in the request.

Rev. J. H. Gruver read the following report of the congregational meeting:

Black Mountain, N. C., February 19, 1933.

"I testify that I moderated the congregational meeting duly called of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church after the morning service. This meeting was called to act upon the request of the Pastor, Rev. W. A. Murray, to concur with him in his request to Presbytery to accept his resignation and to dissolve his Pastoral relationship with the Black Mountain Church on March 31st, 1933.

The motion was made and carried that appreciating the faithful and unselfish service of Dr. Murray, the congregation does concur with the Pastor in asking Presbytery to accept the Pastor's resignation on March 31st, and dissolve the Pastoral relationship."

J. H. GRUVER, Moderator.

In regard to Rev. W. A. Murray's resignation, Presbytery said to the parties concerned, that if they can reach an agreement by March 31st, the resignation will become effective on that date, otherwise the matter will be carried to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery appointed the following Committee to assist the Pastor and officers of the Black Mountain Church in reaching a satisfactory agreement: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Dr. R. P. Smith and Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

L. N. EDMUNDS, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SEVENTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION SPRING MEETING

Asheville, N. C., April 11, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 A. M., and the opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. Leland N. Edmunds from Galatians 6:14.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers:—W. H. Adams, R. L. Alexander, R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett (2), H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty (2), W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, and L. T. Wilds.

Elders: S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. F. Justice, Bethel; E. E. While, Black Mountain; S. P. Verner, Brevard-Davidson River; R. J. Sprang, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Covenanters; J. L. Gash, Etowah; A. L. Leach, Franklin; D. M. Killian, Hazelwood; J. E. Ockermon, Hendersonville; O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; Crosby Adams, Montreat; R. M. Crook, Morrison; C. C. Morgan, Oak Forest; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; T. L. Penland, Weaverville; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville; R. W. Teague, hite Oak.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Dr. J. R. Sevier.

Rev. S. H. Chester, of the Presbytery of Nashville, and Rev. C. B. Chapin, of the Presbytery of Lehigh, were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Rev. T. A. Painter was elected Moderator. Rev. J. A. Flanagan was elected Clerk.

The following report of the Committee on Devotional exercises was adopted.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Presbytery to convene at 9 A. M.
Devotional Exercises—9 to 9:20.
Business Session—9:20 to 10:50.
Recess—10:50 to 11.

Sermon and Communion—11 to 12:30.
Recess—12:30 to 2.
Lunch at 1.
Afternoon Session—2 to 5:30.
Recess—5:30 to 8.
Evening Session—8 to adjourn at will.

Dr. R. F. Campbell was excused from preaching the Doctrinal sermon at this meeting, and appointed to preach the Doctrinal sermon during the next meeting.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Creson.

The unprinted minutes were read as information.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

(1) *Bills and Overtures*—L. N. Edmunds, L. T. Wilds, Crosby Adams.
(2) *Judiciary*—R. F. Campbell, D. W. Richardson, S. P. Verner.
(3) *Minutes of Synod*—W. F. Creson, J. F. Justice, T. L. Penland.
(4) *Records of Sessions*—J. H. Gruver, O. C. Landrum, R. L. Alexander, O. W. Lancaster, S. R. McKee, W. H. McMurray.
(5) *Auditing*—R. C. Anderson, R. S. Eskridge, W. T. Snyder.
(6) *Nominations*—R. P. Walker, R. W. Teague, W. S. Hutchison.
(7) *Leave of Absence*—A. L. Leach, W. H. Adams, C. C. Morgan.
(8) *Records of Presbytery*—W. P. Chedester, R. J. Sprang, J. E. Ockerman.
(9) *Resolutions*—J. R. Sevier, G. B. Hammond, W. C. Dillingham.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. From Dr. J. W. Caldwell resigning as chairman of the Stewardship Commttee. His resignation was accepted and his suggestion as to his successor was referred to the Nominating Committee.

At the request of the Moderator Dr. S. H. Chester led Presbytery in prayer for Dr. Caldwell and the Stated Clerk was instructed to write him a letter expressing the sympathy of the Presbytery.

2. From Dr. H. W. White in reference to church property was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

3. From Rev. E. D. McMahan asking to be excused from attendance on this meeting, and asking for permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the fall meeting. Both requests were granted.

4. From Dr. H. H. Sweets, referred to the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

5. Rev. H. B. Dendy, Treasurer, presented the Auditor's report of his books, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Committee to confer with Rev. W. A. Murray and the officers of the Black Mountain church, reported the conferences held and read a communication from the officers.

After a statement by Rev. W. A. Murray and discussion of the motion, the following was adopted:

Presbytery expresses its gratification to the Black Mountain Church that it is now ready to meet its financial obligations and requests it to make satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Murray, either in cash or by note, and that the pastoral relation be amicably dissolved as of March 31, 1933; that this motion be communicated to the Church by the Committee appointed at Black Mountain. Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman and that this committee be then dissolved.

Information was received relative to candidates Merrill Keith, Clyde K. Landrum and W. C. Wilson.

Mr. J. C. Blackwood was excused from attendance on this meeting and the Ora Street Church was granted permission to employ Rev. W. P. Chedester as Stated Supply.

A letter from Dr. H. B. Randolph was received as information.

In order to give the committees time to meet, Presbytery took recess until 8:00 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 P. M. A popular meeting was held in interest of Presbyterial Home Missions with Rev. H. B. Dendy, presiding. Drs. R. F. Campbell and R. P. Smith gave the most instructive and inspiring addresses on the origin and development of the Home Mission work in Asheville Presbytery.

Six young girls from the Mountain Orphanage delighted Presbytery with a song.

Rev. W. S. Hutchison spoke on "The Transition Period."

Rev. H. B. Dendy gave summary of his report as Treasurer and Superintendent.

The service was closed with the benediction by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Second Day—Wednesday Morning

Asheville, N. C., April 12, 1933.

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M., and the Devotional Exercises were led by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Assembly's Home Mission committee was read and received as information, and the following recommendations are presented for adoption by the Presbytery:

1. That all of our churches be called to a recognition of the primary place of Home Missions in the growth of the church and welfare of our country in these critical times when the very foundations are being tested.

2. That all of our churches be urged to recognize their definite responsibility for the support of the Home Missions tasks assigned the Assembly's Committee.

3. That all pastors and sessions be urged to present this vital cause to their congregations in the periods assigned Assembly's Home Missions in the Church's schedule of activities and ask for a generous *over* and *above* offering in this time of pressing financial need.

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. WALKER, Chairman.

The Home Mission Committee presented a report on the Maxwell Home.

Presbytery took recess at 10:50.

At 11:00 A. M. Presbytery reconvened with Dr. L. T. Wilds presiding.

Dr. D. W. Richardson spoke on "The Present Situation in Foreign Missions" and "Foreign Missions at the Cross."

The following report was adopted::

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Reports from our Foreign Mission work are most encouraging, except financially. Additions on profession of faith were the largest in the history of our work, 6,146 in number. We have the largest number of communicants ever reported, 59,096 in number. And there are marked evidences of spiritual growth and development among the native churches. "Never before has Foreign Missions offered such rich returns for the amount invested." And yet the work faces the most serious crisis financially in its history. Despite repeated cuts and heroic efforts, the work faces a considerable deficit this year, although the Assembly's allotment for this work was $134,000 less than was actually expended the previous year. For lack of funds, in the face of most inviting opportunities, our missionary force has been reduced by 107 in the last seven years. In view of these facts, we would urge the pastors of our Presbytery to keep our foreign mission work before the minds and upon the hearts of our people in every way possible—by observing the foreign mission study season (October 8-November 19) and the week of prayer and self-denial (Nov. 19-26), by presenting the subject from the pulpit from time to time, and especially by remembering it regularly in prayer in the regular services of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

Revs. R. S. Eskridge and W. S. Hutchison administered Presbyterial Communion.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M.

The matter of Maxwell Home was resumed.

After a full and free discussion the following amended resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle have requested a return to them of the Maxwell property which they deeded to the Presbytery for a home and training-school for boys and which has ceased to be used for such;

And whereas additional values have been added to that property by other donors;

Therefore be it resolved that Asheville Presbytery reconvey to Mr. and Mrs. Slagle the relative proportion between the improvements and the land, on the basis of present values, the remaining property to be rented or sold and the proceeds used in the work of the Presbytery; and that a committee, to be named by the Home Missions Committee, be appointed with power to act in this matter.

Or, in lieu of the above if Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle prefer, the Presbytery will allow them the proceeds derived from the Maxwell Farm during their lifetime including the privilege of their living in one of the houses on the place if they so desire. This alternative, if accepted by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle, would be subject to the arrangement made by the Home Missions Committee with Mr. James Gray for one year.

The Home Mission Committee was commended for its zeal, fidelity and perseverance in their efforts to adjust the affairs of the Maxwell Home satisfactorily.

The following reports were adopted:

NOMINATIONS

Home Missions—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. H. B. Dendy, W. F. Creson, J. J. Conyers, J. B. Shope, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, Dr. I. J. Archer, R. L. Prevost, Ruffner Campbell, H. A. Osborne, J. T. Bailey.

Foreign Missions—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. Bernard Smith, E. E. White, Dr. I. J. Archer.

Assembly's Home Missions—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, S. L. Woodward.

Bible Cause—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, O. C. Landrum, S. P. Verner.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Dr. R. P. Walker, S. R. S. R. Crockett, L. M. Richeson.

Religious Education and Publication—Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Dr. J. R. Sevier, J. H. Gruver, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. R. L. Alexander, W. S.

Hutchison, J. A. Flanagan, S. C. Clapp, D. B. Burns, A. H. Morey, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.

Sabbath and Family Reunion—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, C. R. McCarty, C. L. Grey.

Church Societies—Rev. J. H. Gruver, E. J. Griset.

Stewardship—Rev. George B. Hammond, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. I. J. Archer, H. H. Carson, J. H. McConnell, George H. Wright, J. T. Bailey.

Schools and Colleges—Dr. R. C. Anderson, R. S. Eskridge, T. A. Painter, W. H. McMurray.

Historical—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

That Rev. H. B. Dendy be re-elected Treasurer for three years.

Signed:
R. P. WALKER,
W. S. HUTCHISON,
ROBERT TEAGUE, Committee.

REPORT OF THE MONTREAT NORMAL SCHOOL TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, APRIL 11, 1933.

The Montreat Normal School opened on September 6, 1932, with a faculty of fifteen, under the immediate supervision of Prof. and Mrs. S. L. Woodward, but under direction of a Board of Trustees appointed by the Mountain Retreat Association and R. C. Anderson, President of the School. We had an enrollment of 89 students representing ten states and one foreign country.

The School is standardized as a High School and is a Junior College and Normal School. In all activities it majors in Christian character. Its teachers are selected with special reference to their Christian and spiritual influence in the School, but without sacrificing in the least degree their scholastic equipment and ability to teach the academic courses. The aim and design is to give the best teaching and Christian training to a choice class of young women to fit them for Christian service. The School is largely supported by gifts of scholarships of $100.00 each, given annually by organizations or friends of the School. So far it has managed to operate successfully without incurring obligations beyond its assets. That is, if collections of amounts due is made, all obligations of the School could be met. Because of the peculiar advantages offered by the grounds, equipment and management of the Mountain Retreat Association, the School is conducted in the most efficient way at the least possible cost and we believe the greatest results for Christian education at the least expenditure are obtained.

Subscriptions for the support of the School have greatly fallen off during the last year. Many scholarships which have been given annually are no longer given because of the changed financial condition of the donors. Money from Presbytery has been greatly diminished, cut about half. It is of first importance that additional money be given to carry

on the work successfully. Notwithstanding the fact that salaries were reduced last year and will be reduced the coming year, we must increase our income to the School in order to operate on a cash basis. Collections from the student body have been very slow and this makes a temporary shortage in our income and consequently we are embarrassed to settle our own obligations.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON, President,
Montreat Normal School.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery approve the Kingdom Highways plan of Young Peoples' organization.
2. That a Seminary student be secured this summer to conduct daily vacation Bible Schools in the churches desiring such service. No salary is to be guaranteed, but entertainment to be provided and a free will offering to be taken by the church he is serving at the time.
3. That the Intermediate Camp for Boys and Girls, ages 12, 13, 14, be held for again at the Farm School, July 24th, 1933, (supper) to July 29th, 1933, (after breakfast).
4. That a speaker in the interest of Religious Education be secured for the next Spring Meeting of Presbytery, provided, that the Presbyterian committee or some body other than Presbytery, will bear the speaker's traveling expenses. And that our Treasurer be requested to try to arrange the financial side.

Respectfully submitted,
LELAND EDMUNDS, Chairman.

SUB-COMMITTEE (OF COM. ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) ON COUNTRY CHURCH

Of 24 Churches reporting:

1. Five have made surveys to determine Sunday School and evangelistic opportunities.
2. Three report outpost Sunday Schools (9 in total number).
3. Three report operation of auto transportation to church and Sunday School.
4. Four have requested copies of the Standard for Country Churches.
5. And two report Countryside Libraries.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

We examined the minutes of Presbytery and found them accurate and in good order. Owing to the financial condition, they have not been

printed. Recommend this be done as soon as possible and a copy of the same be sent to the Historical Foundation at Montreat, N. C.

R. J. SPRANG,
J. E. OCKERMON,
W. P. CHEDESTER, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Asheville has been most cordially received and entertained by the people of the First Church of Asheville, be it resoulved therefore:

1st: That the Presbytery express our sincere appreciation to our hosts and hostesses who have so freely opened to us their homes; to the ladies who have served us such bountiful lunches; to the pastor and assistant pastor of the Church and the entire congregation whose guests we have been,

2nd: That we remember in prayer the pastors and people of the First Presbyterian Church,

3rd: That the pastor, the Rev. Robert F. Campbell, be requested to read these resolutions to the membership of the Church.

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Asheville has been signlaly blessed, not only with the presence in our deliberations of our fellow Presbyter, the Rev. Prof. Donald Richardson, but also in hearing his most stimulating address on Foreign Missions, be it resolved:

That the Presbytery express our sincere appreciation to him for his address and for the generous sacrifice of his time and money in being with us at this time.

J. R. SEVIER, Chairman,
G. B. HAMMOND,
W. C. DILLINGHAM.

Rev. H. B. Dendy was re-elected Treasurer for three years.

The Auditor's report was accepted in lieu of a Treasurer's report.

The report on minutes of Synod was recommitted and the committee was requested to report at Fall Meeting.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Ministers—Principals: W. A. Murray, O. C. Landrum. Alternates: G. B. Hammond, Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Elders—Principals: O. W. Lancaster, Fletcher, N. C., J. E. Ockermon, Hendersonville, N. C. Alternates: S. P. Verner, Brevard, N. C., G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood, N. C.

The reports of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Ministers Annuity Fund, Religious Education and Young Peoples work were received as information.

The following reports were adopted:

BILLS AND OVERTURES

We recommend:

That the recommendation of the Assembly with reference to change in pastorates be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
LELAND N. EDMUNDS.

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Messrs. R. L. Prevost, and D. M. Miller, were excused from the afternoon session.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The records of the following churches found in due form, Montreat, Canton, West Asheville, Waynesville, Hendersonville, Franklin, Mills River, Hazelwood. The following except that no evidence of Quarterly meetings having been held: Ora Street, Morrison, Bethel Slagle Memorial. The following except that all meetings do not record meetings having been opened and closed with prayer: Asheville 1st, Etowah, Davidson River, Brevard. Also, Weaverville Church record shows no statistical report. Swannanoa all records not approved by sessions. Black Mountain minutes of joint meetings of officers included in sessional records. Covenanters meetings not held quarterly, also records of members not properly kept. Oak Forest, except no evidence of meetings approved by sessions, also names of elders attending omitted, names of members received not given.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. GRUVER, Chairman.

SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION NARRATIVE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

1 & 2—The churches report an adequate number of preaching services, but the average attendance of members is 57%.

3 & 4—Additions on profession of faith have come largely through the Sunday School. There were 162 in number, while additions by letter was somewhat larger.

5. Six churches reported no evangelistic services. Those who held services believe that the spiritual condition of their people has been improved.

6 & 7—Few family altars are reported. The churches have been faithful in holding Communion services.

8-13—The scriptures, hymns, and Catechisms are taught to a large degree.

14. A small percent of Church members tithe.

15. All churches, except three, held an Every Member Canvass.

16-17—Few churches paid all of their benevolent quota and salaries were not paid promptly nor fully.

18. Worldly conformity does not exist to a large degree.

19. Half the churches have done evangelistic work outside the church.

20. A small percent of the sessions have made an effort to secure recruits for the ministry.

W. S. HUTCHISON, Chairman,
CHAS. R. McCARTY.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Judiciary Committee respectfully reports that no matter has been put into their hands.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Highlands was selected as place of next meeting.

Rev. C. R. McCarty, L. C. Rice and the Stated Clerk were appointed as the committee on Devotional Exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to complete the Statistical Report, print in the minutes and send a copy to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

After singing ""Blest Be the Tie that Binds," the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator and Presbytery adjourned.

T. A. PAINTER, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Temporary Clerk.
NEXT STATED MEETING: Highlands, N. C., October 10th, 1933; 11:00 A. M.

W. A. Murray, Stated Clerk.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1933

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers, 31; Number of churches, 29; Number of candidates, 3; Number of pastoral dissolutions, 1.

Ministers and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificates	Communicants: Whole Number Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Benevolent Funds Collected: Total Sabbath School Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Orphans' Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Collected: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																									
R. L. Alexander, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*	9	13	10	16	200	4	5	149	73.00	11.00	11.00	23.00		3.00	6.00	58.00	17.00	87.00	2,000.00		729.00			
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																									
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																									
M. S. Avery, P.	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest*	4	5	22	4	120	16	4	132											550.00		419.00		6,359.00	5.00
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*	6	6	3	12	192	1		233	618.00	354.00	172.00	82.00		16.00	38.00	594.00	471.00	480.00	2,500.00		880.00			157.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First	19	25	34	57	1470	21	17	1387	2,775.00	713.00	511.00	205.00		144.00	212.00	3,232.00	1,102.00	3,701.00	6,008.00		9,724.00	493.00		228.00
W. P. Chedester, S. S.	Montreat, N. C.	Ora Street, Asheville	1	1	2		20	2		70	16.00	5.00						5.00			315.00		188.00			
V. A. Crawford	Tokushima, Japan																									
W. F. Creson, P. F. M.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*	9	15	14	15	442	8		275	280.00	57.00	74.00	38.00		6.00	13.00	134.00	80.00	224.00	2,160.00		3,811.00			
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																									
H. B. Dendy, P.S.H.M.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*	6	6	7	6	136	7		158	90.00	26.00	15.00	8.00		3.00	6.00	55.00	37.00	94.00	700.00		422.00	18.00	1,900.00	
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Ivy Park	2	2	2		26	2			1.00		1.00				1.00	8.00		3.00	14.00					
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Dillingham, N. C.	Covenanters*	3	3	1		115	1		108	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.00			1.00	15.00		18.00	50.00		42.00		15.00	
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					12											5.00		5.00	5.00				25.00	
L. N. Edmunds, A. P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First																								
R. S. Eskridge	Asheville, N. C.																									
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*	2	2	6	4	33	2		34	11.00	10.00					1.00	10.00		25.00	350.00	900.00				
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	3	2	4	3	50											75.00			365.00	400.00				
R. S. Eskridge, S. S.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1			16			55	4.00	6.00	2.00		1.00		1.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	40.00	200.00	51.00			
F. M. Eversole, F. M.	Kingsville, Texas																									
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*	4	6	1		60			55	38.00	9.00	5.00	18.00		1.00	2.00	24.00	14.00	45.00	510.00	671.00	142.00		261.00	
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 2, N. C.	Morrison*	4	3	1		34	1	3	47	9.00	7.00	6.00	4.00		1.00	2.00	15.00	2.00	10.00	132.00		47.00			4.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 1, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	1				16			19	7.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	10.00	56.00		28.00			
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																									
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																									
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.*		6	7	13	13	178	2	3	193	142.00	43.00	22.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	7.00	105.00	55.00	63.00	1,779.00		464.00		200.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*	4	3	14	9	103	9		82	46.00	19.00	4.00	7.00				79.00	3.00	20.00	304.00	500.00	264.00		292.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah	2	1			38			35	9.00	4.00	1.00	4.00			1.00	10.00		4.00	62.00	100.00	13.00			
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*	3	5	14	2	93	14		163	9.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	10.00	4.00	18.00	238.00		314.00			
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	2	2	1	2	7	1													55.00		35.00			
C. R. McCarty, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands	3	1	4	11	58	4	3	40	13.00	2.00	15.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	10.00	6.00	15.00	1,150.00	350.00	190.00			
E. D. McMahan	St. Pauls, N. C.																									
W. A. Murray, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain	4	5	6	5	146	5		269	108.00	15.00	17.00	8.00	5.00	4.00	11.00	66.00	30.00	136.00	1,313.00		318.00			
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*	8	7	3	8	153	2	1	156	57.00	6.00	17.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	43.00	38.00	53.00	1,215.00		410.00		228.00	17.00
C. B. Ratchford	Hendersonville, N. C.																									
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																									
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																									
R. P. Smith, S. H. M. Em.	Asheville, N. C.																									
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*	5	6	14	5	150	5	2	81	76.00	30.00	19.00	12.00		2.00	5.00	34.00	58.00	93.00			566.00		658.00	
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*	13	17	18	25	525	9	3	310	801.00	195.00	111.00	111.00		22.00	43.00	435.00	318.00	651.00	2,825.00	30.00	2,275.00		1,206.00	88.00
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City* S. S.	3	2			63			45	25.00	7.00	3.00	1.00		1.00	2.00	67.00	4.00	30.00	713.00		120.00			
	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*	4	3			37				6.00					5.00		19.00			78.00		51.00		25.00	
	Asheville, N. C.	Robert Bingham	1	1			12																			
		Totals	132	150	194	197	4505	116	41	4096	$549.00	$1,525.00	$1,013.00	$548.00	$17.00	$214.00	$362.00	$5,123.00	$2,244.00	$5,786.00	27,482.00	$3,151.00	21,503.00	$511.00	11,169.00	$499.00

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IN ITS

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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS

CALL MEETINGS

June 8, 1933
August 14, 1933
September 20, 1933
November 7, 1933
November 27, 1933
April 1, 1934

FALL MEETING

HIGHLANDS CHURCH
Highlands, N. C.
October 10-11, 1933

SPRING MEETING

WEAVERVILLE CHURCH
Weaverville, N. C.
April 10-11, 1934

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Asheville, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.

Treasurer and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, Dr. I. J. Archer, R. L. Prevost, Ruffner Campbell, J. T. Bailey, T. D. Morrison, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. Bernard Smith, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. E. E. White, Dr. I. J. Archer.
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7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. R. McCarty, C. L. Grey.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, E. J. Griset.
9. **Stewardship**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. I. J. Archer, H. H. Carson, J. H. McConnell, G. H. Wright, J. T. Bailey.
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11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—D. S. Watson, Theo. D. Morrison, G. H. Wright.

Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring of 1935; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring of 1934.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences—Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. A. Murray and Rev. O. C. Landrum.

Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. R. McCarty.

Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

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IN ITS

SEVENTY-FIFTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

CALL MEETINGS

June 8, 1933

August 14, 1933

September 20, 1933

FALL MEETING

HIGHLAND CHURCH

Highlands, N. C.

October 10-11, 1933.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., June 8, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church at 3:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith. There were present:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, L. N. Edmunds, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, T. A. Painter and R. P. Smith.

Elders—C. C. Morgan, Oak Forest Church; D. S. Watson, Asheville First.

The following call was read and found in order:

Swannanoa, N. C., May 30, 1933.

"The constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, on Thursday, June 8th, at 3:00 o'clock P. M., for the following purposes:

1. To act on the resignation of Rev. M. S. Avery as Pastor of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, and to dissolve the pastoral relation between Brother Avery and said Church.
2. To act on any matters growing out of the above."

Signed: T. A. Painter, Moderator.

A record was read of the duly called congregational meeting which stated that the congregation concurred with Rev. M. S. Avery in his request for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation.

The resignation of Rev. M. S. Avery as Pastor of the Oak Forest Church was accepted and the Pastoral relation dissolved. The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

T. A. Painter, Moderator.
W. A. Murray, Stated Clerk.
L. N. Edmunds, Temporary Clerk

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., August 14, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the office of the First Church at 3:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith. There were present:

Ministers—H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, R. P. Smith and R. P. Walker.

Elder—D. B. Burns, First Church, Asheville.

A letter was read from Rev. M. S. Avery, requesting a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Bluestone, W. Va.

The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to send Rev. M. S. Avery a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Bluestone.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

T. A. PAINTER, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, Tenn., as ordered by the Synod of Appalachia and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. There were present:

Ministers—L. N. Edmunds, Moderator, F. M. Eversole, W. F. Creson, R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, C. R. McCarty.

Elders—John Scott, S. R. McKee, C. C. Lord, J. F. Fain, O. L. Merchant.

Rev. H. B. Dendy was elected to represent the Presbytery on Synod's Committee of Vacancy and Supply.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Col. S. R. McKee.

L. N. EDMUNDS, Moderator.
C. R. MCCARTY, Temporary Clerk.

The above minutes were read and approved by Presbytery at Highlands, N. C., October 10th, 1933.

W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SEVENTY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION FALL MEETING

Highlands, N. C., October 10, 1933

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Highlands Church at 11:00 A. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. T. A. Painter, on John 17.

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. H. B. Dendy, the roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. L. Alexander, R. C. Anderson, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, L. N. Edmunds, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders—D. B. Burns, Asheville First, Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. E. Rice, Franklin; J. E. Ockermon, Hendersonville; O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; Crosby Adams, Montreat; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; E. J. Griset, West Asheville; M. V. Jenkins, White Oak; R. L. Gash (2), Brevard; R. L. Crook, (2) Morrison; J. C. Rose, Waynesville.

Dr. R. F. Campbell was elected Moderator, and Rev. G. B. Hammond, Temporary Clerk.

The following report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted:

TUESDAY

11:00 A. M.—Preaching by Rev. T. A. Painter.
12:45 P. M.—Recess until.
2:15 P. M.—Business.
4:45 P. M.—Recess.
7:30 P. M.—Popular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

9:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.
11:00 A. M.—Presbyterial Sermon, Dr. Campbell. Communion.
12:45 P. M.—Recess for Lunch.
2:15 P. M.—Reconvene. Adjourn at will.

C. R. MCCARTY, Chairman.

Presbytery took recess until 2:15 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 P. M. The unprinted minutes were read and the minutes of meeting at Kingsport, Tenn., Sept. 20th, were approved.

Revs. W. H. Adams, J. W. Caldwell, W. P. Chedester and E. D. McMahon were excused from attendance on this meeting. Mr. McMahan was given permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the Spring meeting.

A letter was read from the session of the Bryson City Church. The clerk was instructed to write to Rev. J. T. Gillespie, granting him permission to labor within our bounds at Bryson City.

Rev. Chas. Chapin of the Presbytery of Lehigh U. S. A.,

and Rev. J. J. Fix of the Presbytery of Abingdon, were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Moderator appointed the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures*—T. A. Painter, L. N. Emdunds, Crosby Adams.
2. *Judiciary*—W. S. Hutchison, C. B. Ratchford, O. W. Lancaster.
3. *Records of Presbytery*—L. T. Wilds, J. A. Flanagan, J. E. Rice.
4. *Minutes of General Assembly*—R. C. Anderson, R. P. Walker, J. E. Ockermon.
5. *Auditing*—J. E. Rice, D. B. Burns, Dr. A. E. Knoepel.
6. *Leave of Absence*—J. A. Flanagan.
7. *Nominations*—J. H. Gruver, W. F. Creson, J. L. Gash.
8. *Resolutions*—L. T. Wilds, E. J. Griset, C. H. Alexander.

Dr. J. J. Fix addressed Presbytery on Religious Education.

The following was recommended:

1. Hold at least three all day conferences in each Presbytery for presenting and discussing the work of the committee of Religious Education.
2. Establish and maintain outpost Sunday Schools.
3. Encourage Daily Vacation Bible School in needy places.
4. Emphasize more Leadership Schools and Classes.

Following Dr. Fix's address Presbytery had a most interesting and helpful discussion of the State of Religion.

The clerk was instructed to write to Dr. J. W. Caldwell expressing sympathy and interest in his work.

After prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M., at the request of the Chairman, Dr. L. T. Wilds presided over the popular meeting in the interest of Presbyterial Home Missions.

Dr. R. F. Campbell offered, and explained, the following recommendation of the Home Mission Committee, which was adopted:

"That Presbytery instruct its Home Missions Committee to take under its special care and direction the development of the great unchurched areas in the city of Asheville; and to take whatever steps they deem wise to claim this territory for Christ and for our Church."

Rev. H. B. Dendy spoke on the opportunity confronting us and challenged the Church to go forward and grasp this great opportunity.

Rev. C. B. Chapin, spoke on his work as Chaplain at Oteen; Rev. J. H. Gruver reported on the work of the Mountain Orphanage. Dr. R. C. Anderson presented the merits and claims of the Montreat Normal School.

Dr. R. P. Smith made a heart searching appeal for the Christian Home and the establishment of the Family Altar.

Several short talks were made by various members of Presbytery.

It was decided that the Devotional period Wednesday morning be devoted to a season of prayer.

Presbytery was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Wednesday Morning Session, October 11, 1932

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. The Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. R. F. Campbell.

A most helpful half hour was spent in a season of voluntary prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery endorsed the application of Mrs. C. W. Maxwell for aid from the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Dr. R. P. Walker made a report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, which was received as information.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Dr. R. F. Campbell. Text: I Cor. 11:24, R. V. "This is my body which is for you."

The elements for Presbyterial Communion were administered by Rev. C. B. Chapin and Rev. J. H. Gruver.

The following reports were adopted:

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Committee to Asheville Presbytery Recommendations:

1. That a man should be secured again this summer to conduct D. V. B. Schools in our Presbytery. Only his expenses, entertainment and freewill offering to be guaranteed. Rev. J. A. Flanagan

was appointed chairman to secure such a man, and to arrange his appointments.

2. That three group conferences on Country Church and Religious Education be held during May under the direction of Dr. H. W. McLaughlin and Dr. Jas. J. Fix. One to be held at Mills River, one at Franklin, and the other at the discretion of the Presbytery. Rev. W. S. Hutchison was appointed chairman.

3. That another Intermediate Conference should be held this summer, and at the Farm School if obtainable. And that each church should feel its individual responsibility for its success.

Respectfully submitted,
LELAND EDMUNDS, Chairman,
Religious Education Committee.

Presbytery appropriated $20.00 from the Religious Education Fund for the work of the Intermediate Camp in Asheville Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

Your Committee on the American Bible Society would respectfully call to your attention the fact that the Society has distributed more than 7,900,000 portions of the Scriptures in 1932, although its income from living donors decreased more than 22.5% during the year. The Scriptures are now published in 933 different languages and dialects, nine new languages having been added during the year. The whole Bible is now published in 173 different languages, one more than last year.

Your Committee would commend to you the observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 10th, the topic this year being "The Light Shineth in Darkness". Special material will be furnished every pastor for the observance of this day.

Your Committee would direct your attention also to the fact that the Society will furnish the pastor stereoptican lectures; that it publishes the Scriptures in many forms to fit the needs of your work; that it furnishes the Scriptures to those unable to buy them.

Your Committee would ask that every church and individual do all in their power to see that the offering for this cause be not further reduced.

Yours Respectfully,
J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

God's arm is not shortened nor His power weakened. Wise generalship demands that in time of retreat, plans be made for reorganization and advance. We have retreated far enough. The time has come for advance or surrender, and in God's name we shall not lower our colors. We therefore submit the following plan for individual and national church recovery, and urge that ministers, churches, and

individual Christians adopt it and go forward.

1. *For the individual Christian.*

The practice of tithing of individual income to be adopted by the individual church members as their part in financial recovery, beginning with the pastor, elders and deacons.

2. *For the individual Church.*

(a) An every member canvass to be held the first Sunday in March.

(b) A dual treasury system to be installed and benevolent funds to be forwarded immediately on receipt.

(c) A whole-hearted and sacrificial attempt to be made to carry each church's load in the Lord's work in other places as follows:

Class A—(Churches whose membership exceeds 400)	
Asheville First	$14,000
Hendersonville	3,000
West Asheville	950
Class B—(Churches whose membership is less than 400)	
Montreat	$ 1,800
Canton	600
Brevard	550
Waynesville	450
Black Mountain	350
Swannanoa	300
Bryson City	200
Class C—(Churches receiving Home Mission Aid)	
Weaverville	400
Mills River	250
Franklin	250
Bethel	200
Hazelwood	150
Highlands	150
Murphy	150
Oak Forest	100
Andrews	75
Covenanters	75
Etowah	75
Morrison	75
Slagle Memorial	75
Hayesville	50
Ivy Park	50
Ora Street	50
Red Oak	25
Robert Bingham	25
White Oak	25
Total	$24,000

3. *For the Presbytery.*

(a) The Presbytery's share of the work of the Church as a whole to be assumed as soon as possible.

(b) The division of the $24,000 quota accepted to be made as follows, but with a realization that we are spending too much on ourselves and with the understanding that whatever is raised above the quota shall be used to meet the Presbytery's share of the askings of General Assembly and Synod;

For the work within the Presbytery 50%

Divided as follows:

Presbytery's Home Missions	29%
Mountain Orphanage	15%
Montreat Normal	6%

For the work of Synod 6.6%

Divided according to Synod's request:

Synod's Work	.5%
Educational Institutions	6.1%

For the Work of the Whole Church 43.4%

Divided according to General Assembly's percentages related to 43.4%.

Foreign Missions	23.3%
Assembly's Home Missions	12%
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5.2%
Religious Education	1.9%
Assembly's Training School	.6%
Bible Cause	.4%
Total	100%

(c) For the contingent and necessary expenses the same amounts as last year to be assessed on the churches of Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,
GEO. B. HAMMOND, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Your Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly would respectfully report, they find only one thing calling for the action of Presbytery which is as follows:

The Assembly refers to the Presbyteries for their consideration the amendment of the Book of Church Order, paragraph, 103 and 104, to read as follows:

Par. 103: It is recommended that every candidate for the ministry should put himself under the care of Presbytery, which should ordinarily be the Presbytery that has jurisdiction of the Church of which he is a member. Every applicant seeking to be taken under the care of a Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry shall file his application at least two months before the meeting of the Presbytery,

addressing the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Education for the Ministry and Mission Service of the Presbytery, or to the Stated Clerk. Upon receipt of the application it shall be the duty of the Committee on Ministerial Education to inquire diligently into the Christian character, the personality, the vocational fitness, and the physical, mental and spiritual qualifications of the applicant, and to make a careful report to the Presbytery upon these and other points which would have a bearing upon his qualifications for the ministry. The report should also contain the recommendation of the Committee as to whether the applicant should or should not be received under the care of the Presbytery.

Par. 104: After the Committee has made its report concerning the reception of an applicant he shall appear before the Presbytery in person, and shall be examined by the Presbytery on experimental religion and on his motives for seeking the ministry.

Your Committee recommends that the Book of Church Order be so amended.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

The committee finds the printed Minutes of Presbytery presented in neat and attractive form, quite accurate so far as we know, and approved by the Synod.

We recommend that they be placed in the Historical Foundation.

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee nominates the following on Home Mission Committee: Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman; Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, Dr. I. J. Archer, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, T. D. Morrison, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, R. L. Prevost, Ruffner Campbell, O. L. Merchant and J. T. Bailey.

On Religious Education Committee that the name A. H. Morey deceased, be dropped, and that Dr. Donald W. Richardson be asked to preach the Presbyterial sermon at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. GRUVER, Chairman.
W. F. CRESON,
J. L. GASH.

RESOLUTIONS

The Presbytery of Asheville wishes most heartily to thank the Highlands Presbyterian Church and its Pastor, Rev. C. R. McCarty, for their gracious hospitality in entertaining the Presbytery at

its Fall meeting, October 10th and 11th.

Certainly, everything possible was done for our comfort and pleasure. Especially is the service of the Highlands Church appreciated in view of the fact that it had so entertained the Presbytery only two years ago. We pray God's richest blessing upon the people and their Pastor and express to them our sincere gratitude for their kindness to us while in their midst. We request the Clerk to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Pastor so that they may be read to the congregation on next Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures, Judiciary and Auditing reported that nothing had been placed in their hands.

The Commissioners to the Assembly reported and their diligence was commended.

Dr. R. C. Anderson reported as Trustee of Davidson College.

The report on Assembly's Home Missions was received as information.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Weaverville Church for the Spring Meeting.

The Minutes were read and approved.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

G. B. HAMMOND, Temporary Clerk.

Next Stated Meeting: Weaverville, N. C., April 10, 1934; 11:00 A. M.

MINUTES

OF THE

PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

IN ITS

SEVENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

CALL MEETINGS

November 7, 1933

November 27, 1933

April 1, 1934

SPRING MEETING

WEAVERVILLE CHURCH

Weaverville, N. C.

April 10-11, 1934.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Mr. J. T. Bailey, Canton, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.

Treasurer and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, E. J. Griset, J. H. McConnell, Dr. I. J. Archer, R. L. Prevost, J. T. Bailey, Ruffner Campbell, T. D. Morrison, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. Bernard Smith, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. E. E. White, Dr. I. J. Archer.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, S. L. Woodward, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. O. C. Landrum, S. P. Verner.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, G. C. Summerow.
6. **Religious Education**—Rev. J. A. Flannagan, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. W. S. Hutchinson, S. C. Clapp, D. B. Burns, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. R. McCarty, C. L. Grey.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, E. J. Griset.
9. **Stewardship**—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. I. J. Archer, H. H. Carson, J. H. McConnell, J. T. Bailey, G. H. Wright, W. H. McMurray.
10. **Schools and Colleges**—Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. R. S. Eskridge, Rev. T. A. Painter, W. H. McMurray.
11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—D. S. Watson, Theo. D. Morrison, G. H. Wright.

Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring of 1935; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring of 1937.

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COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences—Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. A. Murray, Rev. O. C. Landrum.

Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. R. McCarty.

Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., November 7, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the study of the First Church at 3:30 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Painter. There were present:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, G. B. Hammond, W. A. Murray and T. A. Painter.

Elder: D. B. Burns, Asheville First.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call a special meeting of Asheville Presbytery to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Tuesday, Nov. 7th, at 3:30 P. M., for the following purposes:—

1. To consider and act upon the request of Rev. L. N. Edmunds for a Certificate of Dismissal to the Presbytery of Congaree.
2. To elect a Chairman of the Committee of Religious Education to succeed Mr. Edmunds.
3. To consider and act upon any matter in connection with the above items."

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to issue a Certificate of Dismission for Rev. L. N. Edmunds to the Presbytery of Congaree. Rev. J. A. Flanagan was elected as Chairman of Religious Education and on Synod's sub-committee on Young People's work.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by D. B. Burns.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

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CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., November 27, 1933.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the study of the First Church at 3:30 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Creson. There were present:

Ministers: W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. A. Murray and R. P. Walker.

Elders D. B. Burns.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The Constitutional requirements having been complied with, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet on Monday, Nov.

27, at 3:30 P. M., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To dissolve the Pastoral relation between Rev. R. L. Alexander and the Brevard-Davidson River Church.

2. To grant Rev. R. L. Alexander a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Fayetteville."

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.

The records were read of a congregational meeting concurring in the request for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between Rev. R. L. Alexander and the Brevard-Davidson River Church. The relationship was dissolved and Rev. R. L. Alexander was granted a letter of dismissal to Fayetteville Presbytery.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

J. H. GRUVER, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., April 1, 1934.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Newton School Auditorium, Biltmore Ave., at 2:30 P. M., persuant to the following call:

"The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet in the Newton School Auditorium, Biltmore Avenue, Sunday afternoon, April 1st, at 2:30 o'clock, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To receive Rev. Paul N. Gresham from Savannah Presbytery.

2. To organize a Presbyterian Church in Kenilworth for South Asheville.

3. To transact any other business pertaining to the above."

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.

Presbytery was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator, Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Rev. T. A. Painter was appointed Temporary Clerk.

The following were resent:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, W. P. Chedester, T. A. Painter.

Elders: D. B. Burns, Asheville First; E. J. Griset, West Asheville.

Rev. P. N. Gresham presented a certificate of dismission from Savannah Presbytery.

Resolutions were read from Savannah Presbytery, the First Church and the Hull Memorial Church of Savannah, Ga., expressing regret at Mr. Gresham's removal from their midst, and heartily commending him to Asheville Presbytery and his new field of labor.

A petition signed by seventy-seven residents of Kenilworth and vicinity, requesting Presbytery to organize the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church was presented and read.

Fifty-seven signers of the petition wished to unite with the Church to be organized by letter and twenty by profession of faith. The questions required by the Book of Church Order (paragraph 26), were propounded by the Moderator and answered by those covenanting together as an organized Church according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

A sermon was preached by the Moderator, Dr. R. F. Campbell, from the text Acts 6:7.

After singing a hymn, Presbytery adjourned with the benediction by the Moderator.

R. F. CAMPBELL, Moderator.

T. A. PAINTER, Temporary Clerk.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SEVENTY-SIXTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION SPRING MEETING

Weaverville, N. C., April 10, 1934.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Weaverville Church at 11:00 A. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, R. F. Campbell, on Galations 6:17, "The Marks of the Lord Jesus."

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer the roll was called and the following were present.

Ministers: W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, R. S. Eskridge, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, C. R. McCarty, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.—21.

Elders: Oscar White, Asheville, First; J. F. Justice, Bethel; C. C. Dougherty, Black Mountain; R. L. Gash, (2) Brevard-Davidson River; J. C. Bailey, Canton; W. H. Jarrett, Covenanters; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. E. Rice, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; H. G. Love, Hendersonville; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; J. D. Osborne, Mills River; Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; T. P. Gaston, Oak Forest; H. T. Lindsley, Waynesville; G. A. Webster, Weaverville; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville.—17.

Elder J. T. Bailey was elected Moderator and Oscar White Temporary Clerk.

The unprinted minutes were read and approved.

The Report of Devotional Committee was adopted.

Tuesday: Recess 12:30 to 2:00.
Lunch 12:45.
Afternoon Session 2:00 to 5.00.
Recess 5:00 to 7:30.
Evening Session 7:30 to adjourn at will.
Wednesday: Presbytery to convene at 9 o'clock A. M.
Devotional Exercises 9:00 to 9:20, led by Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D.
Business Session 9:20-10:50.
Recess 10:50 to 11:00.
Sermon and Communion 11:00 to 12:30.
Recess 12:30 to 2:00.
Lunch 12:45.
Afternoon Session 2:00 to adjourn at will.

H. B. DENDY, Chairman.

Rev. J. C. Bridges, of the Presbytery of Piedmont, Rev. C. B. Chapin of Lehigh Presbytery, Synod of Pa., Rev. Wriston Hartsell of Muhlenberg Presbytery, Rev. S. H. Long of North Alabama Presbytery and Rev. E. G. Cowan of the M. P. Church, were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The unprinted minutes were read and approved.

It was made the order of the day at 2:00 P. M. to examine as candidate for the ministry.

Rev. E. D. McMahan was excused from attendance on this meeting and granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the Fall Meeting.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. D. W. Richardson.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committee:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures*—R. F. Campbell, J. W. Caldwell, W. H. Adams, I. J. Archer.
2. *Judiciary*—J. W. Caldwell, J. F. Justice, J. L. Gash.
3. *Minutes of Synod*—W. P. Chedester, W. H. Jarrett.
4. *Records of Sessions*—J. H. Gruver, W. F. Creson, W. S. Hutchison, H. T. Lindsley, W. T. Snyder, G. A. Webster.
5. *Auditing*—R. S. Eskridge, C. C. Dougherty, J. E. Rice.
6. *Nominations*—T. A. Painter, R. C. Anderson, G. C. Summerow.
7. *Leave of Absence*—G. B. Hammond, J. D. Osborne.
8. *Records of Presbytery*—P. N. Gresham, T. P. Gaston.
9. *Resolutions. (Privately)*. D. W. Richardson.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. D. W. Richardson.

Mr. Scott Hunter was introduced to Presbytery by his pastor. Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Hunter with a view to receiving him as a candidate for the ministry.

After the required examinations Mr. Scott Hunter was enrolled as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery.

After the examinations required in B. C. O. par. 74, Rev. Wriston Hartsell was received from the Presbytery of Muhlenberg and enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

A communication from the Hendersonville Church relative to the Rotary System of officers was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Dr. L. T. Wilds reported that Dr. R. F. Campbell had been called from Presbytery by the death of his brother in Lexington, Va. Presbytery offered special prayer for Dr. Campbell and all the bereft.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to convey to Dr. Campbell the deepest sympathy of Asheville Presbytery.

Reports from the Montreat Normal School and David-

son College were referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Dr. J. R. Sevier, President of Fassifern School, at Hendersonville, made a verbal report on the work of this school.

A request from the Hendersonville Church to increase their pastor's salary $300.00 per year was granted.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the session commending them for this action.

The following reports were adopted:

The following report of Committee n Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was adopted:

I. The Annuity Fund.

One hundred fifty-five individual subscriptions in seventeen churches of Asheville Presbytery. Amounted to $4281.00. Of this amount $2055.00 has been paid. We are requested to keep the Annuity Fund before our churches as our great unfinished task. Just as soon as the financial situation clears a little more an effort will be made to complete this fund.

II. Christian Education.

We have reports from the two students under care of Presbytery as follows:

Mr. Clyde K. Landrum is in State Teachers College, Moorehead, Ky., where he expects to finish in August. He wishes to enter the Seminary this fall if he can arrange to do so. He has been preaching and doing Sunday School work.

Mr. Merrill Keith is attending Weaver College. He is hoping to finish there this year.

These men have not asked aid from the Assembly's committee.

III. Ministerial Relief.

On the list of your committee are thirteen persons who received during the year $2643.32. From all sources there was contributed during the year in Asheville Presbytery $1046.93. We gave, therefore a little less than 40% of the amount received.

IV. We note the following from the Assembly's Committee:

1. From the Christian Education fund 206 were aided.
2. Loans were granted to 154 students from Student Loan Fund.
3. From Ministerial Relief Fund aid was sent to 537 homes of ministers and missionaries.
4. Received from all sources $219,159.00 increase of $20,610.00.
5. Reduced the debt during the year from $106,493.00 to $66,-977.00.
6. The "Joy Gift" in December helped to save the day.
7. Part of the 1934 Birthday Gift of Woman's Auxiliary will go to homes on roll of Ministerial Relief where wives, widows and little children are in special need.

(Signed) R. P. WALKER, Chairman.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

Despite the obstacles that have beset Assembly's Home Missions the reports from the fields show gratifying progress in every department of the Committee's many-sided work. While telling of manifold difficulties the record of the year is a story of triumph and not of defeat. The splendid results that have been accomplished under such trying conditions is a tribute to the faith, the labors and the sacrifices of the workers and should be a call to the whole church to come to their support.

The total Home Mission receipts were $289,416. The receipts from regular budget sources applicable to payment of appropriations were $268,159 which is $21,163 less than from these sources received in 1933. Because of the amount received from the Mission Treasure Hunt and the receipt of some unexpected funds that could be used for the purpose, it was possible to pay in full the appropriations to the Presbyteries and missions. After the severe reductions of the three preceding years, and the increasing hardships of the workers and their families the Committee rejoices that it was able to pay the amounts promised this year.

The field of Assembly's Home Missions is as varied as the population of our country and the scope of its activities is as inclusive as the work of the church. During the year the Committee aided in the support of 535 Home Mission workers who served 728 churches and missions, and carried the Gospel to 274 unorganized preaching points, and 179 outpost Sunday Schools. Through the efforts of this Home Mission army the Gospel was preached in more than 1000 communities from Baltimore to El Paso and Kansas City to Key West, and over 3500 persons were received into the Presbyterian Church upon profession of faith and about 2000 by certificate.

For many years Assembly's Home Missions was the Vanguard of the church and the results of this Committee's work represented the progress of the Assembly in the number of churches organized, members received, and gifts to missionary causes. Notwithstanding the diminishing income the Committee reports the organization last year of five new churches and 37 new Sunday Schools, and that 11 churches or groups were brought to self-support.

Year in and year out the Home Mission areas of the church have been the most productive in evangelistic results. The percentage of increase of the whole Assembly in 1933 was about 4%. This year our Mexican churches report an increase of more than 16%. Our Negro churches had an increase of about 12%. Our Indian Presbyteries reported a membership gain of about 14%. Guerrant Presbytery reported an increase of 10%. The same proportionate gains

were reported by other mountain mission churches aided by the Assembly's Committee.

We are glad to report that the Home Mission Study Book for 1934 was prepared by Dr. E. T. Thompson of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. It is entitled "Presbyterian Missions in the Southern United States." It is hoped that this book with its facts and its appeal will have a wide use in the church. It is especially desired that all pastors use it as a basis for sermons and addresses, and for discussions at the mid-week services during the special Home Mission season this fall.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That our churches be urged to recognize the distinctive place of Assembly's Home Missions as the chief agency of our denominational progress, and to provide the funds for enlarging this fruitful and far-reaching work of the church.

2. That Presbytery designate the period October 14—November 18 as a special Home Mission season in all departments of the church and that November 11-18 be designated as the annual week of prayer and self-denial with offerings for Assembly's Home Missions in all the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. CALDWELL, Chairman.

SUMMARY 1933-34
ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Summary 1933-34, Annual Report of Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery. Miss Annie V. Wilson, Presbyterial Recording Secretary, Black Mountain, N. C.

Aux. Members 1651, Auxiliaries in Presbyterial 24, Auxiliaries enrolled but not reporting 4; Auxiliaries averaging 50% in attendance 12; Auxiliaries including every resident woman member of Church 17; Auxiliaries divided into Circles 15; How many general Circles 50; Auxiliaries whose general Circles shift annually 14; Auxiliaries contributing to all Denominational Benevolence 9; Auxiliaries increasing gifts to Assembly's Causes 10; Auxiliaries undertaking White Cross Work 18; Home Circles 8; Members 189; Business Woman's or Evening Circles 10; Members 291; Auxiliaries observing general Study Season 20; Members 317; Auxiliaries observing Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions 19; Auxiliaries having programs on Foreign Missions 19; Mission Study: Church Schools of Missions 5; Mission Study Classes 10; Reading Circles 7; Auxiliary Members attending 429; Auxiliaries observing Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions 18; Auxiliaries having programs on Home Missions 18; Auxiliaries making special offering in December 17; Auxiliaries having program on C. E. & M. R. 18; Auxiliaries in touch with Y. P. in Schools and Colleges 10; Auxiliaries cooperating with leaders of Y. P. work 16; Girl's Circles 7; Members 93; Auxiliaries having program on Religious Education 115; Prayer Groups 59; Members 575; Auxiliary Bible Classes 44; Members 609; Family Altars 245; Tithers 284; Auxiliaries presenting Stewardship during year 13; Auxiliaries having a Personal Workers' Group 5; Copies Prayer Calendar used 288; Survey Readers 525; Canvasses made 18; Church Paper Readers 430; Canvasses made 15; Church Paper Readers 430; Canvasses made 15; Auxiliaries subscribing to Year Book Literature 14; Auxiliaries doing Christian Social Service 17; Group Conferences held 51.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To Denominational Benevolences

1. Foreign Missions (To Nashville, Tenn.)	$1160.00
(a) Birthday Gift—China Bible Institute	367.00
2. Assembly's Home Missions	381.00
3. Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	444.00
4. Religious Education and Publication	151.00
5. As'sn. Train. School for Lay Workers	38.00
6. Bible Cause	26.00
7. Synod's Home Missions	83.00
8. Orphans' Homes	1436.00
9. Educational Institutions	671.00
10. Presbytery's Home Missions	698.00
Total, Denominational Benevolences	$5455.00
11. Auxiliary Special Benevolences	919.00
Total, All Benevolences	$6374.00

To Local Church Work

12. Current Expenses:	
(a) Local Aux. Current Expenses	$ 909.00
(b) Pres'l and Sny'l Contingent Fund	302.00
(c) Local Church	369.00
13. Building Expense	1126.00
Total, Local Church Work	$2706.00
14. Miscellaneous Contributions	649.00
Total, All Benevolences	$6374.00
Total, Local Church Work	2706.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	649.00
Grand Total, All Contributions	$9729.00
Total increase or Decrease compared with last year	$702.00
Amount per capita	5.89

Note: "Local Church" in No. 12 (c) above, includes gifts (if

any) to Pastors' salaries, Church and Sunday School Current Expenses.

In order for the Committees to meet and prepare their reports Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. C. Anderson.

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Wilds presided over the popular meeting in interest of missions.

Dr. D. W. Richardson gave a thrilling address on the motive of missions. Rev. J. H. Gruver made a report on the work of the Mountain Orphanage. Six young girls from the Orphanage delighted the congregation with two songs.

Rev. H. B. Dendy spoke on the forward steps in Home Mission work.

Rev. P. N. Gresham spoke on the development of the church in Kenilworth.

Presbytery by a rising vote expressed its appreciation of Rev. H. B. Dendy's self sacrificing and efficient service as Superintendent and Treasurer of Home Missions.

Dr. R. C. Anderson spoke on Montreat and Montreat Normal School.

Presbytery, after a song, and prayer by Rev. J. A. Flanagan, adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning, April 11, 1934

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. The Devotional exercises were led by Dr. L. T. Wilds.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. S. H. Long presented a letter from North Alabama Presbytery. After the required examinations, was enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

The following commission was appointed to receive and act on calls from the Murphy and Hayesville Churches for the Pastoral services of Rev. S. H. Long and if the way be

clear, to install Rev. S. H. Long as Pastor of said Churches on the 3rd Sunday in May: Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Elders J. B. Gray and M. W. Bell of Murphy.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. W. W. Hartsell from the Oak Forest Church at $600.00 per year, was read, found in order and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install Rev. W. W. Hartsell as pastor of Oak Forest Church:

1. To preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions, Dr. R. F. Campbell.
2. To charge congregation, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
3. Rev. W. F. Creson to charge the congregation.

Elders, T. P. Boston and O. E. Starnes.

The Black Mountain Church was given permission to employ Rev. J. C. Bridges as Stated Supply for one year beginning March 1, 1934, at a salary of $1350.00 per year.

The Treasurer read his report which was returned to the Auditing Committee.

On the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee, the Presbyterial assessment was fixed at fifteen cents (15c) per member.

The following reports were adopted:

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures would report as follows: Concerning the overture from the Church at Hendersonville in regard to a longer term of years in the Rotary System for church officers, we would answer in the *negative*, for the reason that if the term of office is lengthened from three years to six or nine years, the principal argument for the rotary system (namely, the efficiency in the immediate future of elected officers), is undermined, or at least curtailed.

J. W. CALDWELL,
W. H. ADAMS,
I. J. ARCHER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg to report: We examined the minutes of the Synod of Appalachia and find their Sub-Committee on Stewardship urges the Presbytery's Committee on Stewardship in making their scale of percentages be urged to follow the Assembly's directions for proportioning the amounts given to the Assembly's causes as found on page 53 of the 1933 minutes of

the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. JARRETT,
W. P. CHEDESTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Your Judicial Committee would report that nothing has been put into its hands; and it asks to be discharged.

J. W. CALDWELL.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Your Committee on Christian Education would respectfully report that nothing has been placed in its hands by Presbytery excepting the report of the Montreat Normal School. This report is most gratifying and encouraging and indicates great progress in the School during the past year. It has a faculty of 15, 9 of whom have Master's Degrees or the equivalent, and an enrollment of 135 not counting 31 in the Practice Department. This is 45 more than the School had last year. The College Department has 71 this year and the High School 64. We have 36 girls from the bounds of Asheville Presbytery, to 17 of whom we are giving scholarships.

The School is laying special emphasis on character building and Christian training. It is standardized as a High School, Junior College and two years of Teacher Training work. The heavy obligations resting on the School of last year have been paid off with the exception of $300.00 and it now appears that the School will probably close this year out of debt. However, this depends upon the success of collecting obligations due the School.

We would recommend that our churches, pastors and Auxiliaries be earnestly requested to remember this work in their prayers and give it full co-operation in the way of patronage and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON, Chairman,
Committee on Christian Education.

April 10, 1934.

At 11:00 A. M. the Presbyterial sermon was preached by Dr. D. W. Richardson on Psalm 37:3: "Trust in the Lord."

After the sermon the Presbyterial communion was administered by Revs. T. A. Painter and O. C. Landrum.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Creson.

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals	MINISTERS	*Alternates*
Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.		Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Montreat, N. C.
Dr. D. W. Richardson, Richmond, Va.		Dr. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C.
	ELDERS	
J. T. Bailey, Canton, N. C.		Oscar White, Asheville, N. C.
H. G. Love, Hendersonville, N. C.		C. C. Dougherty, Black Mountain, N. C.

The following reports were adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee on Foreign Missions offers the following report:

Most encouraging reports come to us from the field itself. For example the following facts: An increase in numbers all down the line; number of communicants, Sunday School membership, students in schools, patients treated, and the most interesting of all the largest number of additions on profession of faith in the history of our work, 8,383, about twice as many as in any of the prosperous years of 1925-1931. Along with such figures are the encouraging facts of the eager interest of the native Christians, the native workers and of the unevangelized millions of our fields.

The past year is said to have been "the most fruitful in spiritual results in all the more than seventy years of Foreign Mission history." Taking the year all in all, and as far as reports can reveal the true health and value of such work, we believe that the Foreign Mission arm of our Church has rendered during the past year the largest service it has ever been able to give to human needs around the world."

"Never before have prayer, dilligence and dependence upon God characterized more fully either our Missionaries or their native associates in the work. One can assign no other reason for the unprecedented fruitfulness of the work in its every phase than the working of Divine Grace."

The Committee, by rigid economy during the year ending March 31st, 1934, expended about $20,000.00 less than the $608,920.00 allotted in the budget by the General Assembly, notwithstanding the fact that the American dollar today is worth about one-third less in some countries, China, for example, than it was a year ago. Due to such economies, the Committee reports the amazing and gratifying fact of a surplus the end of the past Church year of $24,713.00 to be applied to the Foreign Mission deficit of $329,924.00.

The supreme need just now is a larger financial support of the work. From 1930 the decline has gone on until the estimated expenses for this year are a little less than half of the year 1930.

"Economies of the severest kind have been put into force throughout the work, and physically speaking the work is in a threadbare condition. It ought to be stated very frankly that the present basis of support is utterly inadequate and that it cannot be continued year after year, without irreparable loss to the work.

"We must call the Church to a renewal of the advance, to the lengthening our cords and to the adoption as our goal not the record of last year or of the year before, but the standard of loyalty and sacrificial devotion that the Lord Jesus would ask of His servants in such a day as this."

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee makes the following nominations:

1. Rev. P. N. Gresham to take the place of Rev. R. L. Alexander on the Committee on Religious Education.
2. That Rev. W. S. Hutchison to take the place of Rev. S. R. Crockett; Elder G. C. Sommerrow to take the place of L. M. Richeson on Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.
3. W. H. McMurray to serve in the place of H. H. Carson on the Stewardship Committee.
4. Mr. Ruffner Campbell to succeed himself as trustee of Davidson College.
5. Rev. H. B. Dendy to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, and that he choose his own subject.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
28 CHURCHES REPORTING

		Last year	Gain
Number of Schools	34		
Total Regular Pupils	3379		
Cradle Roll	170		
Home Department	366		
Officers & Teachers	334		
Total Membership	4249	4096	153
Pupils added on Confession	97		.036%

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 98.00
Assembly's Home Missions	27.00
C. E. & M. R.	185.00
R. E. & Pub.	222.00
Assembly's Training School	7.00

Synod's Home Missions	5.00
Orphan's Home	450.00
Educational Institutions	100.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	6.00
Current Expenses of School	3659.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	681.00
Grand Total	$5440.00

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. That two men be secured to conduct D. V. B. Schools in our Presbytery, guaranteeing only necessary expenses, entertainment and a freewill offering, the engagements of these men being arranged for by the Committee.
2. That three conferences be held in our Presbytery on Religious Education, Men's Work and Country Church under the leadership of Drs. Fix, Purcell and McLaughlin, at Mills River, May 27th, Swannanoa, May 28th, and Franklin, May 29th.
3. That the Intermediate Conference be held at the Farm School, July 26th-27th, tentative dates and that every church be urged to send delegates to this conference.
4. That the churches of the Presbytery select and send to the Y. P. Conference June 19-26, Sullins College, Bristol, its choicest leaders among its young people.
5. That Presbytery's Treasurer be instructed to hold $50.00 of monies contributed for Religious Education and Publication to be used to help with the expenses of the Seminary students used in D. V. B. S. work in our Presbytery this summer.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your Committee finds that the Treasurer's records are correct so far as we are able to discover. We recommend that when the new Treasurer takes over the work, that a new Audit be made. The auditor kindly proposes to do this without charge.

R. S. ESKRIDGE, Chairman.
J. E. RICE,
C. C. DAUGHERTY.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

We the undersigned members of Asheville Presbytery do hereby petition Asheville Presbytery to overture the General Assembly to remain out of the Federal Council of Churches.

H. B. DENDY
T. A. PAINTER
R. C. ANDERSON

L. T. WILDS
O. C. LANDRUM
R. P. WALKER

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would answer the proposed overture to the General Assembly "to remain out of the Federal Council of Churches" in the affirmative.

J. W. CALDWELL
I. J. ARCHER

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE SESSIONAL RECORDS

We find a rather common error record of Congregational meetings and other meetings not strictly meeting of sessions in book of records of the Meeting of Sessions.

2nd Error—Many show no evidence of minutes having been read and approved.

The minutes of the Hazelwood Church were not brought. The pastor explained that it was due to a misunderstanding as to who should bring them. We reccommend that this excuse be accepted.

We report "no error" in the following Churches—Etowah, Canton, Murphy, Montreat, Hendersonville, Mills River, Franklin, West Asheville, Waynesville—and the following exceptions—Oak Forest, records of congregational meeting in book of sessional records. No record of representatives chosen in Fall Meeting of Presbytery. Asheville—No Statistical report included. Brevard—Congregational meeting records in Sessional records. No records of minutes read and approved. Weaverville—No record of minutes approved. Franklin—Minutes not read and approved. Ora St.—Only 3 meetings held. Swannanoa—Minutes not read and approved. Black Mountain—No representatives chosen for Fall Presbytery.

J. H. GRUVER, Chairman

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

We found the Minutes of Presbytery in good order, and accurate as far as we know. We reccommend that these minutes be printed and a copy be sent to The Historical Foundation of Montreat.

Respectfully Submitted,
PAUL N. GRESHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

Your Committee gathered the data for this report from the Narrative on Christian Life and Work.

Attendance on Morning Service ranges from 33% in the larger Churches to 90% in the smaller Churches. There have been 146 professions of faith in the Presbytery, 97 of which have come through the Sunday Schools. From 26 Churches reporting, 14 had no evangelistic services. This report is better as to family altars than any report in the past few years.

The scriptures, hymns, and catechisms are taught to a larger degree. Tithing seems to be increasing in the Presbytery, there being 251 persons who report definitely that they tithe.

All Churches, except three, report that they made an every member canvass, and a number report that they are using the Lord's Acre plan. No Church reported that its benevolent quota had been paid in full, but practically all pastor's salaries were paid promptly and in full.

Eleven Churches have done work outside of their bounds, and thirteen report an effort to secure recruits for the ministry.

W. S. HUTCHINSON, Chairman
CHAS. R. McCarty

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLVED, that the Presbytery of Asheville by a rising vote express its grateful appreciation for the kind and cordial hospitality of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church and their pastor, Rev. H. B. Dendy. We shall remember with pleasure the gracious reception which they have given us, and all the provisions which they have made for our comfort and convenience. Especially would we record our sincere thanks to the ladies of the church for the delightful luncheons which they have served, and to the hosts and hostesses in whose homes we have had the privilege of guests.

D. W. RICHARDSON

Rev. P. N. Gresham an interesting account of the new work in Kenilworth.

Mr. S. L. Woodward made a brief talk.

Mr. W. L. Patton, a Deacon of Swannanoa Church was introduced to Presbytery.

The father of Rev. G. B. Hammond was introduced to Presbytery.

A communication from Dr. W. M. McPheeters was received as information.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Dr. R. P. Smith.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Hazelwood Church for the Fall Meeting.

The date of the next Spring Meeting was changed to Tuesday after the Third Sunday in April 1935—or April 23rd.

Presbytery by a rising vote expressed its appreciation of the efficient service of the Stated and Temporary Clerks.

Dr. D. W. Richardson and Dr. R. F. Campbell were requested to furnish the Stated Clerk with copies of their sermons. The Clerk was instructed to convey to the Church papers a request from the Presbytery for the publication of these sermons.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with Prayer and the Benediction to meet in the First Church of Asheville, May 14th at 2:30 P. M.

J. T. BAILEY, Moderator
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.
OSCAR WHITE, Temporary Clerk.

NEXT STATED MEETING: Hazelwood, N. C., October 16, 1934; 11:00 A. M.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1934

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as fo llows: Number of ordained ministers, 28; Number of churches, 29; Number o f candidates, 2; Number of pastoral dissolutions, 2.

Ministers and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificates	Communicants: Net Membership End of Year	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Benevolent Funds Collected: Total Sabbath School Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Orphans' Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Collected: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																									
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																									
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																									
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*	5	6	11	12	178	8	1	238	$ 636.00	$ 217.00	$ 104.00	44.00	1.00	15.00	58.00	521.00	499.00	507.00	2,250.00		806.00			40.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First	27	28	31	43	1278	6	24	1443	2,584.00	723.00	494.00	156.00	5.00	80.00	307.00	1,928.00	1,174.00	3,075.00	5,438.00		8,962.00	525.00		892.00
W. P. Chedester, S. S.	Montreat, N. C.	Ora Street, Asheville	1	1	8		36		4	60	5.00	5.00						31.00		5.00	255.00		296.00		20.00	
V. A. Crawford, F. M.	Kochi, Japan																									
W. F. Creson, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville	9	16	21	24	442	17	5	316	131.00	16.00	16.00	20.00		5.00	10.00	90.00	48.00	156.00	2,025.00		1,921.00			
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																									
H. B. Dendy, P.S.H.M.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*	6	10	7	3	146	3		160	82.00	43.00	35.00	5.00		3.00	6.00	42.00	27.00	103.00	900.00	1,150.00	547.00	6.00	828.00	
H. B. Dendy, S.S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Ivy Park	3	2		1	27			75	2.00	1.00	1.00			1.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	5.00	27.00		24.00			
H. B. Dendy, S.S.	Dillingham, N. C.	Covenanters*	3	3	1		113	1		110	6.00	9.00	4.00	4.00		1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	11.00	83.00		51.00		10.00	
H. B. Dendy, S.S.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					12				1.00										6.00				60.00	
R. S. Eskridge, S.S.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*	2	2			30			34	4.00	1.00	1.00				1.00	2.00			294.00	800.00				
R. S. Eskridge, S.S.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	2				48													55.00	180.00					
F. M. Eversole, F.M.	Kingsville, Texas																									
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*	4	6	7	3	64	5		53	46.00	18.00	18.00	19.00		1.00	5.00	18.00	15.00	41.00	568.00	750.00	180.00		146.00	15.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 2, N. C.	Morrison*	4	3			34	1	1	41	10.00	5.00	7.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	7.00	4.00	10.00	210.00		62.00		24.00	
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, R. 1, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	1				12			19	1.00			1.00							43.00		10.00			
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																									
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																									
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*	6	9	7	5	182	4		155	161.00	64.00	34.00	12.00	22.00	4.00	22.00	69.00	88.00	197.00	2,221.00		566.00		302.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*	5	3	1	4	122	1		101	44.00	29.00	19.00	8.00				130.00	4.00	5.00	463.00	600.00	100.00		343.00	24.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah	2	1	3	1	41	1		40	16.00	9.00	5.00					17.00		3.00	96.00		63.00		41.00	
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*	3	4	5	7	101	3	4	150	2.00	1.00					1.00	3.00		6.00	414.00	900.00	349.00			
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	2	2	3		18	3		35											55.00		29.00			
C. R. McCarty, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands	5		1	2	59	1	3	40	11.00	2.00	11.00	2.00		1.00	1.00	3.00		15.00	930.00	300.00	28.00			
E. D. McMahon	St. Pauls, N. C.																									
W. A. Murray	Black Mountain, N. C.																									
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*	8	7	6	11	167		6	167	75.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	46.00	45.00	78.00	1,715.00		393.00		334.00	93.00
C. B. Ratchford	Hendersonville, N. C.																									
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																									
R. P. Smith, S.H.M. Em.	Asheville, N. C.																					1,500.00				
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*	6	6	14	11	169	9	4	94	54.00	15.00	29.00	8.00		1.00	5.00	28.00	21.00	39.00	2,000.00		393.00		465.00	93.00
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*	15	16	18	44	513	12	4	272	698.00	174.00	174.00	41.00	122.00	20.00	81.00	760.00	192.00	576.00	2,875.00		2,443.00		526.00	356.00
	Asheville, N. C.	Robert Bingham	1				12																			
	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain S.S.	4	4	8	16	162	8		257	74.00	22.00	26.00	10.00		2.00	12.00	58.00	16.00	101.00	1,184.00		289.00			
	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Dav. Riv.* S.S.	8	14		4	200			116	152.00	38.00	24.00	18.00		5.00	14.00	62.00	25.00	133.00	1,260.00					17.00
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City* S.S.	3	1			30			45	10.00			8.00					3.00	11.00	500.00		209.00		50.00	
	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest* S.S.	4	5		1	97		2	94	9.00	4.00	16.00	11.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	9.00	396.00		401.00		515.00	
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville S.S.	2	1			14		1		9.00	2.00	2.00		1.00		1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	60.00		65.00		105.00	
	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy* S.S.	4	4		2	50			30	6.00							10.00		5.00	125.00		220.00			
		TOTALS	145	154	156	194	4357	83	59	4145	$4,829.00	$1,400.00	$1,033.00	$373.00	$155.00	$143.00	$539.00	$3,843.00	$2,168.00	$5,151.00	26,573.00	7,702.00	18,407.00	531.00	3,769.00	1,476.00

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George B. Hammond
Moderator

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ADJOURNED MEETING

Asheville, N. C., May 14th, 1934.

The Presbytery of Asheville met according to adjournment in the Church House of the First Church and was opened with prayer by D. R. Bedinger.

There were present:

Ministers:—R. F. Campbell, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray, R. P. Smith, L. T. Wilds.

Elders:—Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat; J. T. Bailey, Canton; E. J. Griset, West Asheville; Oscar White, Asheville First.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi. After the required examinations, Dr. R. D. Bedinger was received and enrolled as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

The resignation of Rev. H. B. Dendy as Superintendent of Home Missions and Treasurer of Presbytery was accepted.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger was elected as Superintendent of Home Missions and treasurer of Presbytery at a salary of $2400.00 per year and expenses incident to the work.

The Home Mission Committee was authorized to arrange the details of transferring the books and funds of Presbytery to Dr. Bedinger. Evangelistic poweres were conferred on Dr. Bedinger.

Presbytery expressed its appreciation to the First Church for providing an office for Dr. Bedinger in the Church House.

The Quorum of the Commission to act upon the Calls of the Murphy and Hayesville Churches to Rev. S. H. Long and to install him as Pastor, if the way be clear, was fixed at two Ministers and and one Elder.

A congregational meeting of the Kenilworth Church was called for the 3rd Sunday in June at 11:00 A. M. for the purpose of electing a Pastor and officers. Dr. R. D. Bedinger was instructed to preside over the meeting.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan made a statement regarding the plans for the Summer Program of the Religious Education Committee.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith.

J. T. BAILEY, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., July 2, 1934.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Church at 3:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith. The following were present:

Ministers:—R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Campbell, W. F. Greson, P. N. Gresham, W. A. Murray, and R. P. Smith.

Elders:—J. T. Bailey, Canton; R. L. Gash, Brevard-Davidson River; Oscar White, Asheville First.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, Asheville Presbytery is called to meet in the First Church of Asheville, Monday, July 2nd, 1934, at 3:00 P. M., to transact the following business:

1. To receive Rev. J. P. Simmons from Meridian Presbytery.
2. To act on a call from the Brevard-Davidson River Church for the Pastoral services of Rev. J. P. Simmons and all matters related thereto."

J. T. BAILEY, Moderator.

A call from the Brevard-Davidson River for the Pastoral services of Rev. J. P. Simmonds at $1200.00 per year, was read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

The following committee was appointed to install Rev. J. P. Simmons as Pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. R. P. Smith and Rev. Vernon Crawford.

Revs. H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham and W. S. Hutchison were appointed alternates.

Elders:—J. T. Bailey and Oscar White.

The committee was authorized to arrange the details of the installation.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Elder Oscar White.

J. T. BAILEY, Moderator,
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Hazelwood, N. C., October 16, 1934.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Hazelwood Church at 11:00 A. M. At the request of the retiring moderator, Mr. J. T. Bailey, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. G. B. Hammond on "Judas Iscariot." After Presbytery was constituted with prayer the roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers:—W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. W. Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, S. H. Long, C. H. McCarty, (2), W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, J. P. Simmons, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker. —24.

Elders:—Oscar White, Asheville First; W. C. Green, Black Mountain; J. T. Bailey, Canton; M. R. Anderson, Etowah; H. A. Yeomans, Hendersonville; L. C. Rice (2), Highlands; J. C. Jarrett; O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; Crosby Adams, Montreat; J. J. Gray, Morrison; M. W. Bell, Murphy; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; H. T. Lindsley, Waynesville; T. S. Penland, Weaverville; John S. Coot, West Asheville; R. W. Teague, White Oak.—16.

Rev. G. B. Hammond was elected Moderator and Elder Oscar White Temporary Clerk.

The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. J. C. Bridges of the Presbytery of Piedmont, Rev. T. A. Smith of Tuscaloosa Presbytery and Revs. C. M. Clark and Paul Hardin of the M. E. Church South.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises the following hours of meeting were adopted:

9:00 A. M.-12:30 P. M.
2:00 P. M.-5:00 P. M.
7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

The unprinted minutes were read and approved.

Dr. L. T. Wilds was excused from attendance on this meeting. The excuses of Revs. E. D. McMahan, D. W. Richardson and C. B. Ratchford were referred to the committee on leave of absence.

Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. J. R. Sevier.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. BILLS and OVERTURES—J. T. Bailey, J. R. Sevier, Crosby Adams.
2. JUDICIAL—O. C. Landrum, J. H. Gruver, John Scott.
3. RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY—R. D. Bedinger, W. W. Hartsell, H. A. Yeomans.
4. MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY—J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, M. W. Bell.
5. AUDITING—R. P. Walker, S. H. Long, T. L. Penland.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE—T. A. Painter, W. H. Adams, C. H. Alexander.
7. NOMINATIONS—W. S. Hutchison, P. N. Gresham, J. A. Flanagan, H. T. Lindsley.
8. RESOLUTIONS—W. F. Creson, J. P. Simmons.

The following installations of Pastors were reported::

1. Rev. S. H. Long, Murphy and Hayesville, May 20, 1934.
2. Rev. P. N. Gresham, Kenilworth, July 18th, 1934.
3. Rev. J. P. Simmons, Brevard-Davidson River, July 29, 1934.
4. Rev. W. W. Hartsell, Oak Forest, September 30, 1934.

Communications were read and referred as follows:

1. From Dr. J. D. Leslie to the committee on Minutes of the Assembly.
2. From Rev. H. B. Dendy to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Dr. R. P. Walker, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief gave a verbal report on our three candidates for the Ministry: Messrs. Clyde Landrum, Merrill Keith and Scott Hunter.

Mr. Arthur S. Noblett, a member of the Black Mountain Church was introduced to Presbytery by Rev. J. C. Bridges. Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Noblett with a view to receiving him as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

After the required examinations, Mr. Arthur S. Noblett was enrolled as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery.

On the motion of Dr. Campbell, Mr. W. C. Wilson was dropped from the roll of candidates on account of his having united with the Episcopal Church.

A very helpful Conference on the State of Religion was participated in by practically all the members of Presbytery.

Rev. G. B. Hammond announced that the next Deacons' Conference would also be a Ministers' Conference.

The following reports were adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Information from the Executive Committee is that during the first six months of this church year $25,882 has been received in excess of the amount received in the same period of last year—however, that some $20,000 of this additional amount was received during April, or the first month, and that this comparison is made with last year which was the leanest year for Benevolences since 1918. Hence the necessity of every possible effort to secure funds even to sustain even our greatly crippled work.

Another fact to which attention should be called is that there is abroad a mistaken idea that, since special emphasis is being laid this year on Home Missions, there is to be no special effort in the behalf of Foreign Missions. On the contrary, the need of Foreign Missions continues to be appalling and to call for every endeavor to enlist the interest and support of the church. The special effort will be the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions," which is January 20-27, 1935.

We recommend that all of our churches be urged to observe this week with earnest prayer and every possible means of securing the hearty support of our people.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS

Brethren:

The General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers sends greetings to Asheville Presbytery.

We are thankful to report that this summer has seen an absolutely unpredictable increase of demand for workers in the Church. Since April 1st we have had thirty-two requests for workers. Practically all of our Senior Class was employed during the summer. Most of these have had an opportunity for permanent employment and the majority are already placed in permanent positions of importance and great usefulness to the Church. This is indeed encouraging.

Enrollments for the Junior Class are still coming in. We have already reached last year's number and there is promise of a considerable increase.

Twenty-one of our students, mostly of the rising Senior Class, this summer have been engaged in organizing and directing Vacation

Church Schools in 13 synods: Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Appalachia, Virginia and West Virginia. Last year they taught over 6000 pupils in these schools. This has been made possible by the cooperation of the Executive Committee of Publication and various presbyteries that have together financed this work. We require six weeks of such practical work of all our degree students.

Allow us to call your attention to the following matters relative to recommendations you may wish to make to your Churches:

1. The General Assembly designated the second Sunday in October as "General Assembly's Training School Day", and requested all pastors on that day to give their people information about the school and to offer special prayer in its behalf, and asked all churches not making the Every Member Canvass to take a special offering on that day for this institution.

2. The General Assembly urged that each indiivdual church, Sunday School and society give the full quota allotted to the Training School, which is one and one-half per cent of the Assembly's benevolences. Many churches have been faithful, others have sent remittances sporadically or not at all.

3. The General Assembly called the attention of the Church to the increasing demand for a better prepared lay leadership in the work of the Church and the rich opportunity afforded by the Training School for the preparation not only of professional workers, but of voluntary leaders for the local church. Especially it directed the attention of the Church to the January Short Term Courses. These courses are prepared to continue one month and are especially adopted to the preparation of volunteer leaders and to give advanced courses to workers already in service. Detailed information can be secured by writing the President, 3400 Brook Road, Richmond, Va., and will be found in forthcoming issues of our church papers and publications.

Respectfully,

E. B. PAISLEY, President.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Realizing that the question of church finance ultimately comes to each individual's acceptance of full stewardship of all material possessions, nevertheless for our common task in serving through our church, your committee submits the following recommendations for Presbytery's action:

(1) In the matter of securing funds.

(a) That this Presbytery join with the General Assembly and the Synod of Appalachia in endorsing the Belmont Covenant Plan and urging churches to adopt it.

(b) That each church be asked to engage in an Every-Member-

sion Committee be instructed to aid in the support only of those churches who make such a canvas for the coming year.

(c) That a total goal for the Presbytery for Benevolences be set as $24,000, to be distributed among the churches as follows:

Class A—(Churches whose membership exceed 400)	
Asheville First	$12,900
Hendersonville	3,000
West Asheville	600
Class B—(Churches whose membership is less than 400)	
Montreat	$2,250
Canton	700
Brevard	600
Waynesville	450
Black Mountain	350
Swannanoa	300
Bryson City	175
Oak Forest	125
Ora Street	60
Class C—(Churches receiving Home Mission aid)	
Weaverville	500
Kenilworth	500
Mills River	250
Franklin	225
Bethel	200
Hazelwood	150
Highlands	100
Murphy	100
Andrews	75
Etowah	75
Morrison	75
Covenanters	50
Hayesville	35
Slagle Memorial	35
Ivy Park	30
Red Oak	30
White Oak	30
Robert Bingham	10
Total	$24,000

(2) In the matter of distributing funds.

(a) That the division of the $24,000 quota accepted be made as follows:

For the work within the Presbytery 50%

Divided as follows:

Presbytery's Home Missions 29%

Canvas on March 10, 1934, and further, that the Home Mis-

Mountain Orphanage	15%	
Montreat Normal	6%	
For the work of Synod		6.6%
Divided according to Synod's request:		
Synod's Work	5%	
Educational Institutions	6.1%	
For the work of the Whole Church		43.4%
Divided according to General Assembly's percentages related to 43.4%.		
Foreign Missions	23.3%	
Assembly's Home Missions	12%	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5.2%	
Religious Education	1.9%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.4%	
Total	100%	100%

(b) That we recognize that our percentage of 56.6 to 43.4 is greater than General Assembly's recommendation of 40 to 60, and on that account we instruct Presbytery's Treasurer to make whatever adjustments are possible to meet that goal if, or when, the accepted budget of $24,000 is reached.

(c) That, as your committee has had laid upon it the duty of recommending the percentages to be alloted, and it finds that the percentage alloted to Educational Institutions is not sufficient to pay the interest on their indebtedness, we recommend that this Presbytery appoint a committee to confer with other Presbyterys, Synodical Committees, Foundations, or other controlling bodies of the institutions with a view to reorganization or consolidation in such a way as to lessen expenditures.

In this matter the following is noted by your committee, first, a decrease of gifts making some changes necessary, and second, greatly changed conditions in colleges, not only in requirements for equipment and educational standards, but also in transportation changes which allow an institution to serve a much wider area. Attention is called to the fact that, under Presbyterian auspices, there are five colleges maintained within the bounds of Synod, five more within the State, and two more as near to our Presbytery as Synod's own college, making a total of 12 colleges to serve our needs. While this committee makes no recommendations to the proposed committee attention is also called to the fact that, although the average of our whole church is 3 Synods to support one orphanage, Appalachia alone supports 3 so that property unnecessary for colleges might be used for combined orhanages whose smaller properties might be more readily

disposed of than that of larger institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. HAMMOND, Chairman.

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery met at 7:30 P. M. and was opened with prayer. Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee presided over a meeting in the interest of the HOME MISSION work of the Presbytery.

Superintendent, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, read the report and recommendations of the Committee.

Addresses were made by Revs. R. D. Bedinger, J. H. Gruver, R. C. Anderson, J. R. Sevier, H. B. Dendy, J. P. Simmons, J. W. Caldwell, R. P. Smith and W. H. Adams.

The following recommendations were adopted:

ACTIONS OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1. Supt. H. M. to supply or arrange for supply of Bethel-Andrews group.

2. Belmont Plan. Recommends most earnestly that the remaining Home Mission churches consider most seriously the practicability of trying out this Plan; and that Supt. of H. M. inform Churches of this action.

3. Vacant Churches. That, whenever the Supt. of Home Missions supplies a vacant church, said church shall pay into the Treasury for Presbytery's Home Missions a sum equal to the salary which would have been paid by the vacant church for a Pastor for the same service.

4. That, whenever the Supt. of Home Missions holdls an evangelistic meeting for any church, said church shall be requested to make a freewill offering which shall be placed to the credit of Presbytery's Home Missions to help defray the monthly travel expenses of the Supt. of Home Missions.

5. That Pastors and Elders at Presbytery be urged to put pressure on their people to raise the benevolent funds in full so that the Home Mission workers can be paid their salaries in full.

6. That the Supt. of Home Missions present to Presbytery the appeal to revive and put on a better basis the Builders League by which new churches receive aid; that Pastors and Sessions assist the Supt. in canvassing all the congregations of Presbytery.

Dr. R. C. Anderson made a report as Trustee of Davidson College.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Wednesday Morning Session, October 17, 1934

Presbytery convened at 9:00 A. M. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. J. P. Simmons.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. The Presbyterial Contingent fee was fixed at 15 cents per member.

(See Stewardship Report.)

The committee on Vacancy and Supply read a communication from Dr. H. W. McLaughlin, which was received as information.

The following reports were adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

Your Committee on Bible Cause would call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact, that, in spite of the further reduction in income for the year 1933, 500,000 more copies of Bibles, Testaments, and Portions of Scriptures were issued in 1933 than in 1932; that in Japan the Society put into circulation more complete Bibles than in any previous year; that in China the Bible Distributing agencies distributed more complete Bibles than ever before in any one year; that in several other countries distribution was on a larger scale than ever before; and that, in the 118 years of the Bible Society's existence, it has put into circulation 255,000,000 volumes of the Scriptures—a tremendous task and one of incalculable value to the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That all pastors be urged to use Universal Bible Sunday, Dec. 9th, 1934, as a day in which to acquaint their people with the work of the American Bible Society, and the important place of the Scriptures in the work of the Kingdom.

2. That we encourage the American Bible Society by our prayers and our gifts in the great work it is doing for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your Committee, while realizing that it has not attained its objectives, is gratified at the work which has been accomplished in the

Presbytery during the past year. The Committee feels that a forward step is being taken and that the Presbytery is undertaking in a more definite way the program of Religious Education.

SPECIAL CONFERENCES.

Three special conferences on Religious Education were planned for the month of May under the leadership of Drs. McLaughlin, Purcell, and Fix. Only the one at Mills River was actually held; the other two at Franklin and Swannanoa were postponed because of illness of one of the leaders and the unavoidable absence of another. It is the hope of the Committee that these may be held at a later date.

INTERMEDIATE CONFERENCE.

A fine intermediate conference was held at the Farm School, July 16-21st, 1934, with 42 Intermediates and 9 leaders enrolled, an increase of 25 Intermediates and 1 leader over last year's conference. The theme of the conference was "The Fellowship Supreme, and the messages of the Morning Watch, the Vespers, and the group meetings were centered around this theme. The cooperation of the school administration, the Faculty and counsellors, and the Intermediates was unusually fine. Each night of the Conference emphasized a different phase of the work of the church: Monday, Fellowship; Tuesday, Foreign Missions; Wednesday, Home Missions; Thursday, Recreation; Friday, Young People. The conference was operated without a deficit, and a small balance in the Treasury for next year.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY.

A Young People's Rally was planned at the Y. P. Conference in Bristol and this was held on Friday evening of the Intermediate Conference. Delegates from practically every young people's society in the Presbytery were in attendance. John Formwalt, substituting, for the President of the Young People of the Synod, brought an inspirational message to the young people gathered there.

SUMMER WORKER.

Presbytery instructed its Committee to secure the services of two summer workers and this was done. But owing to the failure of one of the men to appear for work only one man was actually used. Mr. Freeman B. Parker, of Columbia Seminary, came and conducted four D. V. B. S. in Hazelwood, with an average attendance of 60, in Hendersonville, with 35, in Morrison, with 44, and in Ora Street, with 70, a total average attendance of 209. In addition he gave valuable aid in the IntermediateConference and assisted Mr. Dendy at Weaverville in a Young People's Retreat.

D. V. B. S.

In addition to these schools conducted by Mr. Parker other schools have been reported as being held in West Asheville, Oak Forest, White Oak, Hayesville, and Murphy.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery approve the holding of another Intermediate Conference for the coming year.
2. That Presbytery approve the organization of a Young People's League in the Presbytery, and give whatever assistance possible to the promotion of the work.
3. That Presbytery urge the Young People's societies of the churches of the Presbytery to help finance the Kentucky Mountain Young People's Conference—the special financial objective for 1935 of the Young People's Division of the Committee on Religious Education.
4. That Presbytery urge the churches not yet ready for the Standard Training classes or school, to use the new A-Series or Introductory courses now being prepared by the Executive Committee.
5. That A. M. Laughlin be secured as a speaker on Religious Education for the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery.
6. That a summer worker be engaged for work under the Committee if the way be clear.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

Your committee believes that the family altar and proportionate giving are the two pillars of family religion. If these two are strong the Sabbath will be properly observed.

From every available source of information it is probable that our people are erecting their altars again. Since the coming of Dr. Bedinger proportionate giving is to the fore, and is going to be so.

The time seems ripe for pastors to strengthen these two pillars of family religion. To this end we recommend to all our churches.

1. The Belmont Plan as a starter toward systematic Benevolence.
2. One of the aids to the family alter provided by our Publication Committee in Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HUTCHISON,
C. R. McCARTY.

The place of the Spring Meeting was referred to the Moderator and Stated Clerk.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

That Rev. J. P. Simmons take the place of Dr. L. T. Wilds on the Committee on Religious Education, and that Rev. H. B. Dendy be added to the Committee.

That Rev. Wriston Hartsell take the place of Rev. W. S. Hutchison on the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion and that Rev. C. R. McCarty be made the Chairman of the Committee.

That Rev. S. H. Long and Dr. R. D. Bedinger be added to the Committee on Stewardship.

That Dr. W. Hooper Adams be added to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

That Dr. R. P. Walker take the place of Rev. R. S. Eskridge, deceased, on the Committee on Examination on Theology.

That Rev. S. H. Long preach the Presbyterial Sermon at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, choosing his own subject.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: That Presbytery by a rising vote, express its sincere appreciation for the cordial hospitality of the Pastor, Rev. O. C. Landrum, and of the congregation of Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, and of the people of other denominations who opened their homes to us. We shall always remember the kindness and thoughtfulness of our hosts and hostesses who did everything for our comfort and convenience. The bountiful noon lunches served by the ladies, and the fellowship of the hour. will long be remembered. We pray God's richest blessing upon Pastor and people and upon all who make our stay here a happy one.

W. F. CRESON, Chairman,
JOHN P. SIMMONS.

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The examination of the publications of our Committee of Publication was referred to the committee on Religious Education.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly made their reports. The reports were adopted and the Commissioners commended for their diligence.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

The Committee finds the printed Minutes of Presbytery in proper order and accurate, so far as we know. We recommend that a copy be filed in the Historical Foundation.

R. D. BEDINGER, Chairman.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

We recommend that the name of Covenanters Presbyterian Church be changed to Dillingham Presbyterian Church.

J. T. BAILEY,
J. R. SEVIER,
CROSBY ADAMS.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We recommend that the request of Rev. E. D. McMahan to labor without the bounds of Presbytery until the Spring Meeting be granted.

W. HOOPER ADAMS, Chairman.

The Judiciary Committee reported that nothing had come into hands.

Evangelistic powers were granted to Rev. P. N. Gresham until a Session is elected.

Presbytery decided to reconvene after lunch at the call of the Moderator.

A few minutes recess was taken to prepare for the Communion service.

At 11:00 A. M. the Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. H. B. Dendy. Text, II Corinthians 5:21, Subject: SIN.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. J. H. Gruver and P. N. Gresham.

The following Memorial to Rev. R. S. Eskridge was adopted.

A MEMORIAL

Rev. Randolph Shotwell Eskridge was born near Shelby, N. C., August 6, 1871, and died suddenly at Murphy, N. C., September 18, 1934. He had been in failing health for two or more years.

He spent his early life in strenuous labor on his father's farm. School opportunities for him were few and poor at best. Some of his friends knowing that he desired to have the privileges of a College course of study, gave him financial help. He attended Davidson College four years and was graduated with the degree of A.B. Thn he studied theology at Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. After finishing these courses of preparation, he received calls from Swannanoa and Oak Forest Churches, which he accepted and was ordained and installed by Asheville Presbytery in 1900. He served acceptably this pastorate about 12 years, and was then called to Richmond Church, W. Va. He remained there eleven years and then returned to his first love, Swannanoa Church, and with it served some neighboring churches as stated supply. The last five years of his ministry were given to Andrews, Bethel and Hayesville Churches.

He had a strong mind and put much original thought into his sermons, which were full of Bible truth. He was a man of decided opinions on all subjects pertaining to his work, at the same time he showed due respect for those who did not agree with him. He had a keen sense of humor. He loved his home, was a devoted husband and a loving father.

His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery at Swannanoa, where he spent most of his ministerial life. Rev. T. A. Painter, the pastor there, conducted the services and was assisted by other ministers of the Presbytery. A large congregation more than filled the church and showed their esteem and love for this man of God with their flowers and tears.

Several members of Presbytery paid tributes to the memory of Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

Presbytery, after prayer, took recess for lunch.

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Wednesday Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 P. M. and was opened with prayer. The following report of the committee on MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY was approved.

We recommend:

1. That the recommendation of the Assembly relative to permitting Sessions to retire certain members to the retired roll be approved. (Assembly's Minutes p. 64).

2. That the Amendments to Paragraph 112 be approved and also such changes in Paragraph 135 that will bring it in harmony with Paragraph 112. (Assembly's Minutes p. 34).

3. That Asheville Presbytery DISAPPROVE giving Presbyteries the authority to examine candidates for licensure on the Greek Language only and making the examination on Hebrew elective.

J. W. CALDWELL,
R. F. CAMPBELL,
M. W. BELL.

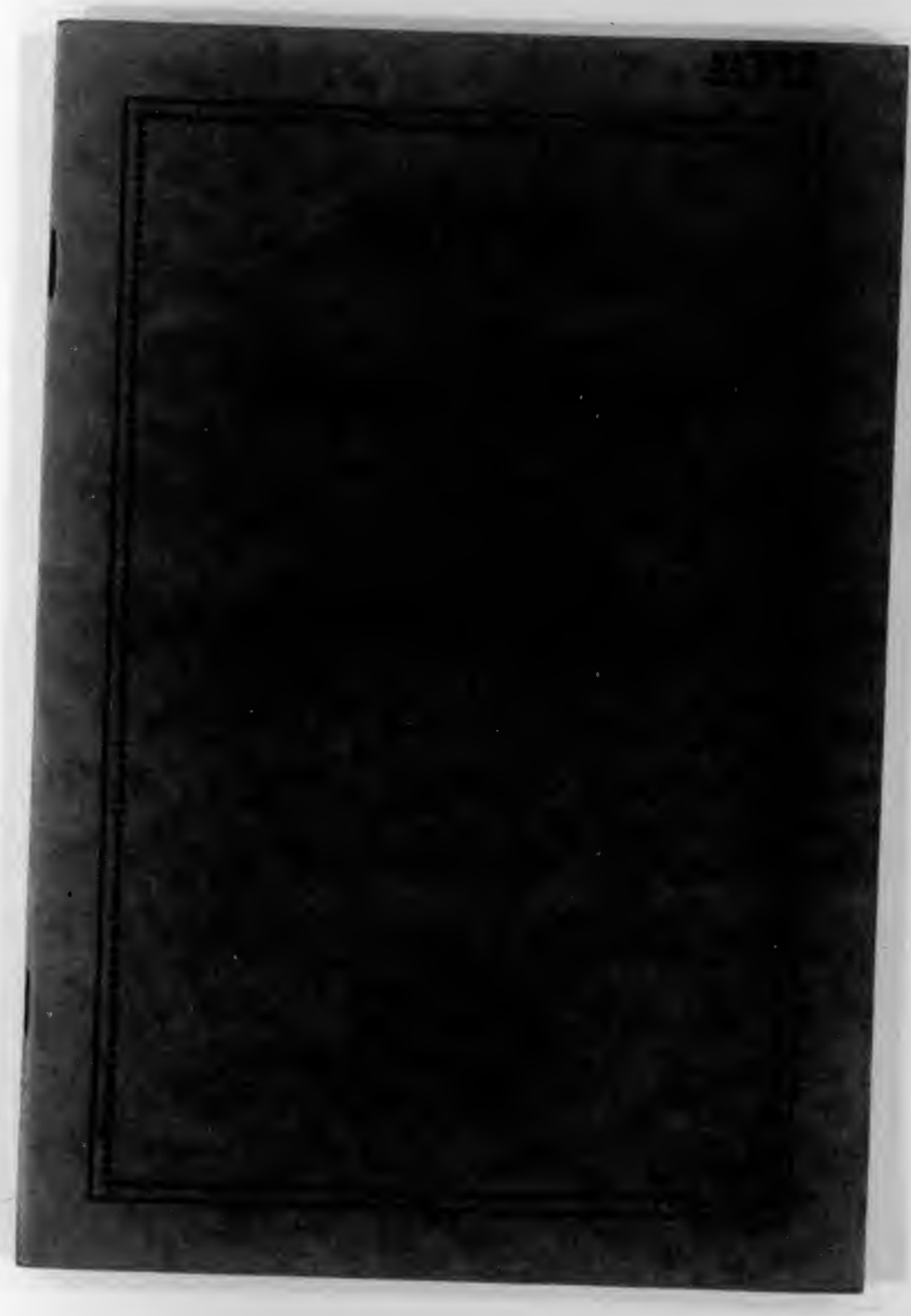
Special prayer was offered for Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with singing "Blest be the Tie", prayer and the benediction.

G. B. HAMMOND, Moderator.
W. A. MURRAY, Stated Clerk.
OSCAR WHITE, Temporary Clerk.

Next Stated Meeting April 23, 1935, at 11:00 A. M.

Wm. Murray, Stated Clerk



MINUTES

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IN ITS

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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

SPRING MEETING
FIRST CHURCH
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April 23-24, 1935

SPRING MEETING—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Hendersonville, N. C., April 23, 1935

The Seventy-eighth Session of Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 A. M. After the singing of a hymn the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator, The Rev. G. B. Hammond. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. T. A. Painter and prayer was offered by the Rev. H. B. Dendy; after which the sermon from the text, Gen. 3:19, "Positive Preaching in a Modern World," was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. G. B. Hammond who then offered up the prayer whereby the Presbytery was constituted.

The roll of ministers and representatives of the churches was called and the following were present:

Ministers:—W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Winston Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, S. H. Long, C. R. McCarty, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, J. P. Simmons, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders:—J. G. Colvin, Asheville First; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; Hinton McLeod, Brevard-Davidson River; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. E. Rice, Franklin; A. J. Randolph, Hendersonville; C. V. DeVault, Kenilworth; J. H. Burgin, Mills River; R. E. Magill, Montreat; J. J. Gray, Morrison; Candler Morgan, Oak Forest; O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa; G. A. Webster, Weaverville; John Scott, West Asheville.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy of Weaverville was asked to serve in the absence of Rev. W. A. Murray, the Stated Clerk.

The Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., Pastor of the Montreat Church, was elected Moderator. The Rev. J. A. Flanagan of Franklin, was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommends:

1. The following hours of meeting—9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.
2. The prayer service Wednesday morning at nine o'clock to be conducted by Rev. J. P. Simmons of Brevard.

3. The Communion service, following the Presbyterial sermon Wednesday at eleven A. M., to be conducted by Rev. W. S. Hutchison of Mills River and Rev. R. P. Walker of Waynesville, assisted by six ruling elders to be appointed by the Moderator.

4. That Dr. Henry McLaughlin be given a place on the program Tuesday evening, and lead a round table discussion in the interest of Religious Education Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 2:30.

(This is at the request of the chairman of the committee on Religious Education.)

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman*

The excuses of the following members were received and granted: Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. W. A. Murray, Rev. F. M. Eversole, Rev. J. P. Sevier, D.D., Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., and Rev. E. D. McMahan.

Presbytery was asked to offer prayer for our sick brethren and their loved ones.

Rev. E. D. McMahan was granted permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery for the coming six months.

The examination of candidates with a view to receiving them under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel ministry was made a special order of the day for 2 P. M., Tuesday.

The Special Committee on Synodical Institutions made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL INSTITUTIONS

In view of uncertain conditions in some of our Institutions this Committee is not yet ready to make a report and asks to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Chairman*

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following report which was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The Executive Committee of Home Missions reports a successful year in its varied activities and looks to the future with courage and

hopefulness. For the first time in five years there was an increase in Assembly Home Missions receipts. While the gain was not large, it was a gain. It is hoped that this marks the end of the serious decline in the Church's Home Mission giving, and that the day for a Home Mission advance has come.

In five years, from 1929 to 1934, Assembly's Home Missions experienced a loss of 52% in supporting income and much of the material advance gained in more prosperous times. Consolidation in many fields was necessary; schools were discontinued, missionaries' salaries were reduced and sacrifices were made by every servant of the cause. But there are greater values that were not surrendered. The Church kept her faith, her courage and her convictions. The work goes on, and the Gospel of Christ is preached with greater earnestness and deeper sincerity than ever before.

The total Home Mission receipts were $330,601, a gain of $41,090. The budget receipts were $285,393, a gain of $17,234. The appropriations to the Presbyteries and missions are limited to the budget receipts of the preceding year, and expenditures are kept within the income. All obligations for the year were paid, and the required reduction was made on the bank debt.

It should be clearly understood that the annual Home Mission appropriations are in no sense a measure of the need of any field. No mission committee can lose more than one half of its income in five years and continue to deal justly either with the workers or with the institutions which they serve. The required payments on the bank debt could be made only at the expense of the human need and the efficiency of the work in practically every department. While there has been a slight improvement in missionary support, the average salary received by our Home Missionaries is still far below the standard required for faithful and efficient servants of the Church.

The magnitude of Assembly's Home Missions is revealed in the fact that financial assistance was given last year to 503 men and women, who serve 722 churches and missions with 117 outpost Sunday Schools and 271 unorganized preaching points. Through the agency of this Committee the Gospel was preached in the name of the Southern Presbyterian Church in more than one thousand communities. Some phase of Assembly's Home Missions is found in 59 of the Presbyteries and in each of the 17 Synods. These Presbyteries reported the organization of 8 churches and 28 Sunday Schools; and that 17 Home Mission churches or groups had come to self-support and had been removed from the list of aided churches.

There was never a time when the Church and its message was more needed than in this day of confusion and fear. Without Home Missions there is no hope for a Christian population, and without a Christian population there is no hope for a God-fearing and law-abiding nation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Church be entreated to more earnest prayer for the Home Missionaries, their churches and the people they serve, that the cause of Christ may be advanced in our land and throughout the world.

2. That an earnest effort be made by all our churches to increase the Home Mission income, that the salaries of Home Mission pastors and workers may be sufficient to provide for their comfort and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman*

COMMUNICATIONS

Report from Montreat College referred to Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Request from Swannanoa Church was placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A request from the Robert Bingham Church was placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the Home Mission Committee in regard to Church Trading was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Rev. Henry V. Lofquist was referred to Dr. R. D. Bedinger as a member of Synod's Committee.

ON VACANCY AND SUPPLY

A communication from the Assembly's Training School was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A communication from the Executive Committee on Religious Education and Publication was referred to the permanent Committee on Religious Education.

A request from Rev. W. P. Chedester to continue as Stated Supply at Ora Street was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

After prayer for our sick brethren and their loved ones, Presbytery recessed until 2 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon—2 P. M.

The Presbytery met and was called to order by the Moderator.

The following Standing Committees were adopted by the Moderator.

COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures*—G. B. Hammond, S. H. Long, R. D. Bedinger, W. H. Adams, R. E. Magill.
2. *Judiciary*—W. S. Hutchison, R. F. Campbell.
3. *Minutes of Synod*—R. D. Bedinger, L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, J. L. Gash.
4. *Record of Sessions*—P. N. Gresham, R. P. Walker, J. J. Gray, J. O. Williams, T. A. Painter, W. W. Hartsell.
5. *Auditing*—C. R. McCarty, A. G. Randolph, J. H. Burgin.
6. *Nominations*—H. B. Dendy, John Scott.
7. *Leave of Absence*—W. F. Creson, J. J. Gray, J. E. Rice.
8. *Records of Presbytery*—J. A. Flanagan, G. A. Webster, C. V. DeVault.
9. *Resolutions*—J. P. Simmons, M. W. Bell.

The Rev. C. B. Chapin, D.D., of Lehigh Presbytery and Rev. J. C. Bridges of the Presbytery of Piedmont, were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The attention of the Stated Clerk was called to the omission of the blank on Woman's work and he is requested to secure same for next year.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief presented two young men, Taylor Bird of Mills River and Taylor Revely of Canton, as candidates for the Gospel ministry and recommended their reception under the care of Presbytery after satisfactory examination. Brief testimonies were given by the Rev. W. S. Hutchison and Rev. G. B. Hammond, respective pastors of these young men, as to their consecration and character. After examination as prescribed by the Book of Church Order they were received under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received as information and the paragraph pertaining to Asheville Presbytery adopted:

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

I. The report of the Assembly's Committee for the year ending March 31, 1935:

1. Aid granted from Fund of Education for the Ministry and Mission Service to 170 candidates for the ministry, 1 candidate for medical service, and 11 young women preparing for special service to the Church—a total of 182 aided, to the amount of $11,728.

2. Loans from the Student Loan Fund made to 53 women and 55 men—a total of 108—to the amount of $10,575.

3. Prepared literature and programs to deepen interest in our colleges and theological seminaries—seeking increase of interest, prayers, and support of the whole Church. There institutions are OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

4. Student work has been stressed by letters, literatures, programs, conferences, and visits of secretaries.

5. From the Fund of Ministerial Relief aid was sent to 527 homes of ministers and missionaries to the amount of $129,026.

6. The "Joy Gift" in December helped us to make all the monthly payments without further reduction.

7. There came to this office forty per cent of the 1934 Birthday Offering: the sum of $21,014. This has gone to relieve most pressing emergencies in many homes, has helped prevent another cut in the monthly checks, and has enables us to send to each needy home a special remittance greatly needed. We thank God on every remembrance of this loving and liberal gift from the Women of the Church.

8. Started year with debt of $66,977. The total amount of debt has been reduced to $32,440. Every effort will be made to pay the balance and relieve the Church of heavy interest charges.

9. Received from living donors $165.556. from other sources $46,904. Total $212,460. Net decrease $6,700.

10. The Ministers' Annuity Fund remains the great UNFINISHED TASK of the Church. The Assembly asks that it be completed before the great number of contemplated financial campaigns are launched for social and philanthropic agencies. As soon as the financial situation clears a little more, this unfinished business will be completed.

II. The work in Asheville Presbytery:

1. *Students for the Ministry*: J. Scott Hunter, University of N. C., 1st year; Merrell A. Keith, Maryville College, 3rd year; Clyde K. Landrum, Morehead State Teachers College, 3rd year; A. Spencer Noblitt, Old Fort, N. C., Insurance Salesman. Aid granted Merrell Keith from the Assembly's Committee $60.00.

2. *Ministerial Relief*: There are twelve homes on the Roll of Ministerial Relief in Asheville Presbytery. Two were added to this

roll during the year; and one aged servant of the Lord after a long illness died April 24, 1934.

To these twelve homes of greatest need your Assembly's Committee sent during the year $2,357 (an amount only $215.00 more than the average salary of one pastor in this Presbytery).

From all sources Asheville Presbytery contributed to this cause only $1,344.00 ($1,013.00 less than the amount received).

3. *The Annuity Fund*: The churches of this Presbytery subscribed to that Fund five years ago $4,281. On these pledges $2,126 have been paid; just a little less than one-half.

Your Committee would suggest that you urge the churches to contribute liberally to these worthy and needy causes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. WALKER, *Chairman*

The Stewardship Committee made a verbal report which was received as information.

The Historical Committee had no report.

The report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., was received and the following recommendations adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1935

It is with a sense of profound gratitude to God for the "grace of giving" poured out upon the Churches that we report every obligation of the presbytery met as of April 10th, 1935, and a substantial increase in Benevolent gifts over the preceding year.

Twenty-one Churches met their Benevolent budgets in full, or over. The remaining nine increased their gifts over the preceding year.

During the past year two legacies were left to the Mountain Orphanage. Miss ——— Lanier by her will left $1,500.00, and the same amount to Montreat College. The Mountain Orphanage also received $214.36 from the Trust Fund set up by the late Theodore Davidson. This will be an annual receipt.

The following Churches have not paid in as yet their Presbyterial Assessments: West Asheville, Brevard-Davidson River, and Highlands.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Presbytery record its appreciation of the magnificent, and in most instances successful efforts of the Churches to meet their Benevolent budgets the past year.

2. That Presbytery instruct all Church, Auxiliary, and Sunday

School treasurers to remit their benevolent funds each month through Presbytery's Central Treasurer, and that no remittances be made directly to the Causes.

3. That the resolution regarding contributions to the Benevolent Causes drawn by Dr. R. F. Campbell, at the request of the Home Mission Committee, be adopted as follows:

(1) All designated contributions, from whatever source they may come, are to go to the causes designated by the donors.

(2) When and if the designated contributions to any cause from any Church or its Organizations shall equal or exceed the per cent assigned to that cause in the percentage table adopted by the Presbytery, that cause shall receive no more from the undesignated funds of that Church or its Organizations until the other benevolent causes shall have received the per cent assigned to them in the percentage table. This shall not apply to contributions of individuals except with the consent of the donors.

4. That Presbytery again record its approval of the Tithing Plan; urge that it be used by as many of the Churches as deem it practicable during the current ecclesiastical year; and that Rev. T. A. Painter and Rev. John Simmons be heard at this time in five minute addresses as to the results of the Belmont Plan in their Churches.

5. That the Presbytery instruct the treasurer at the end of the Church year to send a copy of his division of Benevolent Funds to the pastor of each Church.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer*

Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. W. L. Patton, a deacon in the Swannanoa, and the Rev. John P. Simmons were heard in regard to the results of the Belmont Covenant Plan of giving in their churches, presenting a splendid report of the results accomplished.

The report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was received as information, and the following recommendations adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Your Committee on Schools and Colleges respectfully reports as follows:

No reports from King College, Stonewall Jackson College or Davidson College have been placed in our hands. We have received reports only from Montreat College and communication from the Assembly Training School for Lay Workers.

In regard to the Montreat College we note with pleasure and great satisfaction the progress and development made during the past

year. It has a faculty of fifteen, all of high Christian character and nine of whom hold Master's Degrees. Enrollment this year is 164, the College Department having 93 and the High School 71 in number. These represent 13 different states and two foreign countries. Only eight of the number are day students. Last May it had 17 to graduate from the College and 15 from High School. This year the College will graduate 31 and the High School 12 in number. The student body in the main are choice girls of fine Christian character, excellent scholarship and ability. The spirit of the school is excellent. Special attention is given to teaching of Bible and Catechism and in training and developing Christian character. It appears that it is absolutely necessary for the further development and efficiency of the School to have larger and better facilities. To meet this necessity a good friend proposed to the Assembly to give $25,000 in cash for erection of an Administration Building. This offer made on condition that the Assembly provide ways and means to pay off an indebtedness of the Association amounting to $48,000, in order that the donor of the $25,000 might realize cash on notes held against the Association for erection of the building. This proposition was heartily accepted without qualification. The Committee on Stewardship and Finance was directed to make this money available as early as possible, and the churches were directed to set aside a day for taking collection for the purpose of paying the debt. The Woman's Auxiliary Training School, in meeting last summer, pledged hearty support to assist the Assembly in raising the money on Montreat Day.

Fully relying upon the Assembly to meet conditions of the proposition which it accepted, to save time and to meet the distressing labor situation about Montreat, and to have the building ready for use next fall, our friend who proposed to give the $25,000 has advanced several thousand dollars to begin work on the building which is now well under way of erection. It seems imperative that the Assembly should meet conditions of the proposition which it accepted.

The College will close this year's term without deficit.

In light of the above facts we would recommend:

1. That all of our Churches and Pastors be requested to present the case of Montreat, especially the College on the first Sunday in June which the Assembly has set aside as Montreat Day and that a special collection be taken in accordance with the request of the Assembly to be applied on the liquidation of the Montreat debt in order to make available the $25,000 gift for the erection of the proposed School Building.

2. That the Pastors of Churches be requested to give due publicity to the School and its work and to bring the College management in touch with choice girls in their communities who might be suitable as students of the College.

3. That the College be remembered in prayers of the people and that it be placed on the budget of the Presbytery for as liberal support as the Presbytery can afford to give it and also that due publicity be given in all of the Churches.

4. That the communication from the Assembly Training School for Lay Workers be received for information since this institution is strictly an Assembly School and is provided for in the Assembly budget.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. ANDERSON, *Chairman*

The Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, D.D., of Lexington Presbytery was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M. in order to give the Committees time to work.

Tuesday Evening—7:30 P. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 with Dr. R. F. Campbell as acting Moderator. After prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter, the Supt. of Home Missions, Rev. R. D .Bedinger, D.D., presented the report of his activities as Supt. of Home Missions for eleven months.

The report was approved and the following recommendations adopted:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

Your full-time Superintendent began his work early in May, 1934, and respectfully reports for the past eleven months. At the outset he desires to record his deep appreciation of the cordial reception by, and the kindly co-operation of, his brethren in the Presbytery. The willingness to assist, the patience to bear with him, are deeply gratifying. It has been a year of real joy.

There were held three Evangelistic, and four Evangelistic-Stewardship meetings.

167 sermons and addresses were delivered.

All the Churches were visited except Bryson City, and as yet no opportunity to go there has presented itself.

He assisted in the installation of two Pastors.

He edited nine issues, Rev. H. B. Dendy the other three, of Our Mountain Work at a cost of $426.63. This paper goes ont monthly to upwards of 1800 persons and families.

Three calls for the Builders' League were issued, with a response of $214.41 which were distributed as follows: Office Expense, $13.50; Kenilworth Church, $124.62; Dillingham Church, $81.29.

Miles traveled, 7886—Travel expense	$394.50	
Office Expense, including equipment, rent, telephone	185.02	
Safety Deposit Box Rent	3.30	
Post Office Box Rent	4.50	
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
Audit of Treasurer's Books	50.00	
Total Expenses	$662.00	
Less Superintendent's Receipts	216.87	
Net Office and Travel Expenses		$ 445.45
Superintendent's Salary, 11 months		2200.00
Rev. H. B. Dendy's salary, 1 month		50.00
Total net expenses of Office		$2695.00

Bethel and Andrews Group. Due to the lamented death of Rev. R. S. Eskridge the Bethel-Andrews-Robbinsville Group of churches was left without a pastor. The Superintendent supplied, or assisted in securing supplies for this Group, and finally arranged for Bethel to be grouped temporarily with Canton, and Andrews-Robbinsville with the Murphy-Hayesville Group. Further actions relating to these churches will be noted in the recommendations.

Self-Support. It is highly gratifying to report one church and two Groups launching out upon self-support. The Andrews-Bethel Group has received no help from the Sustentation Fund since December, 1934. Bethel has asked to continue on its own for another six months. Whereas Andrews, tied in with Murphy and Hayesville, united with that Group in starting to self-support April 1, 1935. The Kenilworth Church likewise goes to self-support April 1, 1935. We congratulate these churches and wish them God-speed in their forward march.

In this connection we feel that honor should be given to whom honor is due. The Kenilworth project was launched before the arrival of the present Superintendent. Too much praise cannot be given to Dr. R. F. Campbell and the First Presbyterian Church, to Rev. W. F. Creson and the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, for their faith and vision and willingness to yield more than one-half of the present membership of Kenilworth Church. Nor should we forget the unremitting toils and indefatigable energy of the former Superintendent of Home Missions, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, who, in spite of the cares of the four churches in his field, found time to head up the special committee charged with the building of the attractive, commodious edifice which now graces the Kenilworth section of the city. Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Gresham, the officers, and entire membership have labored enthusiastically, energetically, and successfully. Richly has this "venture in faith" rewarded all, the Kenilworth

Church, the Home Mission Committee and the Presbytery. To start from nothing but faith and vision and within fifteen months to realize a church of 165 members stepping out to self-support, is an achievement as rare as it is inspiring, which should challenge the entire Presbytery to greater things.

Biltmore Heights Presbyterian Chapel. With the establishment of the Kenilworth Church in this same general section it was deemed wise to sell the Biltmore Presbyterian Chapel to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church for the sum of $300.00. One-half of this sum has been paid in and applied to the Kenilworth Church expenses. The rest will be paid during the current year.

The Superintendent desires to record an expression of his grateful thanks to the Home Mission Committee in general, to the Chairman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, to Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Dr. R. P. Smith, in particular, for unfailing kindness and generous advice given him from time to time. The task has been much easier because of them.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. BEDINGER, *Supt.*

Recommendations of the Home Mission Committee

1. That the Bethel Presbyterian Church be permitted to seek its own supplies until the next meeting of Presbytery, no aid being required of the Sustentation Fund. Also that Presbytery record its thanks to Rev. G. B. Hammond and the Canton Presbyterian Church for valuable services rendered to Bethel during the past six months.
2. That Andrews and Robbinsville be grouped with Murphy and Hayesville, and that Presbytery record its high appreciation of the action of this new Group to become self-supporting as from April 1, 1935; further, that Presbytery assure this Group of its readiness to give financial assistance in case it is requested.
3. That the Presbytery suggest and urge (1) Every Church to begin the new year with the determination to meet its Benevolent and Current Expense budgets in full; (2) Every Church to remit ONE-TWELFTH of its Benevolent budget each month.
4. That the following appropriations for the current ecclesiastical year be approved: Dillingham, $360.00; Frankin Group, $900.-00; Hazelwood Group, $1200.00; Highlands, $600.00; Mills River Group, $800.00; Weaverville Group, $1200.00. It is to be noted that these appropriations are the same as obtained just before cuts were made two years ago.
5. That these increases in appropriation be granted for this year only with a view to the beginning of a systematic yearly decrease thereafter until each field is brought to complete self-support.
6. That during the current ecclesiastical year these increases shall be diminished in proportion as a given field, or church, fails to meet its Benevolent budget.

7. That, after the spring meeting of Presbytery, every Pastor present to his congregation, or congregations, an appeal for an enlarged membership of the Builders' League; that the Superintendent of Home Missions furnish each Pastor with facts and materials; also that this matter be called to the attention of Presbytery.
8. That Pastors preach frequently during the present year on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit; that all humble themselves before God, confessing and repenting of their sins, and praying that He will revive them in the midst of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*

Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, Director of the Country Church Dept. and Sunday School Extension brought an inspiring and informing address on "The Purpose and Program of the True Church." After which Dr. Campbell spoke of the Ventures of Faith of Asheville Presbytery. These messages were followed by splendid reports from the following members of Presbytery concerning their respective fields: the Rev. P. N. Gresham of the Kenilworth field, the Rev. S. H. Long of the Murphy group, and the Rev. H. B. Dendy of the Weaverville group. All of these spoke most encouragingly of the work being done in these fields.

The Presbytery adjourned until Wednesday, 9 A. M., after prayer was offered by the Rev. John P. Simmons.

Wednesday Morning

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator at 9 A. M. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John P. Simmons.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures was excused from attendance on the Presbytery during the reading of the Minutes in order to formulate their report.

The Foreign Mission Committee made the following report which was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The report on our Foreign Mission situation is full of hope and encouragement. The amount received for the year just concluded was $626,836.78, an increase over the previous year of $15,072.88, leaving a surplus of $10,839. 69 to be applied on our Foreign Mission debt which now stands at $275,700.23 having been reduced to this figure from $359,277.29 in 1931.

Still more encouraging is the continued fruitfulness of our missionary efforts; with the additions on profession of faith of 7,258 which was exceeded only once in our Foreign Mission history; with an enrollment in our 1,140 schools of 59,990 which is 15,000 more than the previous high record of school enrollment; with 115,734 pupils in our Sunday Schools, exceeding the previous year's record membership by more than 4,000; with the total number of communicants connected with our several missions, exclusive of self-supporting churches, being 69,956, a net increase of 6,511 or about 10 per cent over the previous year.

Under the blessing of God, these encouraging fruits have been due to the unabated zeal and self-sacrifice of our missionaries and their native helpers. Our missionaries have supplemented the meager funds available for their work out of their own pockets; but we cannot expect them to do so indefinitely. The call to the church is to increase her sacrificial giving in order that her Lord's work may not further retrench but go forward. Pastors and churches are urged to take a special offering for this cause on May the fifth in the Sunday Schools in accord with the directions of the last General Assembly and to observe the special season for Foreign Mission study, prayer, and self-denial in October and November of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Wilds, *Chairman*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Committee on Religious Education made their report and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That a Seminary student be employed as a summer worker in our Religious Educational work; that he be given his entertainment; and that a free-will offering be taken for him in each field using his services. In addition to this that the sum of $100 be given him as an honorarium.

2. That the Treasurer of the Prebytery be instructed to pay this worker the sum of $100.00 (or a pro rata part as needed) from the funds of Presbytery's Home Missions and Rel. Educ. & Pub., the amount being divided on a 50-50 basis.

3. That the Intermediate Conference be held at the Farm School, July 1-6, 1935, under the supervision of the Committee, and that we urge our churches to send their enthusiastic supporters to this Conference.

4. That the Chm. of the Comm. be instructed to write Dr. John L. Fairly, the Exec. Sec. of Rel. Educ. Commending the Comm. on the type of literature being sent out and noting the vast improvement which has been made in the literature.

5. That we note with grave concern the marked falling off in the numbers reciting the Catechisms and that we urge Pastors, teachers, Christian workers and parents to see that greater emphasis is placed on this vital part of Rel. Educ.

6. That we call attention to the meeting of our Young People in Black Mountain on Friday evening, April 25th, and that we express to the Presbyterial our appreciation for their cooperation and help in the work of the young people.

7. That we urge our churches to send their choicest young people to the Synodical Y. P. Conference at Sullins College, Bristol, June 18-25th.

8. That we express to Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, Director of the Country Church Department and S. S. Extension our sincere thanks for his splendid address before the Prebytery and for his kindly cooperation and counsel in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Flanagan

The Committee on Church Societies had no representatives present and no report.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report which was adopted:

BILLS AND OVERTURES

I. The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the request of the Swannanoa Church be granted but that attention be called to the following considerations:

(1) That the written contract agreed upon by congregation and pastor cannot be set aside without the consent of Presbytery, but the people are to be commended in that the present request recognizes the irregularity, and provides for an increase of $300 over the past year.

(2) That the request is granted for the ensuing year only and with the understanding that the congregation will endeavor to fulfill its full contract beginning next year, and with the hope that the receipts for the current year will warrant compliance with the original contract.

II. The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that the request of the Ora Street Church for the services of Rev. W. P.

Chedester as Stated Supply for the next six months be granted;—provided that the Home Mission Committee, after consultation with the Ora Street Church and Mr. Chedester gives its consent.

III. The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the granting of the petition of the remaining members of the Robert Bingham Church for dissolution of the church, recognizing that the depletion of membership to only four resident members and a total of six makes this action virtually necessary. The Committee also recommends that the Presbytery through its Home Mission Committee take such steps as to transfer these members to the churches whence they came or to such churches as they may choose.

IV. Answering the overture of the Home Mission Committee touching the matter of "Church Trading" which reads: "The Home Mission Committee overtures the Presbytery at its next meeting to take such action and steps as will look toward the entire purging of its churches of all such practices (as involve the church in trading or profit making) and that pastors and other church leaders preach and teach the scriptural plan of financing the church."

The Presbytery records its approval of the principles of this overture and the arguments accompanying the overture and requests the churches in its bounds and all organizations within the churches to abstain from practices in raising financial budgets which are unscriptural and which bring reproach upon the good name of the church; we further direct pastors and church sessions to deal tactfully with all situations which arise in this connection and by a careful process of education bring all our people back to the scriptural plan of financing all the enterprises of our church.

We request the publication in the Minutes of the Presbytery the action of the Home Mission Committee and the answer to this overture.

V. Your Committee would recommend that the Presbytery answer this petition as follows: that permission be given the Black Mtn. Church to continue to employ the Rev. J. C. Bridges as Stated Supply until the fall meeting of Presbytery and that Presbytery recommend to the church that it take steps to call a pastor at the earliest possible date and if not expedient to do so, to call a Stated Supply who shall be a member of Asheville Presbytery.

A few minutes' recess was taken in order that preparation might be made for the Observance of the Communion Service.

After recess, at 11 A. M., the Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. Stewart H. Long on the texts Isaiah 54:2 and Acts 9:31.

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered by the Rev. W. S. Hutchison and R. P. Walker, D.D.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M. at the call of the Moderator.

The call for the pastoral services of Rev. S. H. Long, from the Andrews Church, was received, found in order, and placed in his hands. The following Committee was appointed to install him: Revs. R. D. Bedinger, R. P. Walker, G. B. Hammond and Elder L. B. Nichols of Andrews.

A Commission composed of the following members, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Rev. H. B. Dendy and Ruling Elder M. W. Bell of Murphy, with Rev. P. N. Gresham and Elder Geo. H. Wright, Alternates, was instructed to investigate the Stated Supplyship of the Bryson City Church and to act on any other matters pertaining to this.

The Judiciary Committee had no report.

The Committee on Synod's Minutes made the following report:

Your Committee on Synod's Minutes reports that there is nothing in the Minutes of the 1934 Synod requiring the attention of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Chairman*

The Committee on Sessional Reports made the following report which was adopted:

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Your Committee on Records of Sessions beg leave to report:

1. That the records of the following Churches are approved without exception: Highlands, Brevard-Davidson River, Kenilworth, Franklin, Montreat, Mills River, Etowah, Hazelwood, Swannanoa, Hendersonville, West Asheville, Canton, Morrison, Oak Forest, First Church Asheville.

2. That the records of the following Churches are approved with the following exceptions: Weaverville with the exception, no mention of prayer in Minutes of August 19, 1935; Slagle Memorial,

Minutes incomplete; Murphy, no record of Sessions approving the Minutes.

3. We have received no records from the following Churches: Andrews, Bethel, Bryson City, Hayesville, Red Oak, Ivy Park and Dillingham.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. GRESHAM, *Chairman*

The Auditing Committee made their report and the following recommendations were adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your Auditing Committee has reviewed the report of Asheville Prebytery's Treasure of W. H. Zimmerman, Certified Public Accountant, of Asheville, N. C., and we accept his statement that this report sets forth a correct record of the receipts and disbursements of Presbytery's Treasurer for the annual period ending April 11, 1935.

We recommend that:

1. That Treasurer be authorized to write off the unavailable balance of $217.37 in Farmers & Traders Bank as follows:

Educational Institutions	$ 8.69
Religious Education and Publication	2.18
Mountain Orphanage	121.73
Montreat Scholarship Fund	8.69
Presbytery's and Synod's Missions	32.61
Montreat College	8.69
Foreign Missions	26.07
C. E. & M. R.	6.53
Bible Cause	2.18
	$217.37

2. That all properties belonging to Presbytery be shown on records by location, cost and present value, to the end that the worth of Presbytery be shown and a permanent record be accumulated to be passed to new officers.

Signed,
C. R. MCCARTY
J. H. BURGIN
A. G. RANDOLPH

The Nominating Committee made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

Add Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., and Elder R. E. Magill to Home Mission Committee.

Add Rev. P. N. Gresham to Church Societies.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., to succeed himself at Trustee of Davidson College.

Rev. J. P. Simmons to preach the Presbyterial Sermon at the Fall Meeting of Presbyterial, choosing his own subject.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. DENDY, *Chairman*

The Committee on Records of Presbytery made the following report which was adopted:

We find that the printed Minutes are correct in substance and neat in appearance. But we would recommend that the Stated Clerk see that the proof-reading of the Minutes of the Presbytery is more carefully done as there are a number of typographical errors which should have been eliminated in the proof-reading. We would recommend also that an official copy of the Minutes be deposited with the Historical Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Chairman*

The Resolutions Committee made the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

That the Presbytery, by a rising vote, express its sincere appreciation to Dr. L. T. Wilds, Pastor, and to members of his congregation for their cordial hospitality.

We deeply appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness of our hosts and hostesses who left nothing undone that would add to our comfort and convenience and enjoyment whole here.

The bountiful noon lunch so graciously served by the ladies, and the fellowship of the hour, will long be remembered. We pray that the richest blessings of God may abide upon Pastor and people and upon all who made our stay here a happy one.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN P. SIMMONS, *Chairman*
W. W. BELL

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Pastor and congregation of the Dillingham Church to hold its fall meeting there.

The Statistical report was approved.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises for the fall meeting of the Presbytery was named as follows: Rev. H. B. Dendy, G. A. Dillingham and the Stated Clerk.

A most helpful and profitable forty minute round table discussion was conducted by Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin in the interests of Religious Education.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals	MINISTERS	*Alternates*
Rev. P. N. Gresham Asheville, N. C.		Rev. C. R. McCarty Highlands, N. C.
Rev. J. P. Simmons Brevard, N. C.		Rev. J. A. Flanagan Franklin, N. C.
Principals	ELDERS	*Alternates*
Geo. H. Wright Asheville, N. C.		J. G. Colvin Asheville, N. C.
M. W. Bell Murphy, N. C.		G. A. Webster Weaverville, N. C.

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

Your Committee has reviewed twenty-one reports on Narrative of Christian Life and work and finds a general improvement over the reports of the past year. The Churches report 415 additions, 158 of these by profession of faith and 257 by church letter. Family altars are reported in a large number of homes. The scriptures, hymns and catechisms are taught in the Sunday Schools.

The financial condition of the churches reporting has improved since the past year. All the Churches report having paid their benevolent quota with the exception of 9. Only 8 failed in their pastor's salary and only 2 failed to take the Every Member Canvass.

The Committee recommends that:

1. Pastors impress upon their congregations the importance of Sabbath observance and the Family Altar.
2. That the Belmont Plan be used as a starter toward systematic giving.
3. That personal evangelism be stressed in our Presbytery.

Signed,
C. R. McCarty
Winston Hartsell

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would submit the following report:

Rev. J. H. Gruver excused from attendance. That Rev. O. C. Landrum be excused for non-attendance Tuesday; that Dr. R. C. Anderson be excused after Tuesday's sessions; and that Elder J. L. Gash be excused from Wednesday's sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. Creson, *Chairman*
John E. Rice
J. J. Gray

The Minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

After singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Dillingham Church, Dillingham, N.C., October 15th, 1935, at 11:00 A. M.

J. W. Caldwell, *Moderator*
W. A. Murray, *Stated Clerk*
H. B. Dendy, *Stated Clerk*, (*Pro Tem.*)
J. A. Flanagan, *Temporary Clerk*

H. B. Dendy

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1935

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers 32; Number of churches 29; Number of candidates 4; Number of churches organized Kenilworth; Number of churches dissolved Robert Bingham; Number of ministers deceased Rev. R. S. Eskridge, age 63, September 18, 1934

Ministers and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificates	Communicants: Net Membership End of Year	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Total Sabbath School Enrollment	Benevolent Funds Collected: Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	Orphans' Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Paid Indirect	Other Funds Collected: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																										
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																						$ 2400.00				
R. D. Bedinger, S. H. M.	Asheville, N. C.	Montreat*	6	6	3	9	184	2	1	239	$ 542.00	$ 366.00	$ 167.00	$ 44.00	$ 16.00	$ 13.00	$ 14.00	$ 119.00	$ 549.00	$ 415.00	$ 632.00	$ 2250.00		$ 843.00			$ 211.00
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Asheville First	24	26	7	39	1180	5	28	1069	2160.00	1148.00	663.00	180.00	57.00	38.00	56.00	135.00	2298.00	1204.00	2998.00	4850.00		14275.00			387.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Ora Street, Asheville*	1	1	1		39	1		64	18.00	5.00	10.00	4.00				6.00	43.00		15.00	257.00		145.00			17.00
W. P. Chedester, S. S.	Montreat, N. C.																										
V. A. Crawford, F. M.	Kochi, Japan	W. Asheville*	10	16	18	6	345	11	2	270	154.00	81.00	43.00	15.00	7.00	5.00	6.00	9.00	277.00	71.00	241.00	2153.00		1481.00			306.00
W. F. Creson, P.	W. Asheville, N. C.																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.	Weaverville*	7	11	12	3	136	6		166	97.00	48.00	63.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		54.00	41.00	119.00	1200.00	1287.00	587.00	30.00	1095.00	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Ivy Park	4	2	3		30	3		75	5.00	8.00	3.00	1.00					17.00	2.00	19.00	20.00		20.00			
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Dillingham*	2	3	2		112	2		110	180.00	9.00	4.00	1.00					11.00	9.00	23.00	60.00		66.00		250.00	
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Barnardsville, N. C.	Red Oak				1	12				1.00	1.00		1.00					1.00	2.00	4.00			2.00			
H. B. Dendy, S. S.	Alexander, N. C.																										
F. M. Eversole, F. M.	Bristol, Tenn.	Franklin*	4	5	1		61		1	51	61.00	31.00	21.00	22.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		29.00	25.00	88.00	569.00	750.00	305.00		444.00	26.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison*	1	2			32		3	38	17.00	9.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		18.00	8.00	23.00	200.00		47.00			16.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, Rt. 2, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	2				10			11	5.00										3.00	34.00		45.00			
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, Rt. 1, N. C.																										
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.	Kenilworth	7	4	36	129	160	18	3	184	109.00	64.00	49.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	20.00	45.00	18.00	157.00		1800.00	676.00		1859.00	
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.																						1750.00				
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Canton*	6	9	9	5	183	2	1	117	156.00	95.00	48.00	13.00	5.00	4.00	6.00		134.00	89.00	226.00	2000.00		698.00			57.00
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Bethel	2				47				47.00	24.00	10.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		30.00	24.00	58.00	180.00					
G. B. Hammond, S. S.	Woodrow, N. C.	Oak Forest*	3	9	9	1	100	5		117	15.00	7.00	30.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	17.00	3.00	18.00	750.00		305.00		165.00	33.00
Wriston Hartsell, P.	W. Asheville, N. C.	Mills River*	5	3	9	3	105	4	1	84	85.00	30.00	36.00	17.00	2.00	2.00	1.00		60.00	30.00	73.00	426.00	600.00	115.00		235.00	66.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Etowah	2	1	2		27	2		43	11.00	9.00	16.00	11.00					12.00	4.00	21.00	54.00		40.00			
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Hazelwood*	3	3	5	1	85	4		115	15.00	3.00	6.00	1.00				5.00	10.00	8.00	20.00	328.00	900.00	319.00			
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	White Oak	2	2	4		22	4		40	6.00	3.00	1.00	1.00					4.00	3.00	8.00	60.00		15.00			6.00
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	Murphy*	4	4		1	51			40	31.00	18.00	13.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		31.00	12.00	44.00	500.00	495.00	238.00			
S. H. Long, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	5	1	19		6	55	11.00	6.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		7.00	6.00	14.00	187.00		243.00			400.00
S. H. Long, P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Andrews*	3	2	5		30				19.00	12.00	4.00	1.00					12.00	9.00	24.00	360.00		163.00			
S. H. Long, S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	Highlands	3		1	3	63	1		50	12.00	5.00	20.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		10.00	3.00	10.00	906.00	300.00	93.00	15.00		
C. R. McCarty, P.	Highlands, N. C.																						100.00				
E. D. McMahan, P.	Fayetteville, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray, S. C.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Swannanoa*	8	8	6	11	172		1	133	78.00	41.00	31.00	13.00	4.00	2.00	2.00			38.00	157.00	1970.00		340.00	5.00	333.00	200.00
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.																										
C. B. Ratchford	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*	7	10	5	7	200	2	3	113	121.00	66.00	54.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	31.00	6.00	87.00	22.00	164.00	1129.00		502.00	35.00	233.00	
J. P. Simmons, P.	Brevard, N. C.																						900.00				
R. P. Smith, S. H. M. Em.	Asheville, N. C.	Waynesville*	6	6	2	10	175		5	125	48.00	24.00	57.00	15.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	43.00	18.00	39.00	2000.00		399.00		681.00	40.00
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Hendersonville*	12	16	12	22	508	10	1	283	687.00	326.00	200.00	88.00	15.00	10.00	21.00	147.00	845.00	149.00	848.00	2865.00		2249.00		1016.00	513.00
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Robert Bingham																									
	Asheville, N. C.	Black Mountain S. S.	5	8	18	17	185	15	1	258	82.00	42.00	20.00	21.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	52.00	21.00	103.00	1350.00		245.00			
	Black Mountain, N. C.	Bryson City S. S.	3	1			30			45																	
	Bryson City, N. C.	TOTALS	143	159	175	269	4303	97	59	3895	$ 4611.00	$ 2486.00	$ 1566.00	$ 480.00	$ 129.00	$ 93.00	$ 153.00	$ 462.00	$ 4696.00	$ 2234.00	$ 6149.00	26658.00	12732.00	23613.00	$ 85.00	$ 6311.00	$ 2278.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

Presbytery of Asheville

IN ITS

SEVENTY-NINTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

FALL MEETING

DILLINGHAM CHURCH

DILLINGHAM, N. C.

October 15-16, 1935

Moderator—Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Black Mountain, N. C.
Treasurer, Evangelist and Superintendent of Home Missions—Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Asheville, N. C.

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, J. H. McConnell, O. L. Merchant, R. E. Magill, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. Bernard Smith, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. E. E. White, Dr. I. J. Archer.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.
4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. S. H. Long, J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, G. C. Summerow.
6. **Religious Education**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. P. Simmons, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, S. C. Clapp, D. B. Burns, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. C. R. McCarty, C. L. Grey, W. W. Hartsell.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. P. N. Gresham, E. J. Griset.
9. **Stewardship**—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Dr. I. J. Archer, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. J. P. Simmons, H. A. Yeomans, J. H. McConnell, J. T. Bailey, G. H. Wright, W. M. McMurray.
10. **Schools and Colleges**—Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. W. H. Adams, W. H. McMurray.
11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—D. S. Watson, Theo. D. Morrison, G. H. Wright.
Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring of 1938; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring of 1937.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.
Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.
Sciences—Dr. R. P. Smith, Rev. W. A. McMurray, Rev. O. C. Landrum.
Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. R. McCarty.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Walker.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. **Annuity Fund**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, Rev. O. C. Landrum, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay, G. C. Summerow, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Wilds.
2. **Diamond Jubilee**—Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Candler Morgan, J. B. Gray, D. E. Penland, C. L. Grey.

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FALL MEETING

Dillingham, N. C., October 15, 1935

The Seventy-ninth Session of Asheville Presbytery met in the Dillingham Church at 11:00 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Dr. J. W. Caldwell, from Jeremiah 37:17, Is there any word from the Lord?

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Bridges, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, Wriston Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, S. H. Long, C. R. McCarty, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, J. R. Sevier, J. P. Simmons, R. P. Smith, R. P. Walker, W. C. Wanchope, L. T. Wilds,

Elders—L. B. Nichols, Andrews; W. C. Green, Black Mountain; C. M. Sinard, Brevard-Davidson River; W. A. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; H. A. Yeomans, Hendersonville; J. W. Walker, Ivy Park; W. R. Reed, Kenilworth; J. E. Osborne, Mills River; C. C. Lord, Montreat; Candler Morgan, Oak Forest; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; G. B. Hussey, Weaverville; W. T. Snyder, West Asheville.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger was elected Moderator and Rev. J. A. Flanagan Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully recommend:

1. The following hours of meeting 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., 2:00 P. M. to 5 P. M. 7:15 P. M. to adjourn at will.
2. The Prayer service Wednesday morning at nine o'clock to be conducted by Rev. K. J. Foreman.
3. The Communion service, following the Presbyterial sermon Wednesday at 11 A. M., to be conducted by Rev. T. A. Painter and Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D. assisted by the following Elders, S. R. McKee, J. L. Gash, C. C. Lord, C. H. Alexander, J. B. Gray, G. C. Summerow.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Dendy, *Chairman*

Rev. W. C. Wauchope of Mangum Presbytery, Rev. J. C. Bridges of Piedmont Presbytery and Dr. T. P. Johnston of Tolston Presbytery were introduced to Presbytery

and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Dr. T. P. Johnston addressed Presbytery in the interest of King College.

Presbytery by a rising vote expressed appreciation of the excellent presentation of King College and pledged its support and cooperation.

At 12:30 Presbytery took recess.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. K. J. Foreman.

Letters of transfer were presented by Rev. J. C. Bridges of the Presbytery of Piedmont and Rev. W. C. Wauchope of the Presbytery of Mangum, after the required examinations they were enrolled as members of Asheville Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEE

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, H. B. Dendy, S. R. McKee.
2. *Judiciary*—Dr. R. P. Walker, O. C. Landrum, J. L. Gash.
3. *Records of Presbytery*—P. N. Gresham, S. H. Long, C. H. Alexander.
4. *Minutes of the General Assembly*—Dr. L. T. Wilds, W. F. Creson, Candler Morgorn.
5. *Auditing*—J. A. Flanagan, W. C. Green, W. R. Reed.
6. *Leave of Absence*—J. P. Simmons, J. E. Osborne, G. B. Hussey.
7. *Nominations*—Dr. R. P. Smith, T. A. Painter, C. C. Lord.
8. *Resolutions*—G. B. Hammond.

Rev. Ralph E. McCaskill, of Bethel Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Dr. D. W. Richardson was excused from attendance on this meeting.

Communications were read and referred to the following committees:

1. In reference to the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and
2. From the Treasurer of Presbytery in reference to arrearages of Presbyterial Tax, were referred to the Stewardship Committee.

The following reports were adopted and the Commissioners commended for their diligence.

REPORT OF BRYSON CITY COMMISSION

Your Commission appointed to visit the Bryson City Church met in Bryson City at the Church House of the Presbyterian Church with the following members present: R. F. Campbell, D. D., H. B. Dendy, and Ruling Elder M. W. Bell with Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., visiting and sitting in with us at the invitation of the Commission and the Session of the Church. Dr. R. P. Smith was unable to attend the meeting on account of sickness and Mr. Geo. Wright was unable to attend on account of business.

Elders Dr. A. M. Bennett and S. W. Black were present and Rev. James T. Gillespie, Supply Pastor of this church.

Dr. Campbell explained the purpose of our visit and spoke of the nature of our Presbyterian form of government and of our Presbytery's feeling of loss at not having representatives by the Bryson City Church attend its meetings and bring in their sessional records etc. The matter of this church securing Presbytery's permission from meeting to meeting for their Stated Supply relationship was also gone into. The Commission and the representatives of the Church had a very amicable visit and conference together. They promised to see that these matters are properly attended to in the future.

The Commission opened and closed its meeting with prayer.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
H. B. Dendy, *Secretary*

INSTALLATION OF REV. S. H. LONG AT ANDREWS

Your Commission appointed to install Rev. S. H. Long as Pastor of the Andrews Church, reports that duty performed July 28th. 1935 as required by the book of Church Order.

R. F. Bedinger, *Chairman*
L. B. Nichols, *Clerk*.

A communication from Dr. E. C. Scott regarding the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order was refused to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

A request from the Home Mission Committee for the Moderator to appoint a Commission to make a thorough investigation of Ora Street Church with power to act, was granted.

The Foreign Mission Committee was granted 25 minutes time on the program of this evening's service.

The following report was adopted:

The Home business Committee was requested to act as commission to consider the matter of the Robert Bingham Church.

At its regular meeting the Home Mission Committee discussed the matter and made the following recommendations.

1. That the members of the church transfer their memberships to the West Asheville Presbyterian Church with the understanding that they may transfer them to the Church of their choice.
2. That the Church be dissolved.

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
H. B. Dendy, *Secretary*

A most helpful hour was spent in discussing the State of Religion in the Churches of Presbytery.

The Matter of Bethel Church was referred to the Home Mission Committee for action.

A resolution presented by Rev. W. H. Adams was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Dr. A. A. McFadyen, a Medical Missionary to China was introduced to Presbytery.

After prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery took recess till 7:15 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:15 P. M. and was opened with prayer.

Dr. R. F. Campbell presided over the Popular Meeting in interest Missions.

Dr. L. T. Wilds read the Foreign Mission report, which after a thrilling address by Dr. A. A. McFadyen of China, was adopted.

Presbytery expressed appreciation of Dr. McFadyen's address.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Committee makes the following report:

The latest reports from our Foreign Mission Fields continue to be encouraging in the way of additions on profession of faith in Christ, the eagerness of the native peoples to hear the Gospel, and the achievements of our Missionaries through their faithful and self-sacrificing efforts.

However, there are some serious facts facing our Foreign Mission Work: The fact that we are attempting to carry on the same work as in 1930 but with only half the income received in that year; the sharp reduction of our Missionary force and the fact that our present force is in a rapidly ageing group; and the final fact that in the face of all this, our Church is making a further retreat, the income from April 1st. to September 1st. of this year being $15,000.00 less than in the same period last year.

In view of these facts, we recommend that our pastors, who are the key-men of the situation be urged to realize their responsibility in their most important work of the Church, to acquaint the congregations with the facts and appeal to them for their support by their means and prayers, and to make the very most possible in the Churches of the appointed Week of Prayer, and Self Denial for Foreign Missions, March 3rd, 10th of this year.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman*

PRESBYTERIAL HOME MISSIONS

Rev. J. H. Gruver spoke of the Work of our Mountain Orphanage and Dr. R. C. Anderson addressed Presbytery on Montreat College.

Short addresses were made on the various fields by Revs. C. R. McCarty, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, J. A. Flanagan, H. B. Dendy.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger presented the Work of the Church and Manse Building League, Dr. R. F. Campbell spoke briefly on Intercessory Prayer.

Rev. P. N. Gresham reported his attendance to the General Assembly. The report was received and his diligence commended.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Presbytery Records desires to make the following report:

We find that the printed Minutes were correctly printed and very neat in appearance. We recommend that an official copy of the Minutes be deposited with the Historical Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. Gresham, *Chairman*

After prayer by Dr. R. P. Smith, Presbytery took recess until 9:00 A. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning

Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Dr. K. J. Foreman, who gave a most suggestive and helpful exposition of Christ's Intercession.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Clerk was instructed to request the Christian Observer to publish a sermon preached before Presbytery by the late Rev. R. S. Eskridge.

A letter from Dr. W. M. Walsh, Moderator of the Synod of Appalachia was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

A request for a Chairman on The Annuity Fund Committee was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Presbytery took recess for 30 minutes for Committee Work.

The following report was adopted.

BIBLE CAUSE

Your Committee on Bible Cause would call attention to the splendid work which has been done through the American Bible Society during the year 1934. At which time the entire Bible had been translated into 175 languages, the New Testament into 373 languages, and the grand total of Scripture translation reached 954 languages and dialects. During 1934 the society distributed more than 7,400,000 volumes of Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, and other Portions.

Your committee would recommend the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The work of the American Bible Society is of recognized value to the Christian Church, be it resolved:

First, That we heartily endorse the American Bible Society as our Bible Agency.

Second, That we heartily endorse the celebration this year of four hundred years of the printed English Bible, recommending:

(a) That the people seek to give fresh attention to the reading and study of the Scriptures under the guidance of pastors and with the aid of suitable literature.

(b) That our people be urged to hold suitable anniversary observances during the autumn months, cooperating with other churches and agencies to see that a Bible is in every home in the community.

(c) That, so far as possible, Bible Sunday December 8th be used as a climax to the celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FLANAGAN, *Chairman.*

Pending a dischssion of the Stewardship report, Presbytery took recess for 5 Minutes.

At 11:00 A. M. The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. J. P. Simmons on Repentance.

Revs. T. A. Painter and L. T. Wilds dispensed the elements in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Presbytery took recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:25 P. M. and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. H. Long.

After some discussion the reports of the Stewardship and Bills and Overtures Committees were adopted.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY - OCTOBER 15, 1935

STEWARDSHIP

The members of this Presbytery will be encouraged to know that Asheville Presbytery was cited in Synod's Minutes by a special paragraph commending the increased giving during the past year. Credit for this was given to the Quarterly Deacons' Dinner Conference, begun in February, 1934. The Committee would like to add, as effective causes also, the results of the Belmont Convention Plan and the personal activity of Dr. Robert Bedinger. The Presbytery is urged to go forward with even more vigor during the coming year to aid in this time of opportunity.

(1) That the Presbytery reaffirm its position on "Church Trading" as expressed in paragraph IV of the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee at the last meeting, and that each Pastor be asked to report on the situation in his own church to the Stewardship Committee before the next meeting of Presbytery in order that a full report be made at that time by the Committee on conditions in the Presbytery as a whole.

(2) That the Benevolence goals for the churches be set as follows:

Class A (Churches whose membership exceeds 400)	
Asheville First	$13,350
Hendersonville	3,500
West Asheville	650
Class B. (Churches whose membership is less than 400)	
Montreat	$2,500

Canton	700
Brevard	550
Brevard	550
Kenilworth	500
Waynesville	450
Black Mountain	350
Swannanoa	300
Bryson City	175
Oak Forest	100
Murphy	100
Andrews	75
Ora Street	60
Hayesville	35
Class C (Churches receiving Home Mission Aid)	
Weaverville	400
Mills River	250
Franklin	225
Bethel	150
Hazelwood	150
Highlands	100
Etowah	75
Morrison	75
Dillingham	75
Slagle Memorial	35
White Oak	30
Ivy Park	25
Red Oak	15
Total	$25,000

(3) That the Benevolence Funds be divided as follows:

For the work within the Presbytery		47%
Presbytery's Home Missions	28%	
Mountain Orphanage	14%	
Montreat College	5%	
For the work of Synod		8%
Synod's Work	1%	
Educational Institutions	7%	
For General Assembly's Causes		45%
Foreign Missions	25%	
Assembly's Home Missions	12%	
Christian Education and Min. Rel.	5%	
Religious Education	2%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.4%	
Total	100%	100%

(4) That the regular Contingent Fee be fixed at $.15 per member.

(5) That, inasmuch as the General Assembly has endorsed and laid plans for a Diamond Jubilee Year, this Presbytery fall in line by passing on to its churches the matter of a special tax of $.04 per member to cover expenses of this forward movement, to be paid through the Treasurer of Presbytery.

(6) Inasmuch as the honor and good name of our Presbytery is at stake because of the non-payment of the regular contingent fund to the General Assembly for the year 1933-34, we recommend: (a) that the Treasurer of Presbytery be instructed to make a careful check up of the churches in arrears and inform each church of the amounts still due, (b) that the Presbytery instruct the churches in arrears to make a determined effort to pay up these dues at once, and (c) that all the churches which have not done so pay their assessments for the current year in whole or in part as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Into our hands has been placed the following resolution:

"Resolved that we instruct the Committee on Bills and Overtures to consider the expediency of adopting a protest by this Presbytery against the ever increasing secularizing of the Christian Sabbath, by governmental agencies, executive and judicial, and report to this meeting of Presbytery.

We would recommend to adoption of the following:

"The Presbytery of Asheville would, after mature deliberation, and with deep feeling, voice its protest against the ever-increasing secularizing of the Christian Sabbath by governmental agencies, executive and judicial, by which the sanctity of the Lord's Day is profaned by commercialized sports; and its spiritual significance lost to many. The Holy Day has become a holiday; and men are seeking their own pleasure and doing their own will, either forgetting God's command of keeping holy and hallowing this Day, or wilfully neglecting these sanctions.

We would call upon our people in all our churches to gird up their thinking on this question, and hold to the recognition of God's command, and in their keeping of the Sabbath to show a reverence and an example which shall be itself a testimony for Christ and His church.

J. W. CALDWELL
H. B. DENDY
S. R. MCKEE

The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward the above action of Presbytery as an overture to the General Assembly to enter protest to the proper authorities.

Rev. J. P. Simmons and Elder W. M. Bell reported their attendance upon the General Assembly. The reports were received and their diligence commended.

The Clerk was instructed to release to the Asheville papers the action of Presbytery on the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES

The Committee recommends that Presbytery approve the following Actions of the General Assembly:

1. The observing of "REFORMATION DAY" on October 27th.
2. The observing of "DOLLAR GIFT" for the SUSTENTATION FUND on September 29th or a convenient time prior to November 1st of this year.
3. And its resolution on the religious training of the South by elective Bible courses in the Public Schools, the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Extension Sunday Schools and other suitable methods.
4. That the proposed amendment to elect Commissoners to the General Assembly for two years be answered in the AFFIRMATIVE.
5. That the proposed amendment to Chapter XV on "THE PRESBYTERY" relative to DUAL MEMBERSHIP of Ministers, be answered in "THE NEGATIVE."
6. That Presbytery overture the next General Assembly to prayerfully consider the following facts gathered from the Assembly's Minutes of 1935, namely that no additions on profession of faith are reported by

90	churches with a membership of	100	to	500
91	churches with a membership of	75	to	100
179	churches with a membership of	50	to	75
374	churches with a membership of	25	to	50
356	churches with a membership of	10	to	25

in other words, that 1,040 of your churches, containing almost one half of our membership report no additions on profession of faith in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, *Chairman*

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We recommend that the following be excused:
Rev. P. N. Gresham, Dr. R. C. Anderson and Elder W. R. Reed after the evening session Tuesday.

J. P. SIMMONS, *Chairman.*

Auditing Committee reported that nothing had come into their hands.

Dr. R. P. Smith was made an honorary member of the Home Mission Committee.

The following report was adopted:

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Home Missions Committee—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. F. Creson, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, J. H. McConnell, O. L. Merchant, R. E. Magill, J. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey.
2. Foreign Missions—See Directory on inside cover.
3. Assembly's Home Missions—See Directory on inside cover.
4. Bible Cause—Rev. S. H. Long, J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—See Directory on inside cover.
6. Religious Education—See Directory on inside cover.
7. Sabbath and Family Religion—See Directory on inside cover.
8. Church Societies—See Directory on inside cover.
9. Stewardship—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. J. P. Simmons, Dr. I. J. Archer, H. A. Yoeman, J. H. McConnell, J. T. Bailey, G. H. Wright, W. H. McMurray.
10. Schools and Colleges—See Directory on inside cover.
11. Historical—See Directory on inside cover.

Trustees—See Directory on inside cover.

Committees On Examination—See Directory on inside cover.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Annuity Fund—Dr. R. P. Walker, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, Rev. O. C. Landrum, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay, G. C. Summerow, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Wilds.
2. Diamond Jubilee Committee—Dr. R. D. Redinger, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Candler Morgan, J. B. Gray, D. E. Penland, C. L. Grey.

That Dr. K. J. Foreman be appointed to preach the Presbyterial Sermon at Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

Subject: "The Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures."

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. SMITH, *Chairman*

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The following recommendations were adopted in principle by the Presbytery:

The actions of Synod on the Diamond Jubilee Celebration were presented by the chairman. After prolonged discussion the following recommendations were adopted unanimously to be sent to the chairman of Jubilee Committee in each Presbytery:

I. *Subjects: Evaluation and Advance.*

1. That an Evangelistic meeting of not less than ten days, and preferably two weeks, be held in each church, school and mission points during the next twelve months, and that a program for exchange of pastors for these meetings, be arranged for in each Presbytery by the chairman of a committee on Evangelism.
2. That ministers within our bounds be asked to give at least one Evangelistic service this year without compensation beyond his actual traveling expenses to some Home Mission Church.
3. That the chairman of the committee on Evangelism take up with the individual churches the matter of preparation for these meetings in publicity, prayer, prospect list and personal works' bands.
4. That regular group conferences on Evangelism be held in strategic points in each Presbytery as soon as possible.
5. That the committee on Evangelism promote Bible Reading.

II. *Subject: Stewardship, Tithing and Jubilee Offering.*

1. That wherever possible a meeting of not less than one week be held in each church where the subjects of Stewardship and Evangelism will be the theme.
2. That group conferences be on the subject of Stewardship where Tithing shall have its place be held during the next twelve months.
3. That every minister be requested and urged to make a thorough study of and present to his people the subject of the Tithe.
4. That the Tithing literature of the Layman Company, 7 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill., be secured and distributed to the members of the various churches.
5. That it is the sense of this committee that we should so present the matter of Tithing as to lead, under God's Blessing to every member of the church becoming a Tither.

III. *Subject: Evangelism.*

1. That the following committee be appointed to study the question of Evaluation and Advance, and that their findings be the report to this Jubilee Committee. H. H. Thompson, Chairman, J. G. Patton, Jr.

IV. *Subject: Church Loyalty and Local Celebrations.*

1. We recommend that pastors, during the year, present the history and fundamental doctrines of the church.
2. That the three special Jubilee days recommended by the general assembly be observed by the churches.
3. That united services be held throughout the Presbytery, stressing loyalty to Christ and church.

R. D. Bedinger,
Chairman Diamond Jubilee Committee.
Asheville Presbytery.

Report of the Bryson City Commission was reconsidered.

Act to dissolve commission was rescinded and the commission was continued.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Rev. S. H. Long, Rev. W. A. Murray, Elder J. B. Grey.

The following commission was given judicial authority, in all Matters Pertaining to Ora Street Church.

Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Elders O. L. Merchant and J. J. Conyers, with Dr. L. T. Wilds as Alternate.

The following reports were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your committee would call attention to some of the things that have been accomplished in the Presbytery during the past year in the matter of Religious Education.

Young People's Rallies.

Three rallies of the Young People's League have been held during the past year: The first at Black Mtn. meeting the women of the Presbyterial with a splendid representation from practically all of the Young People's groups of the Presbytery. The second met during the Young People's Conference at Bristol with only a small group present. The third was held at the Intermediate conference at Farm School with another fine group present. Miss Mildred Howell of the First Church Asheville is President of the Group.

Delegates To Young People's Council.

Two delegates from our Presbytery were in attendance at the meeting of the Young People's Council of the Assembly at Montreat in July: Miss Mildred Howell of the First Church Asheville and Miss Elizabeth McGuire of Franklin.

Intermediate Conference.

This year we had our largest attendance at the Farm School with 45 delegates present and 9 leaders. The theme for the conference was "Christian Youth Building a New World". Leaders and delegates entered heartily into the spirit of the conference and worthwhile results were achieved in the lives of all who were present. The conference was entirely self-supporting and closed the conference with a larger balance than last year.

Summer Workers.

Two summer workers were secured this year. Mr. William Cox worked in the Dillingham field under the supervision of the Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Mr. Bobby DuPree was used to direct D. V. B. S. in the Davidson-River, Brevard, Hazelwood, and Morrison-Franklin Sunday Schools, to lead the song services and teach in the Intermediate conference and the song services in the revival services in the Morrison Church. The Committee is moved to congratulate the Hendersonville church on the securing the services of Mr. Sam Wiley of Union Seminary as Director of Rel. Education for the summer months and to urge that other churches follow this worthy example as soon as possible. In addition to D. V. B. S. in the aforementioned Sunday Schools, other schools were held in the Kenilworth, Hendersonville, West Asheville, Murphy, Hayesville and Montreat Chapel. More than 800 children were enrolled in D. V. B. S. during the Summer. Another camp was held in the Dillingham church for the young people of the Weaverville-Dillingham group with excellent attendance and interest.

Special Conferences.

A special conference for the Religious Education workers of Asheville Presbytery was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, on October 4th with 14 churches and more than 100 in attendance. Drs. E. D. Grant and John A. Fairley, Misses Orene McIlwain and Elizabeth McE. Shields, and Mrs. Lillian Painter Curtis of the Richmond office presented the work of the Executive Committee on Religious Education and led the discussion groups after the supper hour.

Your Committee makes the following reccommendations:

1. That Presbytery approve the holding of an Intermediate Conference next year, and that the Young People be included, if the way be clear.

2. That Presbytery commend to the Young People's societies of the churches the support of the Kentucky Mtn. Young People's conference—the special financial objective of the Young People's Division.

3. That Presbytery approve the securing of a worker or workers for special work under the direction of the committee for next summer.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Flanagan

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved—The Presbytery by a rising vote, express its sincere appreciation for the cordial hospitality of the pastor, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, and of the congregation of Dillingham Church, and of the people in the community of other denominations who opened their homes to us. We congratulate the church on erection of its beautiful and commodious new building and especially appreciate this generous hospitality at this time.

We pray God's richest blessing upon Pastor and people and upon all who made our stay here a happy one.

Respectfully submitted,
George B. Hammond, *Chairman.*

Rev. H. B. Dendy was requested to prepare a Historical Sketch of the Dillingham Church to read at Dedicatory Services and a copy placed in Historical Foundation.

Dr. R. P. Walker was authorized to act in the Matter of Candidate C. S. Noblett.

The invitation of the Murphy Church for the Spring Meeting of Presbytery was accepted by a rising vote.

After approving the minutes and singing "Blest be the tie that binds," Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Robt. D. Bedinger, *Moderator*
W. A. Murray, *State Clerk.*

J. A. Flanagan, *Temporary Clerk*
Spring Meeting, Murphy, N. C.
April 14, 1936, at 11:00 A. M.

attest Robt. D. Bedinger Moderator
W. A. Murray, S. C.

Approved with exceptions —
on pages 7 and 8, commissions are treated as committees
Robt. D. Bedinger, Secretary.

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SPRING MEETING

Murphy, N. C.,
April 21, 1936

The Eightieth Session of Asheville Presbytery met in the Murphy church at 11:00 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Dr. R. D. Bedinger on "Evangelism", text Acts 2:47.

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer, the roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers:—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Bridges, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, Wriston Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, S. H. Long, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, J. P. Simmons, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders:—L. B. Nichols, Andrews; S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; R. L. Gash, Brevard-Davidson River; S. W. Black, Bryson City; J. T. Bailey, Canton; J. L. Gash, Etowah; A. L. Leach, Franklin; J. L. Evans, Hayesville; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; H. G. Love, Hendersonville; E. C. Dickinson, Kenilworth; J. H. Freeman, Mills River; Crosby Adams, Montreat; M. W. Bell, Murphy; W. H. McMurray (2), Swannanoa; H. T. Lindsley, Waynesville; C. W. Medler, Weaverville.

Rev. O. C. Landrum was elected Moderator and Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Clerk.

Rev. W. Arthur Barber, pastor of the M. E. church was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

Your Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following report:

1. The hours of meeting to be as follows: Tuesday, from hour of convening until 12:30 P. M., 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M., 7:15 to adjournment. Wednesday, 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 M., 1:30 P. M. to adjournment. (All time is Central Standard).

2. The Devotional service on Wednesday at 8:30 o'clock to be led by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

3. The Communion Service, following the Presbyterial Sermon at 11:00 A. M., to be conducted by Rev. J. A. Flanagan and Rev. Wriston Hartsell and they are to be assisted by six elders to be appointed by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
STEWART H. LONG, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted.

A call from the Black Mountain church for the Pastoral services of Rev. J. C. Bridges at a salary of $1500.00 per year. The call was found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

The following were excused from attendance on this meeting: Revs. E. D. McMahan, W. H. Adams, J. W. Caldwell, J. R. Sevier, W. F. Creson.

Rev. E. D. McMahan was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery till the fall meeting.

In view of Dr. Caldwell's illness and pending operation, Elder R. E. Magill led Presbytery in prayer for Dr. Caldwell.

Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures*—R. D. Bedinger, Chairman, Geo. B. Hammond, R. F. Campbell, G. C. Summerow.
2. *Sabbath Schools*—H. B. Dendy, J. C. Bridges, C. W. Medler.
3. *Minutes of Synod*—J. P. Simmons, W. S. Hutchison, J. L. Gash.
4. *Records of Sessions*—R. L. Gash, Chairman, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, P. N. Gresham, L. B. Nichols, M. W. Bell.
5. *Auditing*—S. W. Black, J. T. Bailey, K. J. Foreman.
6. *Nominations*—T. A. Painter, L. T. Wilds, S. R. McKee.
7. *Records of Presbytery*—Wriston Hartsell, Crosby Adams.
8. *Leave of Absence*—C. W. Medler, S. H. Long.
9. *Resolutions*—R. P. Walker, E. C. Dickinson, J. H. Ferguson.

The Brevard-Davidson River Church was granted permission to change the terms of their call to Rev. J. P. Simmons from $1200.00 per annum to $1500.00 per annum and changing monthly payments from $100.00 to $125.00.

The action of the Diamond Jubilee Committee in regard

to arrangements for conducting Evangelistic Meetings and compensation were approved.

The meeting was in charge of Dr. R. D. Bedinger.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Chairman, spoke on the work, plans, and objectives of the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Various parts of the work were discussed as follows:

1. Special Days of Humiliation and Prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison; 2. The Spiritual Objectives of Stewardship by Rev. G. B. Hammond; 3. Present Day Trends in Religious Thinking by several ministers; 4. Evaluation and Advance by Dr. R. P. Walker.

The following recommendations of the Diamond Jubilee Committee were adopted:

1. That every minister of the Presbytery be requested to offer his services for at least one evangelistic meeting during 1936-37 Church year.
2. That all ministers share alike in remuneration as a general rule.
3. That a free-will offering be taken at each meeting.
4. That fifty per cent of this free-will offering go to the minister conducting the meeting, after all expenses have been met.
5. That fifty per cent of this free-will offering, after expenses have been met, go to Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, which Committee shall give, in its discretion, extra remuneration where needed.
6. That the recommendation touching free-will offerings apply to all churches, but those churches using ministers without the bounds of Asheville Presbytery may supplement their remuneration as is deemed wise.

Elder R. E. Magill was given the privileges of the floor.

* The following Commission was appointed to install Rev. J. C. Bridges as Pastor of the Black Mountain Church June 7th.

Rev. J. W. Caldwell to preside and charge the people.
Rev. W. A. Murray to preach.
Rev. T. A. Painter to charge the pastor.
Rev. W. F. Creson, Alternate.
Elders, C. C. Lord, and Crosby Adams.

Communications were read and referred to the various Committees.

The report of Davidson College was received as informa-

* 2 members to constitute a quorum.
W. A. Murray, S. C.

tion and evoked expressions of our sympathy and interest.

The report of Montreat College was adopted.

REPORT OF MONTREAT COLLEGE

We gratefully acknowledge the continued blessings of God upon the School during the present year. Marked progress has been made in the development of the School in every particular.

The new $100,000.00 Administration Building is now finished excepting the pews in the Chapel. This building is the gift of Mrs. R. C. Anderson to the College. It is constructed of Montreat stone, hollow tile partitions between rooms with variegated marble floors, steel window sash and Belgian interlocking tile roofing. Arrangement of all rooms is most convenient and the design is beautiful. It consists of a chapel with seating capacity of 600, large library, laboratory, thirteen class rooms, two offices, book room and vault. This building really marks a new era in the development of the College. The College has an enrollment this year of 202 in the High School and College Department and 29 in the Elementary School, making a total enrollment of 231. This student body came from fifteen states, the District of Columbia and one foreign country. The College has a faculty of eighteen, ten of whom have a Master Degree. It is standardized as a Junior College and as a High School. It is operated by a Board of Trustees appointed by Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association. It is a separate corporation and all finances are kept separate from those of the Mountain Retreat Association. Special emphasis is placed upon the development of Christian character and the spiritual life both of the faculty and the student body. The students and faculty are carefully selected with special reference to their ability and character. The School spirit is excellent.

The Alba Hotel was not adequate to take care of the enlarged attendance so some of the teachers were placed in Assembly Inn and some with a body of students in a new dormitory which was opened especially for their accommodation.

In March on account of the health of her mother and other reasons our Assistant Dean, Miss Elizabeth Doggett, gave up her position and Miss Margaret Wade, one of the faculty, was substituted in her place. An additional teacher, Miss Lydia Brandon, was elected to supply in part the position of Miss Wade.

The prospect for the School another year is remarkably bright. It is probable that the student body will be so enlarged as to render it necessary to open a new dormitory for the accommodation of the High School students and consequently a larger faculty has been elected for the year 1936-37. Geneva Hall could be used for this purpose if a heating plant were installed.

Miss Annie Webb of Flora McDonald College has accepted the position of Head of the Department of Mathematics. Mrs. Edith M. Craney has accepted the position of Head of the Business Department which will be enlarged for another year in its scope and no doubt in its numbers. Miss Rachel McElroy has accepted the position of teacher of Spanish and Bible. These will be new and additional teachers for next year.

The Woman's Auxiliary has decided to give its Birthday Offering this year for a Woman's Building to be erected in Montreat which will be adapted for the use of the women during the Conference period in the summer and also for a dormitory for the girls attending the College in the winter. Work should be started on this building some time during the coming fall and should be ready for use for the College for the term 1937-38.

We are glad to be able to report that the College has again lived within its means, is closing the year out of debt and will probably have a small balance in the Treasury for the opening of the next term.

With the enlargement of the College both in faculty and student body there is a corresponding demand for more funds and stronger support for the institution. We would earnestly recommend that this Presbytery and the Synod of Appalachia in whose bounds the College is located would enlarge their contributions to provide for the ever increasing numbers of students coming from both the Presbytery and Synod to the College. We would commend the College most heartily to the patronage of the Presbytery and Synod and earnestly request their prayers and sympathetic cooperation in the upbuilding of this institution within our bounds.

Most respectfully submitted,

R. C. ANDERSON, *President.*

Report of the Year 1935-36, April 21, 1936.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath Schools was abolished and the work committed the Committee on Religious Education.

It was moved and carried that the recommendations of the report of the Committee of Schools and Colleges in regard to the Montreat College be adopted, and that the Presbytery express its warm appreciation of the consecrated liberality of Mrs. R. C. Anderson in furnishing the means for the erection of the new Administration building for the college, and of the efficiency and skill of Dr. R. C. Anderson in planning and erecting the building.

The Treasurer's report was read and with the Auditor's report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Your Committee respectfully reports that it has carefully examined the Audit report of the accounts of Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Treasurer, made by William H. Zimmerman, C. P. A., covering the year beginning April 11, 1935 and ending April 11, 1936. The report shows in detail the amounts of balances in the various funds at the beginning of the year. The Total receipts and the expenditures made by the Treasurer. The report also shows the Bank reconciliation from which it appears there is in hand in Bank the sum of $2,013.97.

Your Committee examined the Treasurer's report and approve same and recommend it be recorded in the Minutes.

We have also examined the report of the Treasurer in regard to delinquencies in the payment of the amounts due the Contingent Fund. We recommend this report be recorded in the Minutes. The Committee recommends that especial attention be called to the Church Treasurers in regard to these delinquencies and that the pastors of these churches call attention to the matter to their congregations.

Signed,

S. W. Black, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1936

The total amount received, which includes legacies, bequests and interest funds, regular and special benevolences, was $44,089.93 as compared with $40,243.39 for the previous year. There was a slight increase in Benevolences from regular sources. A legacy of $3000.00 designated equally to Mountain Orphanage and Montreat College increased the Benevolences to that extent.

Each year the figures in the statistical reports to the Presbytery and Assembly differ from the figures of the Central Treasurer by several thousand dollars. This is due to the fact that a number of specials are sent direct to various causes by Sunday School, Auxiliaries and Churches.

Recommendations

1. That Presbytery instruct and urge all Church, Auxiliary, Sunday School, Men of the Church, Bible Class treasurers to remit their benevolent funds each month through Presbytery's Central Treasurer.
2. That Presbytery again record its approval of the Tithing Plan, and urge all Pastors and Church Organizations to make earnest efforts to teach tithing and enroll as large a number of tithers as possible.
3. That all Churches and Organizations regard the Benevolent Budget as a minimum, not as a maximum, goal to be achieved.

R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer.*

The following churches have not remitted their Contingent Fees for 1935-36: Brevard-Davidson River, Highlands, Oak Forest, West Asheville, and White Oak.

The following churches have not remitted the special Diamond Jubilee Tax: Black Mountain, Brevard-Davidson, Canton, Hendersonville, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, West Asheville, White Oak.

Arrear Taxes. The following churches are behind with their Presbyterial Assessments for years prior to 1935-36.

Andrews	$ 14.60
Bethel	25.00
Brevard-Davidson	35.00
Bryson City	30.00
Hayesville	16.00
Hendersonville	50.00
Highlands	18.85
Ivy Park	8.00
Oak Forest	4.63
Red Oak	8.44
Slagle Memorial	4.00
Waynesville	12.50
West Asheville	116.30
Total arrears	$343.32

The 1933-34 arrear Presbyterial Tax has been paid to the Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. The Presbyterial Tax for the year just ending March 31, 1936, has not been paid, and there is a deficit in the Treasury of $22.73.

The Acting Stated Clerk writes: "I hope the Churches will do their part toward the support of the work of the General Assembly. Very few Presbyteries are in arrears, and I feel sure that none of our Churches wish to shirk in this important matter."

R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer Asheville Presbytery.*

Presbytery took recess till 7:15 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:15 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. P. Chedester.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger presided over the meeting in the interest of Home Missions.

Rev. J. H. Gruver, Supt. of Mountain Orphanage, spoke on the work and spiritual conditions of the children.

Dr. R. F. Campbell gave a most interesting and instructive Historical address on the origin and growth of Asheville Presbytery.

Presbytery requested Dr. Campbell to publish this address in the Mountain Work and the Church Papers.

The report of Dr. R. D. Bedinger, S. H. M., and the Home Missions Committee were read and adopted.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

During the year which closed with March 31, 1935, the following activities are respectfully reported:

5 Revival meetings of two weeks each were held resulting in 100 professions of faith in Christ, 100 additions to the Churches served, and 440 reconsecrations.

One four day meeting on Stewardship was held in the Highlands Presbyterian Church.

The Superintendent led, or participated in, 3 conferences on Evangelism and 7 conferences on Stewardship; 6 "Across-the-Table" conferences with local Churches.

He delivered 207 sermons and addresses. Edited 12 issues of Our Mountain Work, at a cost of $491.66. Issued Three Calls of the Builders' League, collected and distributed to 9 participating churches the sum of $1620.79.

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The Expense Account was as follows:

Miles traveled 11, 284.4 at five cents per miles	$564.22
Office Rent	143.50
Telephone, P. O. Box rent, Safety Deposit Box rent	78.16
Stamps, postage, stenographer	86.63
Treasurer's Bond	25.00
Audit of Treasurer's Books	50.00
	947.51
Less collections by Superintendent for year	347.69
Net Travel and Office Expenses	$599.82

The Fall meeting of Presbytery at Dillingham placed upon the Superintendent the duty of acting as Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee. A great deal of time, both in the office and on the road, has been given to the carrying out of the many duties involved.

The Superintendent appreciates the hearty co-operation and cordial good-will of the brethren and churches of the Presbytery, and requests their earnest and daily prayers during the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Bedinger, *Supt.*

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Home Mission Committee is pleased to report that most of the Churches under its supervision have shown unusual progress during the past year. Ten of the fourteen churches met their Benevolent Budgets in full, as will be noted in the Treasurer's report in the current issue of Our Mountain Work. These fourteen churches received into their churches 106 on profession of faith as compared with 49 last year.

An interesting revival has been going on in the Hazelwood church with a number of adults received on profession of faith, additional officers installed, the Sunday School enrollment leaping from 75 to 135; the current expense and benevolent budgets for the new year subscribed in full, and plans being formulated for the opening of three outpost Sunday Schools.

The Dillingham Church has completed its church building, and most of the furnishings, without going into debt.

The Weaverville Church began last February a movement to wipe out the debts amounting to $9500.00 resting on the church, the pipe organ, and manse, by January 1st, 1937, and then to go on to self-support by April 1st, 1937. Most satisfactory progress is reported. Close to $4,000.00 has already been subscribed, with about $1500.00 already paid in. The pipe organ and manse notes have been paid up.

Recommendations of Home Mission Committee

1. That the following appropriations for the current ecclesiastical year be approved; Highlandsfield, $550.00; Mills River-Etowah, $700.00; Franklin-Morrison, $875.00; Hazelwood, White Oak, $1175.00; Weaverville-Dillingham, $1450.00.

These figures represent a decrease of $225.00 over the appropriations of the previous year. Each field has indicated the decrease to be made. In regard to the Hazelwood field: at the request of the officers of the Hazelwood church the figure stands the same as last year, but they have undertaken to raise their pastor's salary of $750.00 in full, an achievement they have never accomplished under the present pastorate, and also an additional sum, which is to represent the decrease to be made in the appropriation. We heartily commend the Hazelwood officers and church for their attitude and undertaking, and wish them the greatest success.

It is to be noted that no appropriation has been made to the Murphy-Andrews-Hayesville-Robbinsville group. But the same understanding exists as last year, namely, that this field will undertake to reach self-support, but may call upon the Home Mission Fund in case they fail. This past year Murphy and Robbinsville met their full apportionments, and are to be warmly commended. Owing to unusual circumstances, particularly loss of members, Andrews and Hayesville fell short by the sum of $140.00 which was paid to their Pastor by the Home Mission Committee. There is every hope and expectation that this field will achieve entire self-support this present year.

Our Treasurer reports all Home Mission workers paid in full for the year, but that the Cause of Presbytery's Missions finds itself with a deficit of $547.37, occasioned by the necessity of meeting $1000.00 on the principal of the debt for the Kenilworth Church, due April 1st last.

The Mountain Orphanage also closed the year with a deficit of $596.86, due to extra repairs and a loss of $228.00 in receipts from the Duke Endowment Fund. A number of special supports have also been withdrawn.

If the churches of the Presbytery will valiantly endeavour to reach the goal of 25% increase in benevolences set by the Assembly, these deficits will be wiped out within a few months.

2. Regarding the R. P. Smith Memorial Education Fund.

"That $25,000.00 be set as a minimum sum to be known as The R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children.

"That this Fund shall be administered by the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery.

"That the establishment of this Memorial Fund shall have a double purpose, namely:

1. To aid boys and girls of the Mountain Orphanage to complete their educations, after leaving the Orphanage, through LOAN SCHOLARSHIPS derived from the annual interest gained by the special Fund.

2. At the same time to give financial aid, through these scholarships, to our Presbyterial and Synodical Colleges.

"That, although preference is to be given to our Presbyterial and Synodical Institutions, the Home Mission Committee may, in its discretion, aid Mountain Orphanage children who may desire to attend other institutions and training schools.

"That, in case the whole interest, in any year after the $25,000.00 is raised, is not needed for scholarships, the residue of interest shall be divided equally between our Presbyterial and Synodical Colleges."

"That a day in the near future be set by the Home Mission Committee when each pastor is to present to his people this matter, distribute cards and take subscriptions."

3. Regarding the Builders' League.

The purpose and requirements of the Builders' League need restating and clarifying. The following is recommended:

The fundamental purpose of the Builders' League is to assist the churches of Presbytery to reduce materially their building debts.

Therefore, this Fund shall not be eligible for the retirement of interest debts, nor for ordinary repairs on manses and church buildings.

The Fund shall be considered only as an extra, over and above the ordinary, or existing, plans of a given church to retire its debt.

All participating debt-churches shall use the Funds of the League only to reduce the principal of the debt.

No debt-church shall participate in the distribution of the League Funds until it has contributed the minimum sum required, amounting to as much as one-fourth its membership, which must be absolutely *new* money.

Each church carrying a debt will receive back each dollar it contributes through the Builders' League.

The quota solicited from each church will be an average of ONE DOLLAR each member PER CALL for ONE-FOURTH the membership of the said church, it being understood that THREE CALLS will be made during each Calendar year.

Each church carrying a debt, or which may incur a building debt, will participate in the funds derived from the churches free of debt in proportion to the amount thus raised up to its quota based on its membership.

Each church assisted will be required to make a sustained effort to wipe out its entire indebtedness as quickly as possible.

If it occurs that a given church is not making a "sustained effort to wipe out its indebtedness as quickly as possible", that church shall cease to participate in the Funds of the League until such time as it shall conform to the requirements and purpose of the League.

Debt-churches should not be satisfied with the minimum of one-fourth the membership, but an earnest effort should be put forth to enlist every member of these churches.

Each pastor of the Presbytery shall be requested to explain carefully to his congregation the purposes and requirements of the Builders' League and endeavour to line up his church on the basis of one-fourth the membership subscribing an average of ONE DOLLAR each per call THREE TIMES a year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*

Dr. Bedinger was commended for his faithfulness and efficiency.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges reported that nothing had come into its hands.

Presbytery adjourned till 8:30 A. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning, April 22, 1936

Presbytery met at 8:30 A. M.

The Devotional Exercises were most helpfully led by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. H. B. Dendy was requested to furnish the proceedings of Presbytery to the press.

The quorum of the Commission to install Rev. J. C. Bridges at Black Mountain was changed to a Commission and the quorum was fixed at one minister and one elder.

The following reports were read and adopted.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Your Committee on Records of Sessions reports as follows:

We examined the records of sessions for the Churches of Hayesville, Morrison, Murphy, Waynesville, Canton, Weaverville, Hazelwood, Mills River, Oak Forest, Etowah, Black Mountain, Asheville First, West Asheville, Swannanoa, Kenilworth, Franklin, Hendersonville, Montreat.

We have approved all of said records, with following exceptions:
Oak Forest: Minutes not signed by Clerk.
Kenilworth: Minutes April 15, 1936, not signed by Clerk.
Morrison: Last Minutes not dated.

R. K. GASH, *Chairman.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

April 1, 1935 to March 31, 1936

1. Loans made to 144 candidates for the ministry, 2 candidates for medical service and 12 young women preparing for special Church service—total 158 candidates, amount sent $10,026.

2. Loans from Student Loan Fund made to 44 women and 60 men—total of 104, to the amount of $10,280.

3. Prepared literature and programs for study of our own schools, colleges and theological seminaries—seeking increase of interest, prayers and support of the whole Church for this important work.

4. Student work stressed by visits of Secretaries Sweets and Irene Hope Hudson, conferences, literature, The News Bulletin, etc.

5. From the funds of Ministerial Relief aid was sent to 543 homes of ministers and missionaries to the amount of $120,407—an increase of 16 homes and of $955 in regular appropriations paid. In Asheville Presbytery, 11 homes received $2,875.

6. The "Joy Gift" in December greatly helped us to make all the monthly payments without further reduction.

7. Started year with debt of $32,440. This debt, greatly increasing for 8 months, cost $1,903 in interest. The total amount of debt has now been PAID. Let's thank God for this!

8. Received from living donors $168,152. From other sources $56,269. Total increase $11,961. Received from Asheville Presbytery from all sources $1,322.

9. The Ministers' Annuity Fund is the great Unfinished Business of the Church. It must be completed before the numerous contemplated financial campaigns are launched for various social and philanthropic agencies. Amount already pledged $880,342. Amounts collected in unconditioned and conditioned gifts, $570,492. Many of the pledges will yet be collected. This work should be completed in the year 1937.

10. Presbytery of Asheville 1935-36.

Students for the Ministry: Bird, Taylor Osborne, Horse Shoe, N. C., care Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Brevard College, Brevard, N. C., 2nd year; Hunter, James Scott, Hendersonville, N. C., University of North Carolina, 2nd year; Keith, Merrell Anderson, Weaverville, N. C., Maryville College, 4th year; Landrum, Clyde K., Lost Creek, Ky., Morehead St. Teachers College, 4th year; Noblett, Albert Spen-

cer, Old Fort, N. C.; Reveley, Walter Taylor, Canton, N. C., Hampden-Sidney College, 1st year.

Aid granted Merrell Keith from the Assembly's Committee $60.

R. P. WALKER, *Chairman*

Report of Committee on Records of Presbytery for Oct. 15-16, 1935.

We find the records correct. We recommend that a copy be filed with Historical Foundation.

WRISTON HARTSELL
J. B. NICHOLS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

We find that about 51% of our people attend the Morning Worship and less than 25% the evening services.

There were 269 added to Church in Asheville Presbytery on profession of Faith, an average of 10 per Church. 8 Churches reported no additions on Profession of Faith.

There were 201 additions on profession of faith from our Sabbath Schools.

There are 207 Family Altars and 8 churches reporting none or no definite number.

Since a small per cent of our people are teaching the children in their homes that Churches stress the importance and duty of parents to teach the children in the home.

J. C. BRIDGES *and* WINSTON HARTSELL

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

With regard to the papers placed in our hands we submit the following recommendations:

1. Reply to the letter from the Hendersonville Church: In view of the fact that the General Assembly has asked for a 25% increase in Benevolences and the proposed amount is $250 less than that, and in view of the fact that a change now would disrupt the amounts fixed at the Fall meeting of Presbytery and require that the sum be distributed among the other churches or the whole budget be cut, the Presbytery answers this request in the negative and urges the church to make an earnest effort to reach the full amount of the goal set, recognizing that it is not an assessment but an objective.

2. Reply to the letter from King College: This Presbytery is glad to concur in the request of the Trustees of King College for the setting aside of an annual "King College Day" with its special offering for the work of the college, assuming that the Synod's Committee on Stewardship and Finance will find a convenient date that will not conflict with other church appeals and will make it clear whether or not credit will be given for this sum on the regular percentage budget.

With regard to the report which was asked by Presbytery on the subject of "Church Trading" your committee sent out a questionnaire with the following reports returned: 21 churches reported that no church trading methods were used during the past year, 2 churches reported that such methods were used but one of them said that such practices would not be continued during the ensuing year, 1 church sent a letter of explanation of policy, 4 churches did not make any report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. HAMMOND

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The Committee on Foreign Missions presents the following report:

The financial report for the past year is rather disappointing, the total receipts falling short by $10,441 of the previous year and of the Assembly's allotment of $626,836 for this cause; and along with the fact of this shortage is the further fact that, due to unexpected and emergency furloughs, $35,580 was expended beyond the Assembly's allotment—thus making a deficit this year of $46,022. This makes a total debt of $295,855, having been increased this year by the sum of $20,155. The Executive Committee, however, expresses its determination to liquidate this debt as fast as may be possible. Surely, the allotment of the Assembly is none too large when it is considered that the alloted sum is divided among 402 missionaries, 3,783 native workers, 2,198 chapels, 1,095 schools, and 22 hospitals.

While the financial report is discouraging, the report of the success of Foreign Mission endeavor is most encouraging. Notwithstanding our greatly depleted missionary force, accessions on profession of faith last year, 8,010 in number, were the largest in the history of our work excepting the year 1934 when 8,383 were received.

The one thing lacking is for the church to furnish the money or means. Our missionaries are sacrificing themselves to the limit. Our young life is laying itself upon the altar for Christ's service. And God is blessing the preaching of His Gospel to the saving of souls. We believe that the preacher is the key-man of the situation; that, if he earnestly and prayerfully presents the cause, the people will respond. Let us not fail as to this solemn responsibility that rests upon us as ministers and leaders in Christ's saving service. In this our Jubilee Year, this great cause should receive new emphasis, as was done by our first Assembly in 1861 which designated foreign missions as "the great end" of the church's organization.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman*

REPORT ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

This is the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the organization of our General Assembly. It is a fitting time to review past accomplishments and to plan for the future of this fundamental work, which has had so large a place in the life of our Church.

A search of the records reveals the fact that in 1867, when reliable figures were first available, there were 1,309 churches and 80,532 members. In the sixty-eight years following, to these original 1,309 churches, there have been added 3,718 new organizations, making a total of 5,027 churches since the organization of the Assembly in 1861. During this same period 906,335 members have been received on profession of their faith in Christ.

In 1935 the General Assembly reported 3,541 churches with a resident membership of 477,467. The lesson of these figures on church growth is that only by constantly pressing the work of extension can the losses by death and removal be overcome. There is a warning in the fact that in 1935 we had sixty fewer churches and 384 fewer Assembly Home Missionaries than we had ten years ago. This indicates the present trend and constitutes an urgent call for Home Mission advance if the Presbyterian Church is to save its own life and do its rightful share in winning our country for Christ.

During the year just ended there were 501 missionaries on the rolls of the Assembly's Committee, serving 741 churches and missions. The evangelistic outreach of the Assembly's Home Mission enterprise is seen in the fact that these workers also served 495 outpost Sunday Schools and preaching points. Through the agency of Assembly's Home Missions some mission service is rendered in more than 1,100 communities.

The total Home Mission receipts were $300,019, a decrease of $30,582. The budget receipts were $288,391, a gain of $2,998. There is much encouragement in the fact that there was an increase in receipts from churches, societies and individuals, the regular sources of income. In 1929 the total Home Mission income was $588,088, in 1934 it was $289,512, or a loss of more than 50% in five years. With the gains in regular gifts the past two years there is reason to believe that the end of the decline in Home Mission giving has been reached, that missionary salaries can soon be restored and some of the tragic Home Mission losses of the depression period regained.

It is hoped that this Jubilee Year will definitely mark the end of the retreat and the beginning of a great missionary advance. In this anniversary celebration there are two goals vitally connected with Home Missions. The first is the addition of 25,00 members

upon profession, or an increase of about fifty percent over last year. The records show that year after year the Home Mission areas of the Church have the largest percentage of increase on profession. The second goal is a thank offering of $500,000 by an increase of twenty-five percent in benevolent contributions. The Home Mission churches will share in this advance, and each church and mission should do its part in securing this Jubilee Thank Offering.

As a part of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary celebration the Home and Foreign Mission Committees are uniting in a joint mission study with a joint self-denial offering in November, when the Church will be challenged by the unity of its mission task at home and in foreign lands.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That our entire membership be called to a larger recognition of the primary place of Home Missions in the growth of the Church and the welfare of the Nation.
2. That our entire membership be called to a recognition of the necessity of providing an adequate support for our home missionaries.
3. That the period, October 11 to November 15, be set apart for a united Home and Foreign Mission Study, and that the week of November 8-15 be designated as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial with a joint offering in all the churches for these two mission causes of the Assembly.
4. That each church secure a copy of the Annual Report of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to be used in connection with this joint mission study.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman*

COMMISSION VS. ORA STREET CHURCH

A Commission composed of Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chmn., Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. O. L. Merchant and Mr. J. J. Conyers with all present except Mr. J. J. Conyers, met in the home of Rev. R. D. Bedinger, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Dendy. Dr. R. P. Smith was invited to sit with the Commission.

The following actions were then taken unanimously:

1. That the Ora Street Presbyterian Church be dissolved at once. once.
2. That, if the desire for a Sunday School be expressed, this Commission permit a Sunday School to be conducted at Ora Street under the authority of the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery.

3. That the Ora Street Church members be transferred to the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, or to the Churches of their choice.

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

SYNOD'S MINUTES

Committee on Synod's Minutes would call attention to the next meeting of Synod Sept. 15, 1936—7:30 P. M. at First Church, Chattanooga.

We would remind Presbytery that but eight churches were represented at last meeting Synod, and urge a larger attendance at next meeting.

JOHN P. SIMMONS, *Chairman*

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The attention of the Presbytery is called to the employment of Mr. John W. Hill as Manager of the Book Department of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, and the selection of the Rev. Wallace McPherson Alston as head of the Young People's Department and to the resignations of Miss Elizabeth McE. Shields as Director of the Childrens Division and of Miss Anna Branch Binford as Editor and Lesson Writer of the Young People's Division.

The attention of every minister and Ruling Elder is called to the special "Jubilee Annual Report" report of the Executive Committee, as containing in brief the history and development of Religious Education and Publication in our Assembly from its organization 1861.

The Executive announces with gratitude a slight increase in gifts to this cause during the past twelve months. The increase was in the sum of $1,969.00 and brought the total contributions to $52,769.

Your Committee announces with pleasure the employment of Mr. Robert B. DuPree as a special summer worker in our Presbytery for Vacation Bible Schools, conferences, and rallies, on the same basis as last year. A schedule is being worked out so that every church so desiring may have the services of a special worker.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE PRESBYTERY

1. That every minister and family be urged to patronize the Presbyterian Book Store in Richmond, as this is our own store and the profits from the store go directly into the benevolent work of the Church.

2. That every Church and Sunday School observe Rally Day, October 4th, with an appropriate program, and that a generous offering be encouraged.

3. That Pastors and Sessions give earnest consideration to the using of the Sunday morning services, October 4th, as an appropriate occasion for stressing (1) the Church's spiritual obligation to its children; (2) the duty of parents to teach their children the fundamentals of religion in their own homes; and (3) the consecration of officers and teachers to their task of service in the Master's name as they begin a new year of work.

4. That, in connection with Rally Day, each congregation undertake, if advisable, a religious survey of the community with a view to discovering and presenting to the congregation the spiritual possibilities of the community for evangelism and organization during the fall.

5. That Young People's groups adopt the Vacation Church School Fund as their special religious Education objective for Jubilee Year, realizing that this is a part of the Church's regular Religious Education Budget.

6. That during Jubilee Year every church be urged to present one or more of the special "Jubilee Training Courses" in a special class, at prayer meeting, or at some other convenient time.

7. That the new course prepared for church officers, *"Elders and Deacons: their Office and Work"*, be heartily commended to every Session and Diaconate in the Presbytery for group study during the summer or fall.

8. That we urge every church in the Presbytery to undertake a Vacation Church School some time during the summer months.

9. That Ministers and Sessions urge their young people to send their representatives to the Synodical Young People's Conference at Sullins College, Bristol, Va., on June 16-23rd.

10. That the Presbyterial Intermediate-Young People's Conference be held this year at Montreat on June 8-13, and that every church be urged to make a special effort to see that one or more delegates attend this conference.

11. That we commend the women of the Presbyterial for their cooperation and help in the work of the Young People and that we urge our young people to attend in full force the Rally to be held during the meeting of the Presbyterial at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville on May 1st at 4 P. M.

12. That we commend to the religious educational workers in our Presbytery the Leadership Training School being held in Montreat, August 13-27, as a fine opportunity for training for teachers,

officers of the Sunday School, and religious educational workers.

13. That our Presbytery approve the campaign for Assembly's Training School and that we urge every church to enter this campaign in a most hearty way.

14. That Mr. Robert B. DuPree be engaged as a special summer worker and that he be paid the sum of $100.00 to be taken from delegathe funds of Religious Education.

J. A. FLANAGAN

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

26 Churches
29 Schools
148 Cradle Roll
217 Home Dept.
325 Officers & Teachers
3928 Total Membership
210 Added on Confession
$1069—Benevolences.
$2336—Current Expenses.
264—Miscellaneous Contributions.

$3669 Grand Total.

RESOLUTIONS

To the Pastor and his wife, Officers and members of the Murphy Church:

Your Committee on Resolutions desires to emphasize the thanks of Presbytery for the hospitality shown at this spring meeting in 1936.

We are especially grateful to the ladies for our entertainment at the manse.

The accommodations afforded at the homes and at the Regal Hotel were highly appreciated and enjoyed.

We desire to thank the music committee of the church for their leadership.

We commend the church for its independent support and the fine spiritual atmosphere and unity; and pray our Lord's richest blessing on Pastor Long and his congregation in this community.

Resolved we show our appreciation by a standing vote, and that this report be read to the congregation on Sunday morning.

(Signed) R. P. WALKER, *Chairman.*

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following were excused:

1. From Tuesday evening session: A. L. Leach, S. W. Black, J. L. Evans, L. B. Nichols and Rev. S. R. Crockett.
2. Wednesday morning: Dr. R. C. Anderson.
3. From attendance on this meeting: Rev. E. D. McMahan, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Rev. W. C. Wauchope.

S. H. LONG, *Chairman*

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Waynesville Church for the fall meeting.

The Statistical Report was presented and ordered printed in the minutes and forwarded to the General Assembly.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Principals	MINISTERS	*Alternates*
Rev. J. W. Caldwell		Rev. J. R. Sevier
Rev. R. D. Bedinger		Rev. L. T. Wilds
	ELDERS	
M. W. Bell		R. L. Gash
S. R. McKee		E. C. Dickinson

Presbytery took recess for 10 minutes.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:15.

Your Committee on Nominations would make the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. J. C. Bridges be assigned to the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion to take the place of Rev. C. R. McCarty.
2. Stewardship Committee: W. B. Ferguson in place of G. H. Wright; Whiteford Smith in place of J. H. McCollenn; G. C. Summerow in place of J. T. Bailey.
3. Rev. W. W. Hartsell to preach the Presbyterial Sermon at Fall Meeting of Presbytery and that he be permitted to choose his subject.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

Dr. K. J. Foreman preached the Doctrinal Sermon on the Inspiration of the Scriptures, text Hebrews 1:1.

In commemorating the Lord's Supper, Rev. J. A. Flanagan dispensed the bread and Rev. Wriston Hartsell, the wine.

Memorials of Dr. R. P. Smith and Rev. C. R. McCarty were read.

REV. R. P. SMITH, D. D.

Rev. Robert Perry Smith, D. D., died at his home in Asheville, N. C., February 4, 1936, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

When God calls a man to a particular work, He fits him by His overruling providence for that work. This is signally illustrated in the life of Dr. Smith, who was called of God to labor for forty years in the mountains of Western North Carolina, as Superintendent of Home Missions in Asheville Presbytery. The most fruitful part of his work was the establishing and fostering of mission schools in the years before the widespread interest in public education in the state, and the founding of the Mountain Orphanage.

This called not only for executive ability of a high order, but also for sympathetic knowledge and appreciation of young people in their needs and struggles. Dr. Smith left indelible marks on the character of everyone of the hundreds of boys and girls whose lives he touched. He won them by his gentleness and tact, and guided them by his wise and strong counsel. They recognized in him a friend who, because he loved both wisely and well, could not be satisfied with anything short of their very best efforts.

Now, see how God prepared him for this work. Near the close of the War Between the States, he was left fatherless at the age of twelve. While working on the farm to help support his mother and the younger children, he attended the neighboring schools as opportunity offered. Thus the importance of training hand as well as head and heart, which became fundamental in his educational creed, grew out of his own experience, and the hardships of his boyhood gave him living sympathy with young people facing similar conditions. His Sunday-school superintendent and his teacher, seeing in the boy promise of great usefulness, furnished him with the means to complete his education. When later he desired to refund the money, these friends declined to accept it, saying that the only return they asked was that he would pass on to other struggling young people the kindness he had received. This he did in abundant measure. Not only did he expend much more in the education of boys and girls than he had received from these friends, but he and his good wife opened the door of their home as the half-way house and refuge of these young people in the intervals of their progress. Because of his gathering in his arms so many of the lambs of Christ's flock and bringing them into the fold, he came to be known as "The Shepherd of the Hills."

After his graduation from Davidson College and before entering

Columbia Theological Seminary, Dr. Smith taught for two years in the Female Academy at Reidsville, S. C., and after leaving the Seminary, he served for nine years as head of the Academy, and for three years as President of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, giving his time on Saturdays and Sundays to mission churches in the country. Again we see in these years of school and college work, supplemented by his care of mission churches, providential preparation for the fruitful labors of his later life.

Dr. Smith had three successful pastorates, the first in the Bullocks Creek and Mount Pleasant Churches, 1887-89, the second at Blackstock, 1890-93, the third at Gastonia 1893-96. In 1896 the Presbytery of Asheville was created out of that part of Mecklenburg Presbytery, including eleven counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The mother Presbytery, which had just secured Dr. Smith as Superintendent of Home Missions, very generously agreed to lend him for half his time to the new Presbytery. He served both until 1898, when he became full-time Superintendent in Asheville Presbytery. From 1905 to 1909 he served as Superintendent of Home Missions of the Synod of North Carolina in addition to his work as Superintendent in the Presbytery.

Dr. Smith's work was by no means limited to the care of the schools and the orphanage. He was eyes, ears, hands, and feet to the Committee of Home Missions, which had general supervision of the work. He traveled through the valleys and over the mountains and far back into the coves, by all sorts of transportation, in buggies, in wagons, on horse-back and mule-back, with or without saddle, and often on foot. He preached to the people in churches, schoolhouses and groves, by the wayside, and from house to house. He planned most of the forty church, school, and manse buildings, erected during his time of service, purchased the materials and superintended the erection from start to finish. Besides organizing churches and schools and fostering them with his personal care, he searched for suitable preachers and teachers to take charge of them, and did much by his own example to inspire these workers with the spirit of courage, consecration and self-sacrifice.

No wonder that when his body lay in state in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, hundreds of people of all denominations, and in all walks of life, came from all parts of this mountain country, to look for the last time on his face, and to show their love and devotion to the memory of this man of God, who poured out his life in service to his fellowmen in the name and spirit of Christ, the Good Shepherd, who has called home "The Shepherd of the Hills" to receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

R. F. C.

THE REVEREND CHARLES RAYMOND McCARTY

The Reverend Charles Raymond McCarty was born October 12, 1904 and died March 7, 1935.

For six years he was the beloved pastor of our church in Highlands, N. C.; their only pastor and his only pastorate.

He graduated at Davidson College in 1926; and Columbia Seminary in 1930. Between college and seminary he taught one year; and while in the seminary he was Summer Supply in Highlands. He was licensed by Asheville Presbytery at the Spring Meeting 1930 and ordained by a Commission of Presbytery in the Fall of the same year, at which time Highlands Church was organized with twenty-three members and he was installed pastor. Under his leadership the church now reports sixty-three members.

Rev. Chas. R. McCarty and Miss Nancy Jane Crockett were married in December, 1933. His father, Rev. Dr. S. L. McCarty of Augusta, Ga., and her father, the Rev. Dr. S. R. Crockett of Franklin, N. C., together, performed the marriage ceremony.

To the young wife, so soon and so suddenly bereft of her husband; and to all others of the family, the members of Asheville Presbytery would extend their prayerful sympathy.

The funeral service was conducted by two of his brother ministers in the Highlands Church, March 9th at 10:30 A. M. Twelve other ministers were present, and the assembly of those who had known and loved him was so large that the spacious village church auditorium could not accommodate all the people. The Boy Scouts with banners displayed stood at attention in front of the church.

The writer heard Brother McCarty preach only once. It was a very impressive message on Peter's shadow, our unconscious influence for good. To those of us who knew him, that sermon was a good cross-section of his life. Two marked attributes of this young minister were: his beautiful Christian Modesty and his strikingly winsome personality.

"To know him was to love him."

"He walked with God, and he was not; for God took him."

(Signed) R. P. WALKER, *For Asheville Presbytery.*

The minutes were read and approved.

After singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Benediction.

O. C. LANDRUM, *Moderator,*
W. A. MURRAY, *Stated Clerk.*

J. A. FLANAGAN, *Temporary Clerk.*

Next Stated Meeting, Waynesville, N. C., October 13, 1936, at 11:00 A. M.

attest: W. A. Murray, S. C.

Moderator O. C. Landrum

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Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Numb ministers

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	OFFICERS: ELDERS	OFFICERS: DEACONS	COMMUN: ADDED ON CONFESSION	COMMUN: ADDED ON
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.					
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.					
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.					
R. D. Bedinger, S.H.M.Ev.	Asheville, N. C.					
J. C. Bridges, S. S.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain†	6	6	12	
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat†	6	6	4	
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First†	23	26	43	
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.					
V. A. Crawford, F.M.	Kochi, Japan					
W. F. Creson, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	10	18	30	
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.					
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	5	11	13	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Dillingham	2	3	45	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Red Oak				
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Ivy Park	3	2		
F. M. Eversole	Bristol, Tenn.					
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	2	4	2	
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison	3	3	20	
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	2			
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.					
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	8	10	22	
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.					
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	9	5	
Wriston Hartsell, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*†	3	9		
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	5	3		
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	2	1	1	
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*†	4	4	4	
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak†	3	2		
S. H. Long, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	4	4	1	
S. H. Long, P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	17	
S. H. Long, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	2		
E. D. McMahan	Fayetteville, N. C.					
W. A. Murray, S. C.	Leicester, N. C.					
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	8	8	34	
C. B. Ratchford	Hendersonville, N. C.					
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.					
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.					
J. P. Simmons, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson-Rver*†	5	5	6	
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	5	5	6	
W. C. Wauchope	Black Mountain, N. C.					
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	13	12	10	
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City S. S.	3	2		
	Canton, N. C.	Bethel S. S.	2			
	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands V.†	3			
		TOTALS	132	151	269	

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1936

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers 32; Number of churches 28; Number of candidates 6; Number of installations 1; Number of churches dissolved 2: Robert Bingham, Ora Street; Number of ministers deceased: Rev. R. P. Smith, D. D., died Feb. 4, 1936, age 85, Rev. E. R. McCarty, died March 7, 1936, age 31.

Ministers and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificates	Communicants: Net Membership End of Year	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Benevolent Funds Collected: Total Sabbath School Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	Orphan's Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Collected: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions	Sustentation
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																											
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																											
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																						$ 2400.00					
R. D. Bedinger, S.H.M.Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																											
J. C. Bridges, S. S.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain†	6	6	12	4	152	9	1	238	$ 82.00	$ 44.00	$ 21.00	$ 10.00		$ 2.00			$ 53.00	$ 49.00	$ 103.00	$ 1350.00		$ 361.00				
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat†	6	6	4	13	205	1		230	491.00	311.00	135.00		9.00	6.00	10.00	23.00	347.00	392.00	617.00	$ 2250.00		$ 1009.00		$ 245.00		$ 91.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville First†	23	26	43	33	1191	6	14	977	2501.00	1300.00	679.00	207.00	55.00	39.00	63.00		1933.00	1274.00	3087.00	4250.00		10908.00		3200.00	1662.00	122.00
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																											
V. A. Crawford, F.M.	Kochi, Japan																											
W. F. Creson, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	10	18	30	8	368	23	1	341	131.00	77.00	58.00	16.00	4.00	3.00	4.00		265.00	65.00	165.00	2000.00		1556.00				
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																											
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	5	11	13	11	167	9	1	165	89.00	54.00	58.00	17.00	2.00	1.00	3.00		53.00	33.00	92.00	1200.00	1200.00	833.00	21.00	1348.00	139.00	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Dillingham	2	3	45	2	158	27	2	120	14.00	6.00	9.00	1.00					11.00	6.00	15.00	13.00		75.00		245.00		
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Red Oak					11			35	3.00										1.00			21.00				
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Ivy Park	3	2		2	32	2		60	7.00	4.00	2.00	1.00					11.00	3.00	9.00			27.00				
F. M. Eversole	Bristol, Tenn.																											
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	2	4	2	2	54			56	49.00	34.00	23.00	20.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		26.00	21.00	61.00	581.00	900.00	234.00			30.00	11.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison	3	3	20	2	48	15	3	48	17.00	10.00	8.00	5.00		1.00			11.00	9.00	23.00	215.00		95.00	1.00			
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	2				10			11											1.00	27.00		11.00				
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																											
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	8	10	22	60	237	9	3	213	117.00	71.00	39.00	21.00	3.00	2.00	3.00		64.00	69.00	152.00	1800.00		1119.00		636.00		
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																						1745.00					
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	9	5	4	183	3		115	191.00	100.00	51.00	15.00	5.00	3.00	4.00		115.00	87.00	229.00	2100.00		961.00			40.00	21.00
Wriston Hartsell, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*†	3	9		2	94		1	118	5.00	7.00	8.00	3.00			1.00		8.00	4.00	12.00	900.00		236.00		260.00	23.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	5	3		3	107		1	90	60.00	30.00	16.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		38.00	30.00	73.00	500.00	800.00	131.00		293.00	30.00	
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	2	1	1	10	33	1		45	21.00	17.00	12.00	6.00		1.00	1.00		11.00	9.00	22.00	100.00		60.00				
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*†	4	4	4	5	75	4		161	35.00	18.00	8.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		22.00	18.00	43.00	308.00	875.00	281.00		75.00		
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak†	3	2		1	23			37	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		2.00	1.00	5.00	35.00	300.00	12.00		12.00		
S. H. Long, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	4	4	1	2	60			38												630.00	140.00	119.00				
S. H. Long, P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	17		34	17		68	3.00	4.00	7.00	3.00					2.00	2.00	7.00	133.00		29.00				
S. H. Long, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	2			26			34	18.00	16.00	7.00	1.00	1.00				11.00	9.00	26.00	360.00		72.00		12.00		
E. D. McMahan	Fayetteville, N. C.																						100.00					
W. A. Murray, S. C.	Leicester, N. C.																											
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	8	8	34	4	206	20		162	98.00	49.00	28.00	12.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	64.00	41.00	108.00	1800.00		100.00		428.00	63.00	16.00
C. B. Ratchford	Hendersonville, N. C.																											
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																											
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																											
J. P. Simmons, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson-River*†	5	5	6	7	152	2		96	70.00	20.00	35.00	14.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	31.00	31.00	53.00	1200.00		580.00		523.00	117.00	
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	5	5	6	7	152	2		96	70.00	20.00	35.00	14.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	31.00	31.00	53.00	1900.00		580.00		523.00	117.00	
W. C. Wauchope	Black Mountain, N. C.																											
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	13	12	10	24	507	6	11	282	687.00	357.00	156.00	57.00	18.00	12.00	15.00	174.00	550.00	178.00	858.00	2700.00		3031.00				
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City S. S.	3	2		2	40		2	32	37.00	10.00	4.00	6.00	1.00	1.00			62.00	7.00	31.00	528.00		138.00		666.00	16.00	
	Canton, N. C.	Bethel S. S.	2				47				14.00	7.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.00	9.00		17.00	135.00						
	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands V.†	3				65			47	21.00	10.00	11.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	15.00	12.00	28.00	940.00	600.00					
		TOTALS	132	151	269	201	4238	154	40	3819	$ 4765.00	$ 2558.00	$ 1379.00	$ 432.00	$ 99.00	$ 80.00	$ 117.00	$ 211.00	$ 3714.00	$ 2350.00	$ 5838.00	25255.00	$ 9060.00	21999.00	$ 22.00	$ 7943.00	$ 2120.00	$ 261.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

Presbytery of Asheville

IN ITS

EIGHTY-FIRST
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

AND

CALL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 1936.

FALL MEETING
WAYNESVILLE CHURCH
WAYNESVILLE, N. C.
October 13-14, 1936.

Moderator—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Asheville, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. W. A. Murray, Leicester, N. C.

Treasurer, Evangelist and Superintendent of Home Missions—Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Asheville, N. C.

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Messrs. J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, Granville Taylor, O. L. Merchant, R. E. Magill, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. I. J. Archer, E. E. White.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.
4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. S. H. Long, J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. O. C. Landrum, G. C. Summerow.
6. **Religious Education**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Dr. J. R. Sevier, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, S. C. Clapp, D. B. Burns, R. L. Prevost, O. L. Merchant, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. J. C. Bridges, C. L. Grey, W. W. Hartsell.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. P. N. Gresham, E. J. Griset.
9. **Stewardship**—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Dr. I. J. Archer, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. T. A. Painter, H. A. Yeomans, W. B. Ferguson, G. C. Summerow, W. H. McMurray, Whiteford Smith.
10. **Schools and Colleges**—Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. W. H. Adams, W. H. McMurray.
11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, Theo. D. Morrison, G. H. Wright.

Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring of 1938; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring of 1937.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.

Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Languages, Thesis and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.

Sciences—Rev. W. A. Murray, Rev. O. C. Landrum.

Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Walker.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Annuity Fund—R. E. Magill, Chmn., Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. F. Campbell, G. C. Summerow, M. W. Bell, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay.

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FALL MEETING

Waynesville, N. C., October 13, 1936.

The Eighty-First Session of Asheville Presbytery met in the Waynesville Church at 11:00 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. O. C. Landrum, from Amos 5:24. Subject: "Righteousness."

After Presbytery was constituted with prayer, the roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Bridges, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, W. F. Creson, S. R. Crockett, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, Wriston Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders—J. J. Conyers, Asheville First; Dr. A. E. Knoefel, Black Mountain; J. T. Bailey, Canton; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. E. Lancaster, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; Dr. J. S. Brown, Hendersonville; W. R. Reed, Kenilworth; J. B. Osborne, Mills River; C. C. Lord, Montreat; M. W. Bell, Murphy; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; J. A. Edwards, West Asheville.

Rev. P. N. Gresham was elected Moderator and Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Temporary Clerk.

The following hours of daily sessions were adopted:

2:00 P. M.-4 P. M.
7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.
9:00 A. M.-12:30 P. M.
2:00 P. M.

Dr. R. S. Truesdale of the M. E. Church South and Dr. Albert New of the Episcopal Church were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting Brethren.

The first order of the day for this afternoon will be the report of the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Revs. H. B. Dendy, S. H. Long and W. C. Wauchope were excused from attendance on this session.

The unprinted minutes were read as information.

After prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Presbytery took recess till 2:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M., and was led in prayer by Rev. R. C. Anderson.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Rev. O. C. Landrum, Rev. S. L. Crockett, Elders C. C. Lord, G. C. Summerow.
2. *Judiciary*—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, J. H. Gruver, Dr. R. F. Campbell, J. B. Osborne, Wriston Hartsell.
3. *Records of Presbytery*—T. A. Painter, J. J. Conyers, J. E. Lancaster.
4. *Minutes of the General Assembly*—Dr. J. R. Sevier, R. D. Bedinger, W. P. Chedester, R. P. Walker.
5. *Auditing*—W. H. McMurray, J. A. Edwards, Dr. J. S. Brown.
6. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, H. T. Lindsley, W. R. Reed.
7. *Nominations*—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, W. H. Adams.
8. *Resolutions (Privately)*—(G. B. Hammond).

Dr. L. T. Wilds spoke on the Special Day of Prayer on November 22, 1936.

Deacons J. B. Nichols of Swannanoa and F. S. Foster of West Asheville were introduced to Presbytery.

A communication from the Treasurer of Presbytery was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

A letter from Assembly's Training School was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The resignation of Rev. W. F. Creson as pastor of the West Asheville Church was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee called on the following Sub-Chairmen for reports:

1. Department of Stewardship, Rev. T. A. Painter, Chairman.
2. Evaluation, Dr. R. P. Walker.
3. Special Days and Church Loyalty, Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

Following the reading of these reports, the roll of the churches was called, and representatives of the churches discussed the work of their churches and their State of Religion.

Dr. R. C. Anderson reported as Trustee of Davidson, and as President of Montreat College.

Dr. J. R. Sevier spoke on the Diamond Jubilee Celebration by the Assembly.

These addresses were received as information and Dr. Bedinger was authorized to distribute the reports to the churches.

After a season of Silent Prayer, Presbytery took recess at 4:10 p. m., to attend the laying of the corner stone of the Hazelwood Church.

EVENING SESSION

Presbytery met at 7:30 p. m. After musical worship, Rev. Wriston Hartsell led in prayer.

Rev. T. A. Painter gave a most instructive and searching address on Stewardship.

Loyalty was discussed by Dr. J. W. Caldwell, with especial reference to church courts. Loyalty was defined as being true to plighted faith and duty, as co-workers with Christ.

The committee on Bills and Overtures, to whom Rev. W. F. Creson's resignation as pastor of West Asheville church, was committed, recommended:

1. That the resignation of Rev. W. F. Creson be accepted and the pastoral relation be dissolved.
2. That a letter of dismissal be granted whenever needed.

After a statement from Elder J. O. Edwards that the congregation concerned in the request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation. The recommendations were adopted, the pastoral relation was dissolved, and the stated clerk was instructed to issue Rev. W. F. Creson a letter of dismissal whenever requested.

Rev. J. H. Gruver spoke on the work and needs of our Orphanage.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. G. B. Hammond.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

October 14, 1936.

Presbytery met at 9:00 a. m. Rev. W. H. Hutchison conducted the devotional period in a most helpful manner.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

An overture to the Assembly was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. R. F. Campbell made an oral report on Home Missions.

The Foreign Mission Report was read and docketed till after action on the Stewardship report.

The following amended Stewardship Report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

October 13, 1936.

Your committee wishes to submit the following recommendations:

I. That the regular Contingent Fee be fixed at $ .15 per member.

II. That the Benevolence goals for the churches be set as follows:

Class A (Churches whose membership exceeds 350)	
Asheville First	$13,350
Hendersonville	3,500
West Asheville	650
Class B (Churches whose membership is less than 350)	
Montreat	$ 2,500
Canton	700
Brevard	550
Kenilworth	500
Waynesville	450
Swannanoa	400
Black Mountain	350
Bryson City	175
Oak Forest	100
Murphy	100
Andrews	75
Hayesville	35
Class C (Churches receiving Home Mission Aid)	
Weaverville	$ 400
Mills River	250
Franklin	225
Hazelwood	150
Bethel	100
Highlands	100
Dillingham	100
Etowah	85

Morrison	75
White Oak	30
Ivy Park	25
Red Oak	15
Slagle Memorial	10
Total	$25,000

III. That the Benevolence percentages be as follows:

For the work within the Presbytery		47%
Presbytery's Home Missions	28%	
Mountain Orphanage	14%	
Montreat College	5%	
For the work of Synod		8%
Synod's Work	3%	
King College	5%	
For General Assembly's Causes		45%
Foreign Missions	25%	
Assembly's Home Missions	12%	
Christian Education and Min. Relief	5%	
Religious Education and Pub.	2%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.4%	

IV. That this Presbytery, in view of a sentiment that the Synod is morally responsible for the debts of its institutions while at the same time the average member of Synod is not posted on the matter unless he makes special request, hereby overtures the Synod of Appalachia to print, beginning with 1937, each year in its Annual Minutes in connection with the financial reports of King College and Stonewall Jackson College, a plain statement showing the total indebtedness of the institution in two parts: (1) debts incurred through new construction, (2) operating deficits.

V. That a committee be appointed to look into the matter of ministers' salaries, in view of two facts; first, that a practice contrary to Presbyterian law has grown up during the years of depression of changing the salary of a minister without the consent of Presbytery to any change in the original contract approved by the Presbytery, second, that business reports show an increase over the lean years of the depression while no corresponding increase is shown in church giving. For the encouragement of churches not ready to take on a permanent increase attention is called to the possibility of the payment of a supplement each year until ready to incur a permanent obligation.

VI. That the recommendations of the Sub-committee on Stewardship of Presbytery's Jubilee Committee be included in this report as follows:

(1) That every church of the Presbytery look up its gifts to each cause last year and then make an earnest effort to give 25% more to each cause; but this shall be only a minimum amount, sacrificial love for Christ and His cause throughout the world being a compelling motive to go as far in giving as possible.

(2) That in following out this plan each church and organization in the church shall send its special offerings through Presbytery's Central Treasurer, (Dr. R. D. Bedinger), as usual.

That we reaffirm the action of Presbytery regarding Benevolent gifts taken at the Spring meeting held at Hendersonville in 1935, calling attention to the fact that this action permits any church, or organization of the church, or any individual, to designate their gifts. But if such designation is made, it should be done in writing to the Central Treasurer of Presbytery.

(3) We again urge the pastors to make a study with their people of the tithe: and that a determined effort be made during the remaining six months of this Jubilee Year to enlist as many tithers as possible. Note: The General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery have urged the churches to tithe for the entire year: but, since only six months are left, we earnestly urge a real trial of this plan. We again suggest the distribution of the Layman Company's (720 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.) Tithing Literature.

(4) The Committee suggests to Presbytery that wherever a pastor and his church desire it a special committee be made available to meet with said pastor and church to confer with them in regard to this important matter of Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. HAMMOND.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. Wriston Hartsell, on Hebrews 11:6. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Subject: "Faith."

Revs. S. R. Crockett and G. B. Hammond administered the elements for the Presbyterial Communion.

The following commissioners to the General Assembly made their reports, which were adopted: Dr. J. R. Sevier, Col. S. R. McKee, M. W. Bell and Rev. R. D. Bedinger, who were commended for their diligence.

Dr. K. J. Foreman was excused from this meeting.

Presbytery took recess for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Dr. K. J. Foreman was excused from attendance on this meeting. The following reports were adopted:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Reports from our Foreign Missions field of service are most encouraging, especially as indicated by God's blessing upon the work in the matter of accessions on profession of faith in Jesus Christ, the number reported being 8,010, the second largest ingathering in the history of the work. The receipts for the year ending March 31st, 1936, totaled $662,395.50, being $10,441.48 less than the year previous, and increasing the debt on this work by the amount of $20,155.43.

Perhaps we cannot do better than to recommend to the Presbytery the following recommendations, which were adopted by our General Assembly of this year:

1. That the attention of every Church in the Assembly with its organizations be called to the fact that the Executive Committee of Home Missions and of Foreign Missions are coming together in a joint presentation of their work to the Church during October and November, and that all the churches of the Assembly be asked to unite in making this the greatest missionary year in the history of our Church.

2. That the joint mission study season (Foreign and Home), October 11 through November 15, be observed in all our churches as the time of church-wide rededication to the world task of Christian missions, and that the whole Church be called to her knees before God in prayer and earnest supplication for this work.

3. That every organization in our Church, men, women, Sunday School, and young people, be urged during this session to organize or take part in the Schools of Missions, or to organize among themselves special Mission Study Classes. The approved joint mission text book for adult and young people for this year is 'With Christ Into Tomorrow,' by Rev. Hunter B. Blakely, D. D.

4. That every Church in the Assembly with its organizations be asked to observe November 8-15 as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home and Foreign Missions, and that all sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the churches during this season.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your Committee feels that very definite progress is being made in the field of Religious Education in our Presbytery as we come

to understand better the objectives before us and the better organization of our forces to meet these objectives.

Summer Workers.

This year four summer workers have been used in the field. Mr. Merrill Keith assisted the Rev. H. B. Dendy in the Dillingham field with fine results. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. DuPree of South Carolina and Miss Thelma Garrette of Lynchburg, Va., rendered invaluable assistance in various fields of the Presbytery: Mr. and Mrs. DuPree working in the Vacation Bible School in Weaverville, Davidson River, and Morrison, the Young People's Camp at Dillingham, the Intermediate Conference in Montreat, and the revival services in Mills River and Morrison, while Miss Garrette assisted in the Intermediate Conference, the Young People's Camp, and the Vacation Bible Schools in Dillingham, Weaverville, and Hazelwood. In addition to these schools, other schools were held in Kenilworth, West Asheville, Hendersonville, Mountain Orphanage, Lakey Gap, Montreat Chapel.

Intermediate Conference.

Our conference continues to grow in numbers, enthusiasm, and spirituality, as it met this year in Montreat, June 8-13, with 55 delegates and 10 leaders in attendance. The theme for the conference was "Adventuring with the Pioneer of Life." The splendid cooperation of the Montreat management, the spirit of the Leaders and delegates, and the atmosphere of Montreat, all helped to make this our very best conference. The conference was self-supporting and a small balance was left in the Treasury for the coming year.

Young People's Rallies.

Two Rallies for our young people have been held during this current church year, the first being held in Asheville at the First Presbyterian Church in May, and the second in Bristol during the Y. P. Conference in June. Our young people are getting better organized and with better acquaintances among the young people and leaders through the Rallies and conferences we feel that this part of the work will be developed very rapidly in the Presbytery.

Delegates to the Young People's Council.

Three of our young people, Misses Mildred Howell and Olive Croswell, and Mr. Babson Bulgin, were delegates to the Young People's Council meeting in Montreat during July.

The following recommendations are made by your Committee:

1. That Presbytery approve the holding of an Intermediate Y. P. Conference in Montreat next year.

2. That Presbytery recommend to the young people of the Presbytery for their adoption as their special Diamond Jubilee Year Religious Educational Objective, "The Vacation Church School Fund," with the understanding that this is not an "extra," but a part of the regular Religious Educational Budget of the Church.

3. That we urge every pastor and session to give serious consideration to the "Jubilee Leadership Training Courses" and request that at least one of these be used by every church in the Presbytery. (For information see Recommendation 14, Minutes of the General Assembly).

4. That Presbytery approve the securing of a worker or workers for special summer work under the direction of the Committee on Religious Education.

5. That, if possible, a special one-day conference on Leadership Training be held somewhere in the Presbytery, to which shall be invited all religious educational workers and pastors of the Presbytery.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

Because so many preachers need better preparation for the work of the Ministry, and because so many preachers are eager to obtain a better education:

Asheville Presbytery hereby overtures the General Assembly to instruct our Theological Seminaries to conduct at Montreat or elsewhere a Summer School of Theology for Ministers with a sufficient number of credit courses, if possible, to meet the demand leading to the degrees of Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology; and that these courses be offered to all Ministers at nominal cost.

WRISTON HARTSELL.
PAUL GRESHAM.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your committee recommends that these brethren be excused, as follows:

Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. W. F. Creson and Elder J. A. Edwards at the 4 o'clock recess Tuesday.

Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. J. R. Sevier and Elders J. S. Brown and J. D. Osborne after the laying of the corner stone of the Hazelwood Church.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HUTCHISON,
H. C. LINDSLEY.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Rev. W. S. Hutchison to take the place of the Rev. W. F. Creson on the Home Mission Committee.

2. Mr. Granville Taylor to take the place of Mr. J. H. McConnell on the Home Mission Committee, and Mr. R. R. Williams to be added to the Committee.

3. Rev. O. C. Landrum to take the place of Rev. W. S. Hutchison on the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

4. Rev. T. A. Painter to take the place of Rev. J. P. Simmons on the Committee of Stewardship.

5. W. H. McMurray to take the place of D. S. Walton as a Trustee of the Presbytery.

6. Dr. R. P. Walker to preach the Presbyterial sermon, using a subject of his own choosing.

ANNUITY FUND

Mr. R. E. Magill, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. O. C. Landrum, L. T. Wilds, R. F. Campbell, G. C. Summerow, M. W. Bell, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay.

J. A. FLANAGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Oct. 14, 1936.

Resolved: That the Presbytery by a rising vote, express its sincere appreciation for the cordial hospitality of the pastor, Dr. R. P. Walker and of the congregation of the Waynesville Church, and of the people of Waynesville and Hazelwood, who opened their homes to us. We appreciate, not only their provision of food and shelter, but also the graciousness of their hospitality in the added beauty of music and flowers.

We pray God's richest blessing upon pastor and people and upon all who made our stay here a happy one.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. HAMMOND, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 12, 1936.

As Treasurer of the Presbytery I am faced with several most embarrassing situations. I am, therefore, making a report of our Treasury as relating to Assembly, Synodical and Presbyterial Assessments with the hope that it will be referred to some proper Committee for action and advice.

Seven Churches have not yet remitted the special Diamond Jubilee four cent tax. The sum amounts to $48.28.

Eleven Churches have not yet remitted their Presbyterial Assessments for anywhere from one to five years *prior* to April 1, 1936. This sum amounts to $399.38.

I have paid all arrear Assembly and Synodical Assessments, the bill for the printing of the Spring Minutes of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk's salary and office expenses up to January 1, 1937. In order to do this I have borrowed $300.00 on which I am paying 6 per cent interest. The Assembly Assessment for the current year, due April 1, 1937, of course has not been paid.

I desire Presbytery to advise as to future policy.

Shall I continue to borrow money with which to meet our obligations?

Shall we print the Fall Minutes of Presbytery if the money is not in the Treasury?

Of course if the arrear assessments could be remitted any time soon our problem would be solved. Several Churches have remitted since the last meeting of Presbytery.

Cordially yours,

R. D. BEDINGER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

The auditing committee has received and studied the report of the Presbytery's Treasurer relating to assessments.

Your committee recommends that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery write a letter to the delinquent churches informing them that Presbytery urges and insists that the delinquent Presbyterial taxes, otherwise known as the contingent fee, be met with the least possible delay.

Further, because the honor and good name of our Presbytery are at stake, the Treasurer of Presbytery be authorized to continue borrowing the money necessary to meet obligations. That the delinquent churches be granted a period of grace to complete the payment. But in case these payments have not been met in full by April 1st, 1937, that the interest on the borrowed money be prorated to the delinquent churches as an additional assessment for 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McMURRAY, Auditing Committee.

Dr. R. P. Walker gave an informing report on the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The records of Presbytery were found in order and approved.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Swannanoa Church for the Spring Meeting.

Rev. T. A. Painter, W. H. McMurray and W. A. Murray were appointed the committee on Devotional Exercises for the Spring Meeting.

Rev. W. H. Adams was requested to write to Rev. A. J. Luels of New Mexico sending him the greetings of Asheville Presbytery.

The Minutes were read and approved. After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," prayer and the benediction, Presbytery adjourned. P. N. Gresham, Moderator, W. A. Murray, Stated Clerk, J. A. Flanagan, Temporary Clerk.

NEXT STATED MEETING

Swannanoa, N. C.

April 13, 1937, at 11:00 A. M.

Approved: Clyde Walsh Mod

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Official Copy
J. A. Zhandgau.
Stated Clerk.

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CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., August 24, 1936.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Church and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Adams.

There were present:

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. D. Bedinger, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray.

Elder—J. A. Miller, Brevard-Davidson River Church.

The following call was read and found in order:

Hazelwood, N. C., August 10, 1936.

"The constitutional requirements having been met the Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the First Church, Asheville, N. C., August 24, 1936, at 10:00 A. M., to act on the resignation of Rev. J. P. Simmons as Pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church and all matters related thereto."

O. C. LANDRUM, *Moderator.*

Rev. J. P. Simmons offered his resignation as Pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church and requested a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of East Mississippi in order that he might accept a call to the Church at Corinth, Mississippi.

After a statement from Mr. Simmons that he felt it his duty to accept the call and the reading of the minutes of the congregational meeting of the Brevard-Davidson River Church, regretfully concurring in the request for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation, his resignation was accepted and a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of East Mississippi was granted.

There were several expressions of affection for Mr. Simmons and appreciation for his work.

Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, of the Presbytery of Lehigh, U. S. A., Rev. S. B. Harry, of the Presbytery of Indianapolis, U. S. A., and Rev. C. F. Monk, of the Presbytery of Atlanta, were present and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. B. Harry.

O. C. LANDRUM, *Moderator.*
W. A. MURRAY, *Stated Clerk.*

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., December 15, 1936.

The Presbytery of Asheville met pursuant to the call of the Moderator in the study of the First Church and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell.

The following were present:

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, Wriston Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, W. A. Murray, T. A. Painter, R. P. Walker.

Elders—J. T. Bailey, Canton; E. J. Grisette, West Asheville.

The following roll call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, on Dec. 15, 1936, at 3:00 P. M., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To receive Rev. J. C. Plexico into our Presbytery.

2. To make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. C. Plexico as Pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

3. To transact any other business growing out of the above named business.

4. To transact two items of business pertaining to the Property and Finance of the Presbytery. Signed,

P. N. Gresham, *Moderator of Asheville Presbytery.*

On account of the death of Rev. W. F. Creson, Presbytery postponed the business for which the meeting was called. The moderator was authorized to appoint the date of the next meeting to transact the above named business.

Presbytery adjourned with a season of prayer for the family of Rev. W. F. Creson, led by Revs. R. P. Walker, W. S. Hutchison and T. A. Painter.

P. N. Gresham, *Moderator.*
W. A. Murray, *Stated Clerk.*

CALL MEETING

Asheville, N. C., February 16, 1937.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Church at 10 A. M. and was opened with prayer by Dr. J. W. Caldwell.

There were present:

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Wriston Hartsell, O. C. Landrum, W. S. Hutchison, R. P. Walker, J. A. Flanagan, T. A. Painter, L. T. Wilds, and W. A. Murray.

Elders—Asheville First, J. J. Conyers; Brevard-Davidson River, R. L. Gash; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Montreat, C. C. Lord; West Asheville, J. A. Edwards.

The Rev. C. B. Chapin, D. D., of Lehigh Presbytery, U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The following call was read and found in order:

Asheville, N. C., February 6, 1937.

Dear Brethren: Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, February 16th, at 10 A. M., to transact the following business:

1. To receive into Asheville Presbytery, if the way be clear, Rev. J. C. Plexico, and Rev. C. M. Jones, recently called to the West Asheville and Brevard-Davidson River churches respectively.

2. To arrange for the installation of these brethren, and any matters which may arise in connection with their reception.

3. To authorize the Trustees of Asheville Presbytery to transfer the deed to the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church property to the Trustees of Hazelwood Presbyterian Church.

4. To consider and act upon a report of the Central Treasurer regarding the deficits in Presbytery's Benevolent Budget and the attaining of the Stewardship Objectives of the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

5. To take under the care of Presbytery, if the way be clear, as a candidate for the ministry, Mr. Richard L. Whitlow.

6. To act upon the resignation of Rev. W. A. Murray as Stated Clerk of Presbytery and any other business pertaining thereto.

Yours truly,
P. N. Gresham,
Moderator of Asheville Presbytery.

The reception of Mr. Richard L. Whitlow as a candidate for the Gospel ministry was postponed until the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. J. C. Plexico presented a letter of dismissal from Cherokee Presbytery and Rev. Charles M. Jones from West Hanover. After the required examinations and having signed the obligations, they were enrolled as members of Asheville Presbytery. Calls from the Brevard-Davidson River Church for the services of the Rev. Charles M. Jones as Pastor at a salary of $1500 per year and manse, and from the West Asheville Church to the Rev. J. C. Plexico at a salary of $2080 per year and manse, were read, found in order, placed in their hands, and accepted by them.

Rev. J. C. Plexico made a statement concerning the call to the West Asheville Church.

A resolution of confidence and esteem from the West Asheville Church was read. These were received as satisfactory, and the Pastor and congregation were assured of the interest and prayers of the Presbytery.

The following commissioners were appointed:

To install Rev. J. C. Plexico as Pastor of the West Asheville Church on March 7, 1937, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. Wriston Hartsell, Elder J. J. Conyers, with Elder J. A. Edwards as alternate.

To install Rev. Charles M. Jones as Pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church on March 21, 1937:

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, and Rev. George B. Hammond, Alternate. Elder J. T. Bailey, and R. L. Gash, alternate.

The quorum for the above commissions was fixed at two ministers and one elder.

Mr. G. H. Wright made a statement concerning King College which was received as information.

The Trustees of Asheville Presbytery were authorized to execute a deed of the Hazelwood Church property to the Trustees of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church.

The resignation of the Rev. W. A. Murray as Stated Clerk was accepted and Mr. Murray was granted permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery. The following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, 1. that the Presbytery of Asheville on the grounds of his contemplated removal from the state, accept the resignation of Rev. W. A. Murray as Stated Clerk, and thank him for his splendid services and that it inscribe upon its Minutes its highest appreciation of the character and services of Brother W. A. Murray, who as a Pastor in Asheville Presbytery and as Stated Clerk for years, through trying circumstances at times, has ever exhibited the highest qualities of a Christian and a gentleman.

"2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the church papers and copy to Brother Murray."

The report of the Central Treasurer was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That every pastor urgently lay upon the minds and hearts of his people to make valiant efforts to raise at least minimum goal, that is, the regular budget, and to aim at the 25% increase.

2. In case it appears, after the February remittances are in, that there is not a substantial increase during February, and that a deficit is likely for Presbytery's Missions, that the Home Missions Committee be authorized to send out a call for a special offering for that cause the third and fourth Sundays (or one of them) in March.

3. Wherever it is found desirable, that a special effort be made to stimulate the people to bring in their *tithes* for the month of March.

4. That the Treasurer of the Presbytery be authorized to communicate this report and Presbytery's recommendations to each Church.

R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. A. Flanagan was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 15th, 1936 and of this session were read and approved.

The Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker.

P. N. Gresham, *Moderator.*
W. A. Murray, *Stated Clerk.*

SPRING MEETING—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Swannanoa, N. C., April 13, 1937.

The Eighty-Second meeting of Asheville Presbytery met in the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the Retiring Moderator, the Rev. P. N. Gresham, from the text, Luke 8:35. Subject: "At the Feet of Jesus".

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Bridges, J. W. Caldwell, W. P. Chedester, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, Wriston Hartsell, W. S. Hutchison, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders—L. B. Nichols, Andrews; D. B. Burns, Asheville First; R. L. Gash, Davidson-River; J. T. Bailey, Canton; J. L. Gash, Etowah; J. E. Lancaster, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; J. T. Fain, Hendersonville; C. M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; F. A. Bailey, Mills River; R. E. Magill, Montreat; O. E. Starnes, Sr., Oak Forest; O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa; D. E. Penland, Weaverville; Frank Foster, West Asheville.

Mr. R. E. Magill was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted:

1. Hours of service: 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., 2:00 P. M. to 4:30 P. M., 7:30 P. M., to adjournment at will.
2. That Rev. J. C. Plexico conduct the Wednesday morning devotional service.
3. That the Communion service on Wednesday be conducted by the Revs. J. W. Caldwell, and H. B. Dendy.

The Rev. W. E. Wood, Pastor of the Swannanoa Baptist Church, and Rev. A. J. Crane, Albemarle Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The unprinted Minutes were read as information.

The Revs. K. J. Foreman, W. A. Murray, W. C. Wauchope, and S. H. Long were excused from attendance at this meeting of the Presbytery.

A telegram of Greeting from Rev. I. S. McIlroy, Jr., Secretary of the American Bible Society, was read as information.

A letter of dismissal to Abingdon Presbytery was granted the Rev. F. M. Eversole.

A communication from King College was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A communication from the General Assembly's Training School was likewise referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A communication from Mr. Frank Nelson, Treas. Special Fund, King College, was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A letter from E. H. Mosely was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A communication from Montreat College was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A communication from the Executive Committee of C. E. and M. R. was referred to the Permanent Committee on C. E. and M. R.

A communication from the Executive Committee on C. E. and M. R. was referred to the special Committee on Minister's Annuity Fund.

Greetings from the Rev. W. A. Murray were received as information.

The Presbytery then took recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M., and was led in prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Elder D. B. Burns.
2. *Sabbath Schools*—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. C. M. Jones, Rev. Wriston Hartsell, Elder J. E. Lancaster.
3. *Minutes of Synod*—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Elder D. E. Penland.
4. *Records of Sessions*—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Rev. W. P. Chedester, Elders, R. L. Gash, L. B. Nichols.
5. *Auditing*—Elders J. T. Bailey, O. E. Starnes, J. T. Fain, Rev. Wriston Hartsell.
6. *Nominations*—Rev. H. B. Dendy, G. B. Hammond, Elder C. M. Sawyer.
7. *Leave of Absence*—Dr. R. P. Walker, Elders, G. C. Summerow, O. L. Merchant.
8. *Records of Presbytery*—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Elder Frank Foster.
9. *Resolutions* (privately)—Rev. W. H. Adams.

A resolution was passed and referred to the Committee

on Nominations seeking to avoid the duplication of names on the Permanent Committees.

The Treasurer made his report which was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

The Auditor's report of the Treasurer's books was placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. J. C. PLEXICO

The following commission met in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church on March 7th for the installation of the Rev. James Clyde Plexico as Pastor: Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chairman, who preached the sermon, Rev. J. A. Flanagan who charged the pastor, Rev. Wriston Hartsell, who gave the charge to the people, and J. J. Conyers, who led the prayer. J. A. Edwards, an elder on the commission, was absent on account of sickness.

A very large congregation was present. The newly installed pastor ordained and installed four elders and three deacons, as a closing part of the morning service.

P. N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. CHAS. M. JONES

The commission of Asheville Presbytery appointed at a recent called meeting to install Rev. Chas. M. Jones, pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church met in the church, 7:30 P. M., March 21.

The commissioners present were: *Ministers,* R. D. Bedinger, G. B. Hammond, and W. S. Hutchison, with *Ruling Elder,* J. T. Bailey.

Mr. Bailey opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Bedinger presided and preached an appropriate sermon on "Vows". Text: Deut. 23:21-23.

The new minister was then duly installed, Mr. Hammond delivering the charge to the pastor and Mr. Hutchison to the people.

The commissioners joined with the pastor in the installation of four new elders and five new deacons.

It was a meeting of spiritual power. The attendance was large and the church members most responsive.

Beginning with the gracious hospitality of the pastor and his wife and their two nice children at supper in the manse and ending with the benediction of the moderator in the church, it was an occasion to be long remembered.

W. S. Hutchison.

These reports were both approved by the Presbytery.

Mr. Richard Whitlow was received into the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel after having satisfactorily

passed an examination on experimental religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry.

The Committee on Nomination was requested to bring in a special Committee on Minister's salaries.

The following report of the Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund was adopted:

REPORT OF R. E. MAGILL ON THE ANNUITY FUND

I was appointed Chairman of this Committee without my knowledge or consent and pressure of duties in connection with enterprises at Montreat have made it impossible to give the time to the Annuity matter that it deserves. Every one has received urgent communications from Dr. Sweets and I have found it difficult to digest all I have received. The latest bulletin gives the amount pledged and paid by churches of Asheville Presbytery from 1929 to April, 1937, which reveals only about $2400 paid to this cause. An earnest effort is to be made to complete the matter of securing pledges for Three Million Dollars during the present church year and May is designated as the month in which to complete this work.

I recommend:

(1) That a Committee be appointed in every church to make a personal canvass during the month of May, 1937, subscriptions to be taken as far as possible for a 3 year period as recommended by Dr. Sweets.

(2) That the total realized from this canvass be reported to Dr. Sweets as the responsibility of Asheville Presbytery.

(3) That volunteers be secured to visit churches to aid in setting up plans for the canvass where such help is needed.

(4) That Chairman place these recommendations in hands of churches at once.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Magill, *Chairman.*

The Foreign Missions Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

As we enter this new church year, let us call to mind Paul's exhortation, "And now, brethren, we beseech you that ye *increase more and more.*" To be satisfied with the *status quo* is not only unscriptural; it is the grave of progress.

Outstanding Facts

In a recent address Dr. E. Stanley Jones declares that if the American Church would meet the present crisis, "it must lay aside its

defeatist mentality." True. And to kindle afresh our own courage and hope let us look at our Foreign Mission work. There is no defeatist mentality there.

A glorious fact. In these last four years our foreign work has been successful beyond precedent, the number of converts breaking all past records, this last year being one of three that report over 8,000.

Another joyful fact. These unprecedented results have been won with an income cut almost exactly in half, showing that our foreign mission dollar today is far more fruitful than ever before and our foreign mission investment is paying the largest dividends ever known in our history.

Another gladdening fact. Explaining the above is the fact that the peoples in our foreign mission fields were never so open-minded to the gospel as they are just now. So say all our missionaries, and these record ingatherings attest it.

A conscience-stirring fact. This amazing receptiveness will not last indefinitely. So mission history proves. NOW is the accepted time. Our missionaries are eager to make full use of this God-given opportunity before it passes, to enter these wide open doors on every hand before they close, but are prevented by lack of reinforcements. Oh. that our Church might know the time of her visitation!

Steady Growth

In this last reported year our native workers have increased from 3783 to 4193, outstations from 2198 to 2390, organized congregations from 392 to 416—additions during the year were 8050—communicants (not counting those turned over to native Presbyteries and no longer reported by us from 74,732 to 81,881, Christian constituency from 169,681 to 189,984, Sunday Schools from 1977 to 2120, schools from 1095 to 1109, students from 59,257 to 59,649.

Sobering Facts

Twenty-one missionaries were lost to our force this year by death. retirement, or ill health, and only 12 new ones sent out. Our missionaries are 123 fewer than 11 years ago. To find in our records as small a force as we report this year, 393, we must go back to 1919. And their average age is greater than ever before. Our fields today are manned mainly by the old and the middle aged. But the uncomplaining devotion with which they are carrying on, spite of age and overwork, should shame, thrill, quicken our whole Church.

The cost of this year's work will be about $670,000. To March 22 $535,397 has been received. The exact and final figures for the year will be mailed to you as soon as worked out, which will be about April 10.

Recommendations

1. That our churches, Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, and Young People's Societies, make a special effort this year to reenforce our thinning missionary line, to prevent further breakdowns in our aging overworked force, and to seize the unprecedented opportunities God is now giving us in our work abroad.

2. That churches, societies, and individuals assume, wherever practicable, definite responsibility for definite parts of the Foreign Mission work.

3. That all churches, societies, and individuals be urgently reminded that the Foreign Mission Executive Committee is the only authorized agency for the administration of our Church's Foreign Mission work. To send Foreign Mission contributions directly to missionaries on the field, or for objects outside the Committee's program, deprives the Committee of its due and needed support and hinders its providing adequately for the work entrusted it by the Assembly.

4. That all Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations be urged this year to cooperate in the special Missionary Education Program on Africa and its young people, and to make real self-denial gifts toward raising the full budget of our African Mission.

5. That all our church organizations, Men's Work, Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, Young People's societies use the Foreign Mission season, January 1 to February 6 for studying world missions, using the books recommended by the Foreign Mission Committee, and that the special Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, January 30-February 6, be observed in every church and organization with supplemental Foreign Mission offerings as recommended by the General Assembly.

L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made its report which was approved and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND RELIEF

1. Students for the Ministry, Asheville Presbytery:

Bird, Taylor Osborne, C-o Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Horse Shoe, N. C., Second year University of North Carolina.

Hunter, James Scott, Hendersonville, N. C., third year University of North Carolina.

Keith, Merrell Anderson, Asheville, N. C., first year Columbia Seminary.

Landrum, Clyde K., 836 S. 4th St., Louisville, Ky., Sash Worker, for J. D. Jennings, Contractor.

Noblitt, Albert Spencer, Old Fort, N. C.

Reveley, Walter Taylor, Canton, N. C., second year Hampden-Sydney College.

Whitlow, L. Richard, Asheville, N. C., first year King College.

2. *Ministerial Relief*: Fourteen homes under the care of Asheville Presbytery were aided during the year to the extent of $3,473.00. To the cause of Ministerial Education and Relief Asheville Presbytery contributed $1,502.00.

3. *As to the work of the assembly's committee*:

Candidates for the Ministry and Mission Service aided: 134 men and 1 young woman preparing for special church service, to the amount of $9,000—a decrease as compared with last year of 23 candidates.

Student Loan Fund—loans made to 45 women and 42 men—a total of 87 to the amount of $8,500—a decrease of 17 students.

Ministerial Relief appropriations were made to 550 homes of ministers and missionaries—195 ministers, 310 widows, 11 lay workers and 34 orphans—to the amount of $128,800—an increase of 7 homes and of $8,500 in appropriations.

The JOY GIFT in December brought joy to our hearts, to these needy homes and to those who shared in this ministry—and made it possible to grant increases.

No Committee debt now—and none for the future! Never again do we plan to run ahead of the ability or willingness of the Church.

Received from living donors $189,000.00—an increase of $21,000.00. Received from other sources $62,800.00—an increase of $6,500.00. Total increase from all sources $27,500.00.

The Assembly's Committee is now in effective cooperation with all the other agencies of the Church which have to do with workers, students, retirements and relief.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. WALKER, *Chairman*.
O. C. LANDRUM.
G. C. SUMMEROW.

The following report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was approved and the recommendations adopted:

REPORT ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions reports substantial progress for the year ending March 31, 1937, and looks to the future with increasing hopefulness. There is much encouragement in the fact that there was a gain of $24,636 in budget income

over 1936. Due to certain unexpected legacies and other special gifts, the total Home Mission receipts for the year were $351,363, a gain of $46,690.

The Committee reports that the bank debt which in 1931, when the cash policy of the Executive Committee was adopted, was $128,200 has been paid. Attention is directed to the fact that this has been accomplished not by radical reductions in appropriations to the missionaries on the fields, but largely by savings in administration and supervision and by certain designated gifts for this purpose.

Something of the magnitude of the Assembly's Home Mission enterprise can be discerned from the fact that the Committeee's Annual Report shows that aid is given to 517 workers, who serve no less than 728 churches, schools and missions, with 399 outpost Sunday schools and unorganized preaching points. The variety of the work is seen in the types of institutions maintained and in the number of languages employed.

It is the Committee's judgment that the two pressing things in Homs Missions are: (1) a renewal of evangelistic effort in all the Presbyteries, looking to a revival of the evangelistic spirit in every church and mission in the Assembly; (2) larger financial provision for new church organizations in the communities that offer such challenging opportunities for growth. Without these two things the Church cannot go forward.

The following recommendations are offered:

(1) That the period, October 10—November 14, 1937, be set apart as the annual season of home mission study, using the official text book, "Other Men Labored", and that the week of November 7-14, be designated as the annual home mission week with a special thank offering for Assembly's Home Missions in all the churches.

(2) That June be observed as the Assembly's Home Mission month with the use of educational programs in the various departments of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion offered the following report which was approved:

Your Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion begs to submit the following report.

In consolidating the several reports of the churches of Asheville Presbytery we find that:

9 Churches have 2 services each Sunday.
6 Churches have 1 service each Sunday.
Others less.
Church attendance—Morning service 60%; evening 37%.

Additions by Confession—168; from Sunday School 87.
Churches receiving none—10.
Evangelistic services—17 did; 7 did not.
Family Altars—149.
Tithers—311.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Bridges, *Chairman.*

Dr. R. C. Anderson was heard with pleasure concerning the work of the Mountain Retreat Association and Montreat College.

A rising vote of thanks and confidence was given Dr. Anderson and his faithful corps of workers in Montreat.

At 4:00 P. M. the Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M. to allow the Committees to complete their work.

Evening Session

The Presbytery met again at 7:30 P. M. and was called to order by the Moderator. After the singing of a hymn the Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. L. T. Wilds.

Rev. B. B. Riddle, of French Broad Presbytery, U. S. A. was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

A popular meeting was held in the interests of the Home Mission work of the Presbytery, with Dr. R. F. Campbell presiding.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger made his report as Superintendent of Home Missions in the Presbytery, which was approved:

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

April 1, 1936 to March 31, 1937

The Superintendent of Home Missions is pleased to report a very active and enjoyable year. He is conscious of many mistakes, but hopes that these will be overlooked and that the new year will be filled with rich blessings for all in the Presbytery.

Three evangelistic meetings, each of two weeks' duration, were held resulting in 50 professions on faith and 175 re-consecrations.

A week was spent at the Young People's Conference in Bristol, Tennessee, and two classes in Stewardship were taught.

Numerous conferences with pastors and churches in the Home Mission fields were conducted with much profit, we feel.

Two addresses on Stewardship were delivered to the student body at Union Theological Seminary; and five similar addresses were made to groups and churches in Bristol, Tennessee.

Eight addresses on foreign missions were delivered at a school of Missions in Marion, Virginia.

All told 176 sermons and addresses were delivered within and without the Presbytery.

57 visits were made to the churches within the Presbytery.

Twelve issues of Our Mountain Work were edited and mailed out to upwards of 1800 families, and individuals. The cost was $451.15.

Three Calls for the Builders' League were issued, and the resulting sum of $1211.07, including designated amounts, was distributed to the participating churches.

Expenses for the year.

Travel—			
Mileage within the Presbytery, 10,572 at 5c		$528.60	
Mileage without the Presbytery, 3,872.4		193.60	
		$722.20	
Less collections within Presbytery	$382.25		
Less collections without Presbytery	193.62	575.87	
Net cost of travel		$152.73	
Brought Forward			$152.73
Office—			
Room rent		$150.00	
Telephone and telegrams		61.44	
Stationery and stamps		41.37	
P. O. Box rent		6.00	
Safety Box rent		3.30	
Stenographer		19.81	
Auditor		50.00	
Treasurer's Bond		25.00	356.92
Total travel and office expenses			$509.65

A Brief Account of the Work in Each of our Home Mission Fields.

Murphy-Andrews-Hayesville-Robbinsville. This group is almost self-supporting. Last year we supplemented the pastor's salary with $140.00. This year they required $96.95. Murphy, Andrews and Robbinsville met all expectations both as to salary, current expenses and benevolences. Hayesville, depleted by loss of valuable members, did nobly but fell short a little of the goal. Rev. S. H. Long and his helpful wife, have done a splendid piece of work in this extensive field which embraces three counties.

Andrews-Bryson City and Robbinsville. With the approval of the churches involved it has seemed best to create a new grouping in the western section. These three points will form a self-supporting group, paying a pastor who will reside at Bryson City $1500.00 and a manse. It is hoped to secure a suitable pastor soon. Murphy and Hayesville will form a group, which, for the present will require Home Mission aid.

Franklin-Morrison-Slagle Memorial. Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan continue their inspiring labors in this field. At Franklin there were five additions by profession and five by letter. The field paid their pastor in full, Franklin and Morrison meeting also their current expenses and benevolent budgets. Franklin paid $496 on its manse debt, and averaged a per capita gift of $27.26.

Highlands. Vacant since the lamented death of Rev. C. R. McCarthy the Highlands church has enjoyed the supply services of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. DuPree of ColumbiaTheological Seminary during the winter and spring. At a recent congregational meeting Mr. DuPree was unanimously called to become their pastor on a salary of $1500.00 without manse. Highlands will raise $850.00 and the Home Mission Committee will supply $650.00. The future is bright for a strong work here.

Hazelwood and White Oak. Interesting things have taken place in this field last year. White Oak met all obligations to pastor and Presbytery. They doubled their gifts to all causes, gaining $100.00 through the Lord's Acre projects. Hazelwood outdid themselves. They astonished themselves as well as us. Four adults were received on profession of faith and one by letter. There are only 75 members. Yet, with their enlarged vision and new enthusiasm and consecration they doubled their budget gifts, paid their pastor's salary in full for the first time in seven years, overpaid the benevolent budget, and raised $661.58 on their new church building, making a total of $1958.55, a per capita of $26.12, as compared with $10.85 the previous year! The Holy Spirit surely is at work here. Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Landrum, unselfish, sacrificing, and undiscourageable deserve all praise and honor. We congratulate them, their heroic officers and loyal people.

Mills River and Etowah. Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hutchison have rounded out 20 years of devoted and fruitful service in this field. Both churches have met all their budget obligations, Mills River making the 25% increase in the gross to Benevolences, and Etowah missing it by a few dollars. Mills River reduced its debt on the Sunday School annex by $150.00. In addition this field proposed a cut of $100.00 on the Committee's appropriation and made it good. There were nine additions to the church, three on profession of faith.

Weaverville-Dillingham-Ivy Park-Red Oak. "In Excelsis" should be written upon the doors of the Weaverville church. All this part of the State now knows the extraordinary happenings in the North Buncombe field. It required courage, vision and determination on the part of Dr. H. B. Dendy, his fine officers and people to undertake the lifting of a debt on the Weaverville plant of $9,500.00 and go to self-support on April 1, 1937. Both these objectives were reached. In spite of the fact that the finances of the church were kept before the congregation constantly, there was no lack of interest, but rather an increased interest, on the part of the people. They not only lifted the debt, with wonderful help from the outside, notably from the Men's Club of Charlotte, North Carolina, but also gave more to Benevolences than formerly, and received 35 persons into the church, 23 of them on profession of faith. The stressing of finances, on a purely scriptural and spiritual basis, did not hinder, but acted as a tonic to the church. Dr. Dendy and his four congregations will have our deepest interest and most earnest prayers as they now step out to self-support. It should be remarked that Dillingham and Ivy Park met their obligations. Red Oak has no officers and really should not be listed as a church.

Self-Support. Mr. Long's field in Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties missed attaining a self-supporting basis by $96.95. For the coming year there will be seven churches, five in groups and two single, that will receive no aid from this Committee. In other words, since April, 1934 the number of self-supporting churches and fields has increased from twelve to nineteen. This is cause for rejoicing.

The R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children. The total amount of this Fund has reached $7,570.88, of which $6,351.88 has been paid in cash. The total sum has been subscribed and contributed by 98 individuals and three organizations. $758.00 has come from persons without Asheville Presbytery. Four individuals contributed $6,750.00. The whole of the paid-in cash has been safely invested at 6% interest, and has already borne $280.72 in interest, of which sum $260.00 has been loaned to three former Mt. Orphanage children, one young man at King College, one young lady at Montreat College, and a young lady studying nursing in a Statesville Hospital. Thus, this Fund is even now assisting our Orphanage children to secure higher education. Our thanks are given to those who have so generously responded to the appeal of this Fund. We believe it will not be long until this worthy memorial to the Founder of Mountain Orphanage will seize the imaginations and affections of the rank and file of Presbyterians, and many other friends, and the Fund will then quickly attain the minimum goal of $25,000.00.

Diamond Jubilee Sinking Fund. It may be recalled that Presby-

tery adopted a Diamond Jubilee objective of an evangelistic meeting in every church and institution of the Presbytery; that a free-will offering was to be taken at each meeting, fifty per cent of it to go to the minister conducting the meeting, and fifty per cent (after all expenses had been met, was to go to Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, which Committee was to give extra remuneration, in its discretion, wherever needed. Although every minister and church entered into this agreement, we report only the sum of $30.41 remitted by four churches.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That this Committee authorize the Secretary to write a letter of special appreciation to each Home Mission worker, and his people, for the splendid records of the past year, expressing our interest and prayers for continued blessings upon them.

2. That the following appropriation for 1937-38 be approved: Murphy-Hayesville group $600.00; Highlands, $650.00; Franklin-Morrison-Slagle group, $850.00; Mills River-Etowah, $700.00; Hazelwood-White Oak, $1160.00.

3. That this Committee urge the Presbytery to request the churches to take such steps as they deem wise to increase the membership of the Builders' League of the Presbytery.

4. That this Committee urge the Presbytery to request the churches to take such steps as they deem wise to place before their congregations and the general public the privilege and honor of completing the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children to the set goal of $25,000.00.

5. That, in view of the small amount involved, $30.41, and the depleted state of the Home Mission treasury, the aforesaid Diamond Jubilee Sinking Fund be appropriated for Presbytery's Home Missions.

6. That, the Presbytery be requested to approve the regrouping of churches in the western section, Hayesville and Murphy in one group, and Bryson City, Andrews and Robbinsville in a second group.

7. That an additional appropriation of $50.00 be made for the expenses of editing and publishing Our Mountain Work, so that when occasion arises an extra sheet may be printed.

8. That the members of the Red Oak Church be placed under the care of the Weaverville session.

R. D. BEDINGER, *Superintendent.*

A group of the children of the Mountain Orphanage delighted the Presbytery by singing a number of religious songs.

The following ministers were introduced by Dr. Bedinger and spoke of the blessings that had come to their work through the year: Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Dr. R. F. Campbell.

The Presbytery, by a rising vote, expressed its appreciation for the fine work of Dr. R. D. Bedinger as Supt. of Home Missions in the Presbytery.

After prayer by Rev. T. A. Painter the Presbytery was adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning, April 14th, 1937

The Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M. and was led in a helpful devotional service by Rev. J. C. Plexico.

The Minutes of the meeting of the day before were read and approved.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

In response to the letter of President T. P. Johnson of King College regarding the status of that institution, we as your Permanent Committee, recommend that our Presbytery extend congratulations to President Johnson and the other officers of that College on the increased enrollment of the student body; note the satisfactory plan for the payment of the interest on the college's bonds in the near future; and urge pastors and sessions of the churches to direct the attention of promising young people toward this institution as a means of education.

That we express our heartiest gratification with the oral and written report on the Montreat College, for which this Presbytery should feel a peculiar responsibility, on the healthy and material progress of that institution and heartily commend this character-building institution to the prayers and financial support of our churches and direct that the written report be entered in the printed Minutes of Presbytery to give larger currency to the information about the school, and request the editor of "Our Mountain Work" to do likewise.

We acknowledge receipt of the report of the General Assembly's Training School in Richmond which we receive as information.

We note the absence of any report from Davidson College.

Respectfully submitted,
W. HOOPER ADAMS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF MONTREAT COLLEGE TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY—APRIL 13, 1937.

We gratefully acknowledge the continued blessing of God upon the College during the past year. It has made great progress regardless of limited means and offers a wonderful opportunity for further development and investment of funds for Christian education.

The Montreat grounds afford an ideal location and site for the operation of a College and High School for Girls. The spacious and beautiful grounds make a wonderful college campus. The Lake, gymnasium, tennis courts, etc., furnish the best facilities for recreation and athletic training and development. The Christian community, church and Sunday School, together with the fine instruction given in the College, afford the best religious and Christian advantages.

The buildings and management of the Mountain Retreat Association are furnished to the school free of charge and Gaither Hall, recently finished, is one of the most attractive and best equipped college buildings for its size in the State. The Woman's Building now being erected with the Birthday Offering of the women of the Church, will have thirty-six rooms which we hope will be available as a dormitory for the College next session. This will enlarge the rooming capacity about sixty students. These several advantages enable the College to do a very high grade work at approximately one-half cost to the students.

The College has a thoroughly equipped and prepared faculty of twenty, ten of whom hold their Master Degrees. This faculty is chosen, not only with reference to their scholastic fitness, but especially with reference to Christian character and their Christian belief. Great emphasis is laid upon Christian instruction and training.

The student body is selected carefully from a large number of applicants and the type of girl in the school as a whole is of a much higher grade than formerly. We believe the girls would rank in character and ability above the average of our schools and colleges. This year the applicants far exceed the dormitory capacity of the College. We have an enrollment of 222, representing 12 States and two Foreign Countries. Of these 132 are in the College Department and 90 in the High School. Also 55 come from within the borders of the Synod of Appalachia and 4 of these from the bounds of Asheville Presbytery.

The College has lived within ist means this year and operated without debt, though as the numbers increase and the faculty has to be enlarged, the cost of operation is correspondingly greater. The cost of provisions and increase in wage has increased the expense this year and made it more difficult to operate without incurring debt.

The new faculty for next year will cost more than the past year and with the increased expense of provisions it is evident that our income must be largely increased over that of the past year.

We believe that the Asheville Presbytery and Appalachia Synod should increase the percentage of their giving to this College in order to more fully provide for the 55 students from their borders. We have received from Presbytery, not counting special gifts to individual students to pay their expenses, $1099.57 from April 1, 1936 up to date.

We are giving back in scholarships to those within the borders of Presbytery the amount of $850.00 and we are making loans almost equal to this amount.

We greatly need an adequate Endowment Fund and the next step forward should be the establishing of this. The Presbytery and Synod we believe can well afford to enlarge the percentage of their gifts and this should be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Anderson, *President.*

April 13, 1937.

The Auditing Committee offered the following report which was adopted:

We the Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report of Asheville Presbytery, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, and find same in order. We respectfully call your attention to the fact that the report was prepared and audited by Mr. William H. Zimmerman, C. P. A.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. Bailey, *Chairman.*
J. T. Fain,
Wriston Hartsell

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1936-1937

It is a pleasure to report that the *Mountain Orphanage* closed the year with a surplus of $216.97.

Total Receipts were	$13,712.04
Total Disbursements	13,495.07
	216.97

Presbytery's Missions

Total Receipts	$10,629.18
Total Disbursements	10,484.55
	144.63

Thus all operating expenses were met. We still have a Note in the bank for 499.00 on which we are paying 6% interest, on the loan for the Kenilworth church. An additional sum of $1,000.00 was due April 1st on the same loan, but we have secured a year's extension of this amount at 5% interest.

Contingent Fund

Liabilities

April 1, 1937, Deficit	$228.80
Synodical Assessment	56.85
Six months Salary Stated Clerk	50.00
Office Expense Stated Clerk	29.60
Printing Spring Minutes	70.00
Printing Fall Minutes	70.00
Total Liabilities, six months	$505.25

Assets

1936-37 Assessments, and Arrears	464.50
Deficit	$ 40.75

The following churches have not paid their Presbyterial Assessments for 1936-37:

Bethel	$ 7.05	
Black Mountain	22.80	
Brevard-Davidson	22.80	
Hayesville	5.10	
Montreat	30.75	
West Asheville	55.20	
Total 1936-37 Taxes		$143.70

These churches have not paid the following Taxes for years prior to 1936-37:

Bethel	$25.00	
Brevard-Davidson	50.00	
Bryson City	30.00	
Hayesville	14.00	
Hendersonville	50.00	
Oak Forest	23.00	
Waynesville	12.50	
West Asheville	116.30	
Total		320.80
Grand Total due the Presbytery		464.50

The following churches did not pay the Diamond Jubilee Tax:

Black Mountain	$ 7.40	
Brevard-Davidson	8.00	
West Asheville	13.80	
Total		29.20
		$473.70

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Bedinger, *Central Treasurer.*

The Committee on Religious Education made the following report which was approved and the recommendations adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO THE PRESBYTERY

Benevolent contributions to the Executive Committee of Religious Education amounted to $55,223.94, a net gain of $2,454.56. This amount cared for the benevolent work and left a balance in the Treasury of $328.80.

One encouraging sign of the Diamond Jubilee campaign has been the increased number of copies of the Church Calendar of Prayer, 40,000 copies having been sold. The previous high mark was 25,000 copies. To date this year, more than 30,000 copies have already been sold.

The work of reaching rural pastors has steadily grown through the use of the Pastor's schools and institutes. Nine such schools were held last year in the Southern States from Virginia to Texas.

Preliminary plans are under way for a Presbyterian Youth Convention on World Missions to be held during Christmas week of 1937.

There were two losses in the office staff of the Executive Committee, Miss Anna Branch Binford having resigned on June 1, 1936, after 25 years service, and Dr. J. E. Purcell on March 31, 1937, because of ill health.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That every congregation and organization definitely include the work of the Executive Committee for its full share of the benevolent budget.

2. That pastors be asked to feature a consecration service for all church school teachers in connection with the program on Rally Day

that the office of teacher may be magnified as a spiritual task demanding the finest type of spiritual leadership.

3. That the Presbytery urge every church, especially the city churches to establish and operate outpost Sunday Schools and preaching points in nearby communities.

4. That pastors be urged to use some of the "Bible" or other "Personal Enrichment Courses" offered through the Department of Leadership Training, in their mid-week prayer services.

5. That all pastors be urged to send representatives of their Intermediate and Senior Young People's groups to the Conference to be held in Montreat, June 21-26th.

6. That Presbytery approve the using of Mr. Boyd Underwood of Columbia Seminary and Miss Thelma Garrette of Lynchburg, Va., as special workers in Vacation Bible Schools and conferences throughout the Presbytery and that Pastors be urged to use them as freely as possible.

7. That Presbytery grant the sum of $150.00 for these workers, $100 of this coming from the funds of the Religious Education Committee, and the other $50 from the funds of the Home Mission Committee.

8. That a conference on Leadership Training be held during the fall months, plans to be worked out by the Committee.

9. That every church be urged to send delegates to the Synodical Young People's conference at Bristol, June 8-15th.

J. A. Flanagan, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Church Societies offered the following report which was approved:

REPORT ON CHURCH SOCIETIES

Of the Presbyterial no statistical report has come into my hands so our report must be incomplete; yet we are confident that there must be an Auxiliary in every church where there are enough women members to conduct one.

Of individual church Auxiliaries we have ten reporting with a total membership of 1188 and these ten societies contributed to denominational benevolences $6582 and to other causes about $3000, making a grand total contributed by these ten of $9570. There are other Auxiliaries in the Presbytery whose report was not at hand so could not be included.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Gruver, *Chairman.*

Presbytery adopted the report of the Committee on Nominations which is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

1. Committees

(1) *Home Missions*—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chm., Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, R. E. Magill, O. L. Merchant, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey.

(2) *Foreign Missions*—Dr. W. Hooper Adams, Dr. D. W. Richardson, E. E. White, J. T. Fain.

(3) *Assembly's Home Missions*—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chm., Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.

(4) *Bible Cause*—Rev. S. H. Long, Chm., J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

(5) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief*—Dr. R. P. Walker, Chm., Dr. J. R. Sevier, G. C. Summerow.

(6) *Religious Education and Publication*—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Chm., Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. Chas. M. Jones, Rev. P. N. Gresham, S. C. Clapp, R. L. Prevost, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.

(7) *Sabbath and Family Religion*—Rev. J. C. Bridges, Chm., Rev. W. P. Chedester, C. L. Grey.

(8) *Church Societies*—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chm., E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.

(9) *Stewardship*—Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Chm., Rev. T. A. Painter, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, I. J. Archer, W. B. Ferguson, W. H. McMurray, C. M. Sawyer, Granville Taylor, B. R. Smith.

(10) *Schools and Colleges*—Rev. O. C. Landrum, Chm., Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. Wriston Hartsell, M. W. Bell, Crosby Adams.

(11) *Historical*—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chm., R. L. Gash.

2. That Rev. J. R. Sevier, D. D., preach a Doctrinal sermon for the Fall meeting, using a subject of his own choosing.

3. That Dr. R. D. Bedinger succeed himself as Treasurer for a term of three years.

4. That Rev. J. A. Flanagan succeed himself as Stated Clerk for a term of three years.

5. That W. H. McMurray, Thos. D. Morrison, Geo. H. Wright be reelected as Trustees of the Presbytery.

6. That Ruffner Campbell succeed himself as Trustee of Davidson College for a term of three years.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Dendy.

Presbytery recessed at 10:50 A. M. to allow time for the preparation for the Communion service.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:00 A. M.

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Dr. R. P. Walker from the text: John 14:6. Subject: "Jesus, the True and Living Way."

The Revs. H. B. Dendy, and J. W. Caldwell administered the elements for the Communion service.

Following the Communion service Presbytery took recess until 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The Stewardship Committee made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Recommendations

1. That the $600 requested by Mr. Frank S. Nelson, Chairman of the Special Fund for King College, as Asheville Presbytery's share of the interest due the bondholders of the debt on King College, $300 payable May 1, 1937 and $300 due Oct. 1, 1937, be accepted as our quota and be pro-rated to each church on the same basis as the regular benevolent budget and that each church take immediate steps to raise its part and forward to R. D. Bedinger, Treas., Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

Here are the amounts for King College pro-rated to the nearest dollar:

Asheville First	$320
Hendersonville	84
Montreat	60
Canton	17
West Asheville	15
Brevard	13
Kenilworth	12
Waynesville	11
Swannanoa	10
Weaverville	10
Black Mountain	8
Mills River	6
Franklin	5
Bryson City	4
Hazelwood	4
Oak Forest	2
Murphy	2
Andrews	2
Bethel	2
Highlands	2
Dillingham	2
Etowah	2
Morrison	2
Hayesville	1
White Oak	1
Ivy Park	1
Red Oak	1
Slagle Memorial	1
Total	$600

2. Inasmuch as the Treasurer reports a deficit on April 1, 1937 in the Contingent Fund of $262.85, and inasmuch as there will be further expenses bringing the total liabilities up to $539 by the next meeting of the Presbytery, this Committee recommends that Presbytery order these churches which are delinquent to pay up the amounts due for one year within three months and the full amount of the delinquent taxes by April 1, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. B. Hammond.

The Historical Committee had no report to make.

The Committee on Synod's Minutes offered the following report which was approved:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod would report that we have examined the same, and find nothing requiring Presbyterial action.

J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Presbytery's Minutes had no special recommendations to make.

Presbytery approved the report of the Committee on Sessional Records which is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

We find the Sessional Records well kept and businesslike. There are no important exceptions—only minor things—as for example:

1. The Swannanoa Book needs rebinding.
2. The Canton Records do not always show opening and closing with prayer.
3. The Hayesville Session reports an insufficient number of meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. HUTCHISON,
R. L. GASH,
O. C. LANDRUM.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report which was approved:

PRESBYTERY'S REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There are 26 churches in Presbytery. In 23 of these churches there are Sabbath Schools. In all there are 28 Sabbath Schools, with membership totaling 3865 members. Three churches have Outpost Sabbath Schools. These 28 Sabbath Schools contributed to: Foreign Missions, $284; Assembly's H. M., $99; Religious Ed. and Pub., $267; Homes, $734; Educational Inst., $118; Presbytery's Mis., $100; Current Expenses, $2712—Grand Total, $5834.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. GRUVER, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. H. Adams spoke of the Organization of the Presbyterian Ministers Union of Asheville and community.

The invitation of the West Asheville Church to meet there in the fall was cordially accepted.

The Statistical Report was read by the Stated Clerk, approved and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

Rev. J. C. Plexico, Elder Frank Foster, and Rev. J. A. Flanagan were appointed a Committee on Devotional exercises for the Fall meeting of the Presbytery.

The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals	MINISTERS	*Alternates*
Rev. S. H. Long		Rev. R. P. Walker, D.D.
Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D.		Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D.

Principals	ELDERS	*Alternates*
R. E. Magill		J. T. Fain
J. E. Lancaster		D. E. Penland

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following which were adopted by a rising vote of thanks:

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Presbytery of Asheville, meeting in the Swannanoa Church, the Mother Church of the Presbytery, and in the shadow of mountain summits familiar with forgotten years "have been filled with a sense of awe and reverence by the garden of Nature and have been taken vividly into the presence of Nature's God for which we render our tribute of praise to the Divine and only Blessed Head of the Church and our thanks to the local congregation for their unbounded courtesy and hospitality. At every turn, at the meals served with grace and lavish generosity by the ladies of the congregation; in the homes of our brethren, in the exercises of the sanctuary we have been treated with abounding favor, for which we render thanks to our beloved and consecrated brother, the Rev. T. A. Painter as well as to his loyal people.

We take this occasion to note with pleasure the indication of God's favor to this congregation as seen in material improvements and in new endeavors for a larger participation in work of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

We would pray that this Church be visited with God's richest, most fruitful blessings so that the *oldest* one in the blessed sisterhood of our churches may be endued with an evergreen and immortal youthfulness.

Respectfully submitted,
W. HOOPER ADAMS.

The Minutes were read and approved.

After prayer by the Moderator and singing of "Blest be the tie that Binds", by the Presbytery, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. R. F. Campbell and Presbytery stood adjourned.

R. E. MAGILL, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Temporary Clerk.*

Next Stated Meeting—West Asheville, N. C.
October 12, 1937—11:00 A. M.

Approved:
Clyde J. Walsh
Mod.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1937

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers 32; Number of churches 28; Number of candidates 7; Number of installations 2; Number of pastoral dissolutions 2; Number of ministers deceased, W. F. Creson, December 15, 1936, 58 years of age.

Ministers and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificates	Communicants: Net Membership End of Year	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Benevolent Funds Contributed: Total Sabbath School Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	Orphans' Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																										
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																										
R. D. Bedinger, SHM, Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																						$ 2400.00				
J. C. Bridges, S. S.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain†	5	8	34	14	193	31	2	245	$ 109.00	$ 55.00	$ 44.00	12.00	4.00	3.00	4.00		73.00	62.00	134.00	$ 1549.00		$ 222.00			
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	6	6	10	4	168	5		315	659.00	343.00	162.00	44.00	7.00	5.00	71.00		694.00	382.00	330.00	2500.00		1212.00	300.00		220.00
R. F. Campbell, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	21	26	19	53	1210	10	9	975	3102.00	1379.00	541.00	215.00	56.00	42.00	615.00		2322.00	702.00	3365.00	5683.00		9270.00	306.00	1447.00	1381.00
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
V. A. Crawford, F. M.	Okazaki, Japan																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																										
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	5	11	23	12	184	18		170	72.00	42.00	92.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		62.00	28.00	108.00	1200.00	1200.00	633.00	10.00	2670.00	70.00
H. B. Dendy, P.	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham*†	2	3	2	1	158	2		120	19.00	9.00	7.00	2.00			1.00		15.00	5.00	23.00	30.00		72.00		125.00	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					11																	20.00			
H. B. Dendy, P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	3	2			32			60	6.00	3.00	1.00	1.00					8.00	3.00	7.00	5.00		29.00			
F. M. Eversole	Bristol, Tenn.																										
J. A. Flanagan, P., S. C.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	2	4	5	5	61	3		55	59.00	27.00	28.00	23.00	4.00	1.00	2.00		45.00	22.00	70.00	608.00	875.00	228.00		496.00	40.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison†	2	2	3		43	1		41	12.00	8.00	4.00	1.00	3.00		1.00		18.00	7.00	24.00	208.00		80.00			
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	2				11			13	1.00	1.00									3.00	55.00		10.00		1.00	
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																										
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	10	9	14	55	260	4	4	254	109.00	54.00	213.00	26.00	2.00	1.00	4.00		103.00	43.00	104.00	2000.00		1625.00		1100.00	83.00
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	9	5	13	191	2	2	137	175.00	85.00	48.00	14.00	4.00	3.00.	7.00		99.00	84.00	196.00	2000.00		764.00		1694.00	
Wriston Hartsell, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*	3	9		4	95		5	119	25.00	12.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		14.00	7.00	28.00	805.00		186.00		86.00	18.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	9	5	2	6	100	2	1	90	63.00	30.00	21.00	18.00	2.00	1.00	3.00		83.00	28.00	95.00	580.00	500.00	186.00		272.00	100.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	2	1	1		31	1		45	32.00	15.00	6.00	7.00			1.00		25.00	9.00	21.00	120.00	200.00	58.00			40.00
Chas. M. Jones, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	9	14		4	195		4	90	113.00	58.00	33.00	9.00	3.00	2.00	28.00		183.00	33.00	131.00	813.00		688.00	8.00	665.00	80.00
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*†	3	3	4	1	85	4		145	37.00	19.00	7.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	2.00		21.00	17.00	47.00	760.00	1165.00	387.00		1350.00	
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak†	3	2			20			35	7.00	4.00	1.00	1.00			1.00		4.00	4.00	8.00	75.00		50.00			
S. H. Long, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	3	4			50			35	25.00	12.00	14.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		46.00	12.00	28.00	680.00	97.00	95.00		46.00	
S. H. Long, P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1		1	30	1		49	3.00	2.00	4.00	1.00					12.00		4.00	126.00		54.00			
S. H. Long, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	2		2	28			29	28.00	16.00	7.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	9.00		18.00	6.00	36.00	480.00		153.00			3.00
E. D. McMahan	Fayetteville, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	8	8	5	4	207		5	151	104.00	65.00	35.00	39.00	8.00	5.00	11.00		80.00	71.00	141.00	2000.00		1153.00		3305.00	
Jas. Clyde Plexico, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	11	19	11	24	302	10	2	272	159.00	67.00	49.00	9.00	10.00	2.00	8.00		224.00	34.00	135.00	2270.00		882.00		571.00	31.00
C. B. Ratchford	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	5	8	10	7	167	5		88	59.00	29.00	33.00	29.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		72.00	35.00	50.00	2000.00		465.00		1416.00	72.00
W. C. Wauchope	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	13	12	8	33	502	5	5	260	713.00	361.00	197.00	70.00	16.00	11.00	28.00		1011.00	305.00	803.00	2700.00	40.00	2377.00		989.00	5090.00
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*	3	2			35			37	50.00	25.00	10.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		45.00	24.00	61.00	300.00		119.00			
	Canton, N. C.	Bethel	2				47															200.00				100.00	
	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands	3				62			35	25.00	12.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		19.00	12.00	28.00	481.00	300.00	112.00			
		TOTALS	144	170	156	243	4478	103	39	3875	$ 5766.00	$ 2733.00	$ 1567.00	$ 558.00	$ 129.00	$ 84.00	$ 809.00		$ 5296.00	$ 1935.00	$ 5980.00	30228.00	$ 6777.00	21130.00	$ 624.00	16333.00	$ 7228.00

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IN ITS

EIGHTY - THIRD
SEMI - ANNUAL SESSION

CALLED MEETINGS
ASHEVILLE, N. C.—July 9, 1937.
GLADE SPRINGS, VA.—Sept. 15, 1937.

FALL MEETING
WEST ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 12-13, 1937

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. Stewart H. Long, Murphy, N. C. C B Ratchford
Stated Clerk—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Franklin, N. C.
Treasurer, Evangelist, and Superintendent of Home Missions—Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chm., Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, R. E. Magill, O. L. Merchant, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey. Rev Geo B Hammond
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11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chm., R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, Theo D. Morrison, George H. Wright.

Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring, ~~1936~~; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring, 1940. 1944

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator. Sacraments R P Walker
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy.
Languages, Thesis, and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.
Sciences—~~Rev. Thos. McMurray~~, Rev. O. C. Landrum. Church Govt W S Hutchison
Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. P. Walker.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Annuity Fund—R. E. Magill, Chmn., Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. F. Campbell, G. C. Summerow, M. W. Bell, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay.

Ad Interim—Procedure—Vacant Churches—Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., Chm., Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

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CALLED MEETING

ASHEVILLE, N. C.
July 9th, 1937.

Asheville Presbytery met in called session, July 9th, 1937, in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., and was opened with prayer by Dr. K. J. Foreman. Dr. R. D. Bedinger was elected acting clerk.

Members present were:

Ministers:—W. Hooper Adams, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. W. P. Chedester, Rev. Wriston Hartsell, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. T. A. Painter.

Elders:—F. S. Foster, West Asheville; Candler Morgan, Oak Forest; R. E. Magill, Montreat.

Dr. Charles B. Chapin of Lehigh Presbytery, U. S. A., was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met the Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C. July 9, 1937, at 10:00 A. M. for the following purposes:

1. To act upon the resignation of the Rev. Wriston Hartsell, Pastor of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church.
2. To dismiss Rev. Wriston Hartsell to the Presbytery of Mecklenberg if the way be clear.

(Signed) R. E. MAGILL, *Moderator.*

The resignation of the Rev. Wriston Hartsell was accepted with regret and he was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

The Moderator, Mr. R. E. Magill, and the acting clerk, Dr. R. D. Bedinger were authorized, in the absence of the Stated Clerk to send the letter of dismissal to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

R. E. MAGILL, *Moderator.*
R. D. BEDINGER, *Acting Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

GLADE SPRING, VA.
September 15th, 1937.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Old Glade Spring Presbyterian Church, Glade Spring, Va., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. W. Caldwell.

The Moderator being absent, the last Moderator present, Rev. P. N. Gresham, presided.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The Presbytery of Asheville requests the Synod of Appalachia to direct that a meeting be called for Wednesday, Sept. 15th in the Old Glade Spring Presbyterian Church, Glade Spring, Va., to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To receive Mr. John Robert Smith under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.
2. To dismiss Rev. J. C. Bridges to the Presbytery of Concord.
3. To transact any other business connected with the above.

(Signed) REV. J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*
Glade Spring, Va.
September 14th, 1937.

The following were present:

Ministers:—R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, O. C. Landrum, S. H. Long, D. W. Richardson, R. P. Walker.

Elders:—Asheville, S. R. McKee; Franklin, A. L. Leach; Montreat, I. J. Archer.

In view of the fact that the candidate is a graduate of Davidson College and ready to enter the Seminary for the fall session, the rule requiring two months notice of application was waived.

The candidate, being recommended by the Committee of Christian Education, was examined as to his experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry. This examination, being found satisfactory, was sustained and the candidate after a brief charge was enrolled as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

A letter of dismission was granted to the Rev. J. C. Bridges to unite with the Presbytery of Concord.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the meeting was closed with prayer led by Dr. D. W. Richardson.

P. N. GRESHAM, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

October 12,1937.
Asheville, N. C.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. R. P. Walker, D. D. at the request of the retiring Moderator, Mr. R. E. Magill. Dr. Walker preached on the subject, "Prayer," using as his text, Acts 4:31-34.

The Roll was called and the following were present:

ROLL

Ministers:—W. Hooper Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, Stewart H. Long, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, J. R. Sevier, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Churches:—Asheville First, S. R. McKee; Black Mtn., E. E. White (1) J. O. Williams, (2) Brevard-Davidson River, J. S. Dendy; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Etowah, J. L. Gash: Franklin, J. E. Lancaster; Hendersonville, H. G. Love, (1) J. T. Fain (2) Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, R. L. Crook; Mills River, O. W. Lancaster (1) L. L. Burgin, (2) Montreat, R. E. Magill; Murphy, J. B. Gray; Oak Forest, Hugh Lamb; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Weaverville, J. L. Parks; West Asheville, F. S. Foster.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer led by the Rev. K. J. Foreman, D. D.

Rev. Stewart H. Long was elected Moderator and Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Tuesday, October 12, 1937.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon.....Rev. R. P. Walker, D. D.
Business.
12:45 P. M. .....Recess
1:00 P. M. .....Lunch
(On account of a funeral, the afternoon Session will be in the West Asheville Methodist Church).
2:15 P. M. .....Business
3:30 P. M.—An open discussion of the Condition of Our Missions in China. Led by Rev. W. H. Adams and Rev. Lewis H. Lancaster.
4:30 P. M.....A discussion of the Problem of Delinquent Taxes.
Business.
5:30 P. M. .....Recess
7:30 P. M.—Missions:
Rev. Lewis H. Lancaster ..... Foreign Missions
Rev. R. D. Bedinger.....Report-Supt.
Rev. R. F. Campbell.....Home Missions.
Business.
Adjournment at will.

Wednesday, October 13, 1937.

9:00 A. M.—Devotional.....Rev. C. M. Jones.
Business.
11: A. M.—Special Order of the Day.
(1) Sermon—R. B. DuPree.
(2) Communion Service.
Ministers:—Rev. Paul Gresham, Rev. H. B. Dendy.
Business.
12:45 P. M.....Recess
1:00 P. M.....Lunch
2:15 P. M.....Business
Adjournment at will.

The Minutes of the Called meetings were read as information and ordered printed.

Mr. R. B. DuPree was received as a candidate for the Gospel ministry from the Presbytery of South Carolina and his examination for licensure was made the first order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. G. B. Hammond presented his resignation as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Stewardship. This was referred to the Committee on Nominations, after appointment.

Rev. John C. Neville of Bethel Presbytery and Rev. Lewis H. Lancaster of Nashville Presbytery were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Greetings from Mrs. H. G. Love, President of Asheville Presbyterial, were received and by a rising vote Presbytery expressed its appreciation of this kind and thoughtful expression.

After prayer by Rev. G. B. Hammond, Presbytery took recess until 2:15 P. M.

Afternoon Session—Tuesday

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 o'clock in the West Asheville Methodist Church and was led in prayer by Rev. W. P. Chedester.

The time for the special order of the day having arrived Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. R. B. DuPree for licensure. In lieu of his examination on the academic studies, and Church History and the Original Languages of the Scriptures, diplomas from Erskine and Columbia Theological Seminary, respectively, were accepted as satisfactory and his examinations on Experimental Religion, Theology, Church Government, the Sacraments, the English Bible, the thesis, critical exegesis and popular lecture being sustained as satisfactory, Presbytery postponed further examination until 11 A. M. Wednesday.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures**—R. E. Magill, Chm., Dr. R. D. Bedinger, J. S. Dendy.
2. **Judiciary**—Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Chm., Rev. J. C. Plexico, E. E. White.
3. **Records of Presbytery**—Rev. C. M. Jones, Chm., Rev. G. B. Hammond, O. W. Lancaster.
4. **Minutes of the General Assembly**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. K. J. Foreman, J. T. Bailey, J. B. Gray.
5. **Auditing**—H. G. Love, Chm., Dr. H. B. Dendy, J. E. Lancaster.
6. **Leave of Absence**—Rev. O. C. Landrum, Chm., F. S. Foster, R. L. Crook.
7. **Nominations**—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chm., Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Dr. R. P. Walker, S. R. McKee.
8. **Resolutions (privately)**—Rev. T. A. Painter.

The church concurring, the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between Dr. R. F. Campbell and the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, was granted, the dissolution to be effective as of December 12, 1937, or as soon thereafter as a successor shall take charge of the work.

Many of the members of the Presbytery expressed their feeling of appreciation for the fine service of Dr. Campbell and regret at the action requested of the Presbytery.

A Committee consisting of Dr. L. Wilds, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Revs. T. A. Painter and J. A. Flanagan were appointed to bring in a special resolution of esteem and appreciation for Dr. Campbell and his services, to be incorporated in the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS WITH REFERENCE TO REV. R. F. CAMPBELL, D. D.

Whereas, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., who has been Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C. for the past 45 years, has tendered his resignation as Pastor of said church, and whereas the congregation of said church has concurred with him in asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship; therefore be it resolved:

THAT Asheville Presbytery accepts with great reluctance and a deep sense of sadness the resignation of Dr. Campbell as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, and, at his request and that of the congregation, dissolves the pastoral relation, which extending over a period of forty-five years, has been marked by singular power and fruitfulness to the untold benefit, not only of the local church, the city of Asheville, and the Presbytery which Dr. Campbell, together with the sainted Dr. R. P. Smith, fathered and which he has so faithfully served and so generously and wisely counselled over the years, but also to the good of the church at large.

THAT the Presbytery, in taking this action, rejoices in the assurance given by Dr. Campbell that the termination of this pastorate does not mean the termination of his residence in the city of his adoption, but that he will continue to bless us with his presence and counsel, and to give of his time and talents in active work within the bounds of the Presbytery.

THAT, further, the Presbytery assures Dr. Campbell of its unbounded esteem and affection for him as a Christian gentleman, as a wise Presbyter, and as a distinguished minister of the Glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Also, be it RESOLVED, that the Presbytery conveys to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, its profound interest in its choice of a worthy successor to Dr. Campbell in a pulpit, which, in the very nature of things, so largely influences the welfare of the Presbytery at large.

And it is further resolved, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the daily papers of the city of Asheville for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman,*
T. A. PAINTER,
H. B. DENDY,
J. A. FLANAGAN.

Dr. C. B. Chapin of Lehigh Presbytery, U. S. A. was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery heard the report of the Foreign Mission Committee and pending the adoption of the report Rev. Lewis H. Lancaster of China, led a helpful discussion period on our work in China and the situation today.

The report of the Foreign Mission was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to focus the attention of the ministers and elders and of the faithful members of all the constituent congregations on four facts looming on the world-wide horizon.

The first two of these facts are cause for rejoicing and of thanksgiving to the Divine Head of the Church. They peculiarly apply to the "Presbyterian Church in the United States", but should be of interest and encouragement to all who love the cause of the Lord Jesus.

We rejoice and give thanks: (1) Because new members to the number of 14,199 were added to our church in foreign fields during the past church year, including 8,050 additions to the congregations remaining directly under the supervision of our missionaries and 6,149 to congregations belonging to self-governing native Presbyteries organized wholly or in major part by our representatives. Assuredly God has unmistakably approved and blessed the endeavors on behalf of the extension of Christ's dominion over the lives of men made by the consecrated men and women, American and native, converts, whom our Church has commissioned and supports.

(2) Because our Executive Committee's debt has been reduced this past year by $32,579 and by $97,000 during the past six years. God has been increasing the means of giving and reviving the love of giving among His chosen ones belonging to the branch of Zion. As money in large measure constitutes the sinews of war in the conflict of right against wrong, as in secular conflicts, we are in this measure prepared for an advance abroad.

The third and fourth facts pertain to the replacements of personnel among our representatives in these six foreign fields, and the means of their equipment and support. These take the form of recommendations:

(A) That in view of the knowledge that our heroic band of missionaries has been sadly and alarmingly decreased since 1927 from 516 to 393, and that the annual loss to be expected from sickness, death and providential causes may be expected to amount to five per cent per annum, we call upon our ministers and praying members to implore the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers, consecrated and adequately trained, to gather in the harvest of souls which whiten the field in which our missionaries and kindred souls have been, and are still, tho with diminished members and increasing average age, sowing the good seed of everlasting life.

(B) That all of our church organizations be urged to use the Foreign Mission season, January 1 to February 6, for studying World Missions, using the books recommended by the Foreign Mission Committee, and that the special Foreign Mission of Prayer and Self-Denial, January 30-February 6, be observed in every church and organization with supplemental Foreign Mission offerings (From Minutes of the Gen. Assembly, p. 58, 1937).

Respectfully submitted,

W. HOOPER ADAMS, *Chm.*

A resolution from the West Asheville Church concerning the delinquent Contingent Fees was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

Two proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order, the Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Proposed Changes to the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and the question of Re-entrance to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, were referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

A report from the General Assembly's Training School was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The docket was revised to give a place to the report of the Committee on the schools and colleges.

By a standing vote Presbytery expressed its appreciation for the use of the West Asheville Methodist Church during the afternoon session.

After prayer by Rev. J. H. Gruver, Presbytery recessed until 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 o'clock for a popular meeting in the interest of Missions with Rev. W. Hooper Adams and Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., presiding.

The Young People's vested choir of the West Asheville Church delighted the Presbytery by rendering two special musical numbers.

Rev. Lewis H. Lancaster of China brought a thrilling and challenging message to the Presbytery concerning the Foreign Mission work in China.

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Supt. of Home Missions, presented the report of the Home Mission Committee which was made the first order of the day, and pending the adoption of this report Wednesday, Dr. R. F. Campbell spoke in a reminiscent way of the early work in the Presbytery, and in a hopeful way of the continued work.

After prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery adjourned until Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

Wednesday Morning

Presbytery met again at 9:00 A. M. and was led in a helpful devotional service by Rev. Chas. M. Jones.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Stewart H. Long and the Andrews, Hayesville, and Murphy churches was dissolved, the dissolution to become effective November

1, 1937, and a letter of dismissal was granted to Mr. Long to unite with the Presbytery of Augusta.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Two and one-half years ago the Presbytery approved a radical change in the operation of its Builders' League. Formerly, the funds derived from this League had been under the control of the Home Mission Committee. At this time it was directed that all such funds be pro-rated to any church in debt that would meet certain requirements; further, that a determined effort be made to pay all the indebtedness resting on the churches within a period of three years. This indebtedness amounted to $30,760.00, of which $17,920.00 rested on six of our Home Mission Churches. It was further directed that the Home Mission Committee put on a campaign to try to secure 1,000 subscribers to the Builders' Legion, giving $1.00 each three times per year, which would realize the sum of $3,000.00 per year. This Campaign was put on resulting in the securing of 325 members who subscribed $422.00 per call, three times a year, or the sum of $1,266.00. The membership was divided among 16 churches. Nothing was secured from 12 of the churches of Presbytery. Ten of the churches have benefitted from the Fund and some of them were greatly stimulated to reduce or eliminate their debts. Hazelwood and Weaverville have profited by special designated gifts. These ten churches with the amounts received are as follows:

Andrews	$119.31
Brevard	131.31
Dillingham	164.07
Franklin	224.05
Kenilworth	160.54
Mills River	356.65
Swannanoa	650.00
Hazelwood	273.75
Weaverville	804.25
W. Asheville	120.19

The debts on the Dillingham, Weaverville, and Swannanoa Manse properties have been entirely paid off. In fact, of the $17,920.00 debts resting on the six Home Mission Churches, there remains today on these self-same churches only $4,440.000 indebtedness. If we exclude the $2,500.00 of the original $5,000.00 debt on the Kenilworth Church, which is now self-supporting, there remains an indebtedness of only $1,940.00 on three Home Mission churches. We think that this is a striking achievement and proves the helpfulness and value of the Builders' League. The Home Mission Committee, and we feel the Presbytery, too, are most grateful to the hundreds of friends who have stood by the League these years and made such substantial progress possible. But, with the paying off of old debts new needs arise, and it is essential that we should enlarge the membership of the League.

Recommendations

1. That the Presbytery call upon and urge all Pastors and all organizations within each church to co-operate fully and heartily with the Home Mission Committee in a renewed effort to increase the Membership of the Builders' League to at least 1,000 at the earliest possible time.

2. In view of the facts, (1) that the Builders' League of Asheville Presbytery was orginally designed to aid Home Mission churches to secure manses and church buildings; and (2) that, with one exception, Swannanoa, the self-supporting churches have not regularly availed themselves of the opportunity of participating in the distribution of the funds of the Builders' League; and (3) that the Home Mission Committee finds itself financially embarrassed for funds with which to meet its assumed obligations on certain debts; and, (4) that the Hazelwood Home Mission church is in desperate need of financial assistance in its new building program:

Therefore, the Home Mission Committee respectfully recommends and urges the Presbytery to return to the former status of operation of the Builders' League Fund so that all funds derived from this source shall be under the control again of the Home Mission Committee to be distributed at its discretion where it deems them most needed in its Home Mission work.

3. That Dr. R. F. Campbell be requested to deliver an address relating to the Home Mission work of the Presbytery from its beginning until the present, as a special feature of the Home Mission hour Tuesday night, October 12, 1397 at the meeting of Presbytery; also, that he include suggestions as to the expansion of the work in the future, and that his address be printed in our Church periodicals.

4. That the request of the Bethel Presbyterian church for the services of the Superintendent of Home Missions as Stated Supply until the next meeting of Presbytery be approved.

5. That the Home Mission Committee report to the Presbytery that it has requested a group of five ladies, Miss Alda Wilson and Mrs. Laura Berger, of Asheville, Mrs. R. C. Anderson, of Montreat, Mrs. L. M. Richeson, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Adger Smyth, of Hendersonville, to act in an advisory capacity with the

Mountain Orphanage Committee. It would also desire to go on record as expressing its deep appreciation of the fine co-operation and assistance, not only of these ladies, but of all the ladies within the membership of Asheville Presbytery, and some without those bounds.

6. Mr. Frank Nelson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Chairman of the recently enlarged Campaign Committee of Synod for the raising of the debts resting on King College and Stonewall, sent a letter to Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, in which he reported the action of said Campaign Committee in electing Dr. R. D. Bedinger to become their campaign Manager and requested the Home Mission Committee to recommend to the Presbytery that Dr. Bedinger be released for this special work of the Synod of Appalachia. After considerable discussion, the Home Mission Committee makes the following recommendation to the Presbytery:

"That, in view of certain recent developments in the Presbytery, including the vacancies existing in six Home Mission churches, the request of Synod's Campaign Committee for the release of Dr. Bedinger be not granted."

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. BEDINGER, *Secretary and Sup't.*

Rev. E. D. McMahan was granted permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' ANNUITY FUND

Submitted October 12, 1937.

The importance of securing full cooperation of every church, every organization, and as far as possible, every individual, in completing the Ministers' Annuity Fund within the time limit set by the General Assembly, that is January 1, 1938, led Dr. Sweets to send Mr. B. G. Alexander into the field to aid in setting up campaigns in every church and group of churches.

After reviewing the whole situation and after conference with pastors and officers in every church a tentative budget was agreed upon as the goal the church would strive to attain. It is understood that certain adjustments will be made in churches having local obligations, or which have sustained losses in membership.

The suggested quotas are as follows:

Asheville, First	$17,500	
Asheville, Kenilworth	900	
Asheville, West	900	
Oak Forest	300	
Black Mountain	250	
Montreat	1,500	
Swannanoa	500	
Weaverville Group	915	
Bryson City	400	
Murphy	900	
Franklin Group	400	
Brevard	750	
Hendersonville	3,500	
Canton	900	
Bethel	200	
Waynesville	900	
Hazelwood Group	220	
Highlands	600	Total
Mills River Group	400	$32,035.00

The original goal suggested by Dr. Sweets was $41,047.00.

The plan suggested by Dr. Sweets and Mr. Alexander is in brief as follows:

(a) Ask each congregation and each group to set up a committee for an immediate canvass of every member above 16 years of age with the purpose of securing a written pledge for a sum in keeping with the ability of the subscriber. Ascertain by careful inquiry the total to be expected from the church and by united prayer and substantial effort attempt to reach the goal fixed.

(b) There are a few uncollected pledges for this cause in a number of churches of the Presbytery. It is agreed that any funds collected on these pledges shall be applied as a credit on any new goals fixed by the church or group of churches.

(c) All goals fixed or funds collected shall be reported at once to Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D., 410 Urban Building, Louisville, Ky., and a duplicate report should be made to the chairman of the Presbytery's Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. MAGILL, *Chairman*
Annuity Fund, Asheville Presbytery.

In adopting the report of the Committee on The Ministers' Annuity Fund this motion was also adopted:

That these quotas be assigned to the churches as minimum quotas only, and that each church strive to go beyond its quota.

A request for the services of Mr. B. G. Alexander to assist in the completion of the M. A. F. Campaign, was sent to Dr. Henry H. Sweets.

Rev. R. C. Anderson D. D. made his report as a Trustee of Davidson College and as a Commissioner to the General Assembly which was received and a commendation for his diligence was given him.

The report of the Montreat College was referred to the Committee of Schools and Colleges.

It was made a special order of the day that reports from King College and Mountain Orphanage be heard at the first business session.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was empowered to make request that Mr. John Robert Smith be appointed to a scholarship on the Latta Fund.

Presbytery took recess until 11:00 A. M. that preparation might be made for the Communion service.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:00 A. M. and heard a sermon by Mr. R. B. DuPree. Subject: "Perverted Faith". Text: Epistle of Jude.

Following this, the Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed with Rev. P. N. Gresham and Dr. H. B. Dendy administering the elements.

The following memorial to Rev. W. F. Creson, deceased, was read and adopted.

MEMORIAL TO REV. W. F. CRESON

Rev. W. F. Creson, pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian church, Asheville, N. C. died in that city on December 15, 1936 after a short illness. He was fifty-eight years of age. Mr. Creson was a native of Reidsville, Tenn., and secured his training in Southwestern Presbyterian University, now at Memphis. He was ordained to the ministry in October, 1908, and before coming to Asheville seven years ago had been pastor of churches in Port Gibson, Miss., Ocala, Fla., DeQueen, Ark., and Crowley, La. From the

time he became pastor of the West Asheville congregation in 1929, Mr. Creson was active in church affairs of Asheville. He did not confine his work to his own church. He spent a great deal of time cheering persons who were ill, and spent many entire nights at the bedside of sick members of his congregations or other acquaintances. He had many friends both in and out of his congregation. Among young people, with whom he loved to work, he was particularly well liked. He was also active in the work of Asheville Presbytery. Funeral services were conducted December 16 at the First Presbyterian church, Asheville. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., and Rev. Joseph R. Sevier, D. D., officiated. Active pallbearers were: Rev. Messrs. H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum and R. P. Walker. Honorary pallbearers were other ministers in the Asheville Presbytery and members of the Presbytery's home missions committee, of which Mr. Creson was a member. Mr. Creson is survived by his widow; one daughter, Miss Carolyn Creson, a student of Augusta; and two sons, Walter Creson, student at Lee Edwards school, and David Creson, aged eight years.

Asheville Presbytery hereby records its deep love for Brother Creson and its appreciation for his work and its love, sympathy, and prayers for his family.

H. B. DENDY.

Accepting the sermon as a satisfactory part of the examination for licensure and the examination as a whole being sustained, Mr. R. B. DuPree was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, senior member of the Presbytery, served as Moderator during the licensing of Mr. DuPree. The matter of ordaining Mr. DuPree was docketed for consideration after lunch Wednesday.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger spoke in behalf of King College, the Rev. J. H. Gruver of the work at the Mountain Orphanage and Dr. J. R. Sevier of the work at Fassifern school and Camp Greystone.

Consideration of the matter of the interest on the King College Debt was made the first order of the day after the noon recess.

Following prayer by the Rev. O. C. Landrum, Presbytery took recess until 1:45 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon

Presbytery met again at 1:45 P. M. and was led in prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

The call for the pastoral services of Mr. R. B. DuPree as pastor of the Highlands Church was found in order, placed in his hands and having been accepted by him, the following commission was appointed to ordain and install him as pastor of the Highlands church on Tuesday evening, October 19, 1937: Rev. J. A. Flanagan, to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D. to charge the pastor; the Rev. C. M. Jones to charge the congregation; with the Reverends R. P. Walker, G. B. Hammond and S. R. Crockett as alternates to the above; and Elders A. L. Leach, Franklin, and Henry Wright, Highlands.

The following resolution was adopted: "We thank Dr. Bedinger and Dr. Campbell for bringing to our attention the facts in regard to King College. We request Dr. Bedinger to continue his efforts to secure our part of this fund, and we instruct the Stated Clerk to write each church, calling attention to the unpaid balance on the interest payments and urging action to be taken at once to meet this deficit."

The following report was adopted and the committee discharged:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' SALARIES
October 12, 1937

In accord with the resolution constituting this committee this report is submitted in two parts.

(1) With regard to churches which have reduced their pastor's salary without the consent of Presbytery we find that in several cases where this was done there has since then been a change of pastor, or the church has resumed payment according to the original contract. It is recommended that in those cases still remaining a letter be written to the pastor and to the clerk of session calling attention to the irregularity of procedure and asking that the matter be rectified by the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

(2) In the matter of ministers salaries in general your committee finds that although living costs have risen from ten to twenty-five per cent since the low point of the depression salaries are not only no higher but average much lower. The pastor's call specifies that the amount paid is to "free him from worldly cares and avocations". This committee finds that the ministers have refrained from engaging in worldly avocations which would distract from their main business of life, but the burden of cares has increased, and it is urged that the churches endeavor to better these conditions. While it is not possible to set limits in every case this committee would suggest that any salary less than $1,800 per year is inadequate and that many churches who pay somewhat more are not rising to the need of providing for that freedom from worldly cares which is to be expected in view of the responsibilities on their pastors. Attention is also called to the fact that, although the adoption of the Annuity Plan will provide future security, for most of the men in this Presbytery it will mean an immediate condition of living on less income. For these and other reasons it is recommended that this report be printed in "Our Mountain Work" and a copy sent to each Board of Deacons, calling attention to the fact that, although it takes a congregational meeting and the consent of Presbytery for any church to take on an increased annual obligation in the matter of a pastor's salary, immediate relief can be had at any time by a vote of the Board of Deacons to make a payment out of Current Expense funds in the nature of a bonus, in addition to the regular contract salary. Churches are urged to consider this matter prayerfully.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McMURRAY,
Secretary for the Committee.

The Stewardship Committee made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP
October 12, 1937

Your committee wishes to submit the following recommendations:

I. In the matter of current expenses—

(1) That the churches follow the Book of Church Order and include in the Current Expense Budget the expense of their representative to Synod and Presbytery.

II. In the matter of benevolences—

(2) That the benevolence goals for the churches be set as follows:

Asheville First	$13,350
Hendersonville	3,500
Montreat	2,500
Canton	700
West Asheville	650
Brevard	550
Kenilworth	500
Waynesville	450
Swannanoa	400
Weaverville	400
Black Mountain	350
Bryson City	175
Oak Forest	100
Murphy	100
Andrews	75
Hayesville	35
Home Mission Churches:	
Mills River	250
Franklin	225
Hazelwood	150
Bethel	100
Highlands	100
Dillingham	100
Etowah	85
Morrison	75
White Oak	30
Ivy Park	25
Red Oak	15
Slagle Memorial	10
Total	$25,000

(3) That the benevolence percentages be as follows:

For the work within the Presbytery		47%
Presbytery's Home Missions	28%	
Mountain Orphanage	14%	
Montreat College	5%	
For the Work of Synod		8%
Synod's Work Committee	3%	
King College	5%	
For General Assembly's Causes		45%
Foreign Missions	25%	
Assembly's Home Missions	12%	
Christian Education and Min. Relief	5%	

Religious Education and Publication	2%
Assembly's Training School	.6%
Bible Cause	.4%

(4) That, in view of the fact that there is no amount for the Theological Seminaries in the regular benevolence percentages, the Presbytery requests that the churches observe "Seminary Day" as the first Sunday in August of each year and that a special offering be taken at that time for the Louisville and Union Seminaries, to be divided 1-3 and 2-3, respectively.

III. In the matter of the contingent fund:

(5) That the regular Contingent Tax be fixed at $ .15 per member.

6. That we urgently request the churches delinquent on contingent fees to settle these at once and that the Treasurer of the Presbytery remind them of the delinquencies and of the fact that this matter has been before the Presbytery again and again.

7. That the Presbytery express its very deep sympathy for the West Asheville Church because of its accumulated burden and express its very sincere appreciation of its earnest endeavor to extricate itself from its very difficult situation; however, that because of setting an unwise precedent, it does not deem it wise to cancel the delinquent tax due by this church and it will appreciate the payment of this tax in the way in which the church may best do so.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE HAMMOND.

The report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly would report that the last Assembly approved and sent down to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent:

1. Two amendments to the Book of Church Order, namely (a) an addition to paragraph 76-a, in Chapter XV, as to a Commission on the Minister and his work.
   (b) A substitute for Chapter XXVI 142-a, concerning similar commissions in Synod and General Assembly.

A. Your Committee recommends that Presbytery give its consent to the changes and additions.

2. A report from an ad interim Committee on proposed changes to the Confession of Faith is sent for our suggestions. The

Assembly has not approved these but wishes to have our opinion of them.

B. Your Committee would recommend that Presbytery approve these changes.

3. Proposed changes in the Shorter and Larger Catechisms.

C. Presbytery would approve these changes.

4. Presbyteries are asked to reply to the question: "Shall we re-enter the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America?"

Your committee would recommend that Presbytery would answer "YES."

J. W. CALDWELL,
K. J. FOREMAN,
R. F. CAMPBELL,
J. B. GRAY.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Rev. S. H. Long for his services as moderator of this Presbytery.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Committee on Judiciary had nothing to report.

The Committee on Records of Presbytery made the following report which was adopted:

The Minutes of the Fall meeting, 1936, and Spring meeting, 1937, were duly examined. With the exception of a few inconsequential typographical errors there are no corrections. We would like to commend the Stated Clerk on his first Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. JONES, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence makes the following recommendations:

1. That Dr. D. W. Richardson and E. D. McMahan be excused from this meeting of the Presbytery.
2. That Dr. J. R. Sevier be excused from attendance for the first day.
3. That R. B. DuPree be excused after 3 P. M., Wednesday.
4. That Dr. R. P. Walker be excused from the Tuesday night meeting, and after 4 P. M., Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,
O. C. LANDRUM, *Chairman.*

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. Geo. B. Hammond be placed on Foreign Mission Committee.
2. That Rev. R. B. DuPree be made chairman of the Bible Cause Committee.
3. That Rev. J. C. Plexico take the place of Rev. J. C. Bridges as Chairman of Sabbath and Family Religion.
4. That Rev. T. A. Painter take the place as chairman of the Stewardship Committee.
5. That Rev. C. M. Jones take the place of Rev. Wriston Hartsell on Committee of Schools and Colleges.
6. That the Presbyterial sermon at the next meeting be preached by Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., on the Christian Church, with Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. GRESHAM,
W. S. HUTCHISON,
R. P. WALKER,
S. R. McKEE.

The Committee on Religious Education made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

Your Committee feels that there is cause for rejoicing and gratitude for the splendid work that has been done in the Presbytery during the summer months. We would call to your attention some of the achievements in the Presbytery although a full report is not possible.

SUMMER WORKERS:

Three summer workers were used during the summer in a number of the fields with gratifying results. Mr. Boyd Underwood of Columbia Seminary, Miss Thelma Garrette of Lynchburg, Va., and Miss Lucilla White of the Assembly's Training School, did excellent work in eleven Vacation Bible Schools and two camps, and our heartfelt thanks are due these fine workers for their untiring and self-sacrificing labor.

BIBLE SCHOOLS:

Reports from 12 fields showed that Vacation Bible Schools were conducted for 110 days with an enrollment of 876, an average daily attendance of 669 in which 94 workers were employed, with an offering for the workers of $63, and additional expenses of $55. In addition to these fields Bible Schools were held in the Mountain Orphanage, Highlands, Brevard and Davidson River churches. The Kenilworth Church conducted a five-day school for the colored children.

CONFERENCE:

Our sixth annual Intermediate-Y. P. Conference was held in Montreat, June 20-26th, with 70 delegates and 10 leaders present, the largest and best of all our conferences. The conference spirit is growing in the Presbytery.

RALLIES:

Three rallies have been held by the Young Peoples' League of the Presbytery, the first being held in connection with the Y. P. Conference in Bristol, the second in Montreat during the conference there, and the third in the First Church, Asheville, on Sunday, October 10th. The latter two were well attended and a fine spirit prevailed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That local church sessions be reminded of their increasing responsibility for ministering to the unreached and unchurched children, youth, and adults in their own, and near-by communities, organizing out-post Sunday Schools, and Vacation Bible Schools whenever opportunity can be made.

2. That the Presbytery endorse the Executive Committee's separation of its business and benevolent budgets, directing all church offerings into benevolent work exclusively, and supporting the educational work from the business department.

3. That the Presbytery endorse heartily the Presbyterian Youth Conference on World Missions planned for the Christmas holidays; and that all sessions and pastors be urged to cooperate with the Convention Committee in enlisting worthy young people, and assisting them through finances and counsel in attending the conference.

4. That every organization of our churches that does not include the work of this committee in its budget, be asked to make provision for a special offering for this cause at some time during the year.

5. That Presbytery approve the holding of an Intermediate-Y. P. Conference at Montreat in June.

6. That Presbytery approve the securing of two summer workers for 1938 at a cost not to exceed $150-$100 to be taken from the funds of the Committee on Religious Education and $50 from the funds of the Home Mission Committee.

7. That Presbytery approve the holding of a one-day Conference in the interests of the Sunday School at Asheville in December.

J. A. FLANAGAN.

Mr. R. E. Magill and Mr. J. E. Lancaster made their reports as Commissioners to the General Assembly. Their reports were accepted and they were commended for their diligence.

No invitation being received for the spring meeting of the Presbytery the matter of finding a place was left with the Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report which was adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

That Asheville Presbytery by a rising vote expresses its sincere appreciation and hearty thanks to the congregation of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church and to the pastor, Rev. J. C. Plexico, for the gracious and bountiful manner in which they have entertaind the Presbytery during its meeting, October 12-13.

That the Presbytery notes with gratification the evidences of God's blessing upon the work of pastor and people, and assures them of its prayerful interest in their endeavors for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in this promising field.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER.

An Ad Interim Committee, consisting of Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D. and W. S. Hutchison, was appointed to bring in a report as to procedure in the case of vacant churches.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved, after corrections.

Following the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and prayer by Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Moderator, pro tem,

Presbytery adjourned to meet on April 12, 1938, at some designated place.

S. H. LONG, Moderator.
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

C. B. RATCHFORD, *Temporary Clerk.*

Examined and approved
by Synod of Appalachia
Chattanooga Tenn.
September 29. 1938
W. H. Thompson
moderator

Official copy
J. A. Thickman
Stated Clerk.

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IN ITS

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ASHEVILLE, N. C. - April 4, 1938.

SPRING MEETING
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 19-20, 1938.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Hendersonville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Franklin, N. C.
Treasurer, Evangelist, and Superintendent of Home Missions—Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Home Missions—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chm., Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, R E. Magill, O. L. Merchant, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. W. Hooper Adams, Chm., Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Dr. D. W. Richardson, E. E. White, J. T. Fain.
3. Assembly's Home Missions—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chm., Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.
4. Bible Cause—Rev. R. B. DuPree, Chm., J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Dr. R. P. Walker, Chm., Dr. J. R. Sevier, G. C. Summerow.
6. Religious Education and Publication—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Chm., Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. P. P. Thrower, S. C. Clapp, R. L. Prevost, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.
7. Sabbath and Family Religion—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Chm., Rev. W. P. Chedester, C. L. Grey.
8. Church Societies—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chm., E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.
9. Stewardship—Rev. T. A. Painter, Chm., Rev. Chas. M. Jones, Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, I. J. Archer, W. B. Ferguson, W H. McMurray, C. M. Sawyer, Granville Taylor, J. E. Shields.
10. Schools and Colleges—Rev. O. C. Landrum, Chm., Dr. K. J. Foreman, Rev. C. M. Jones, M. W. Bell, Crosby Adams.
11. Historical—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chm., R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, Theo. D. Morrison, George H. Wright.
Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson, whose term expires Spring, 1941; Mr. Ruffner Campbell, whose term expires Spring, 1940.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Dr. H. B. Dendy.
Languages, Thesis, and Critical Exegesis—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.
Sciences—Rev. O. C. Landrum.
Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Sacraments—Dr. R. P. Walker.
Church Government—Rev. W. S. Hutchison.
Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Annuity Fund—R. E. Magill, Chm., Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. O. C. Landrum, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. F. Campbell, G C. Summerow, M. W. Bell, Dr. Paul H. Ringer, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay.

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CALLED MEETING

ASHEVILLE, N. C.
January 21, 1938.

Pursuant to the call of the Stated Clerk, the Moderator being out of the Presbytery at the time, the Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:00 A. M., and was called to order by the Rev. P. N. Gresham, last Moderator present.

Dr. J. W. Caldwell led the opening prayer.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Ministers:—W. H. Adams, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, T. A. Painter, J. Clyde Plexico.

Elders: O. E. Starnes, Oak Forest.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order, and is as follows:

"The Constitutional requirements having been met the Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:00 A. M., on Friday, January 21, 1938, for the following purposes:

1. To answer the request of the Oak Forest Church for the services of Rev. C. B. Chapin, D.D., as Stated Supply, and any matters pertaining to this relationship, if the way be clear.

2. To receive Rev. P. P. Thrower of Marshall, N. C.; to act on the calls for his services from the Bryson City and Andrews Churches; to arrange for his installation in theses churches; and any other matters pertaining to these matters, if the way be clear.

3. To consider and act upon the report of the Treasurer of the Presbytery."

J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

Franklin, N. C., Jan. 10, 1938.

The request for the services of the Rev. C. B. Chapin, D.D., as Stated Supply of the Oak Forest Church was presented by Elder O. E. Starnes and permission was granted Dr. Chapin to serve as Stated Supply until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Dr. Chapin stated his desire to unite with the Presbytery and presented the copy of a call from Lehigh Presbytery, U. S. A., showing that the Presbytery was to convene in the Y. M. C. A. of Allentown, Pa., on Tuesday, February

1, 1938, to act on the request of Dr. C. B. Chapin for a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Asheville.

The Rev. Paul P. Thrower presented a letter of dismissal, duly attested, from the French Broad Presbytery, U. S. A.

After the required examinations, which were sustained as satisfactory, and an affirmative answer to the required questions, and pending a letter of dismissal for Dr. Chapin, Dr. Chapin and the Rev. P. P. Thrower were received into the Presbytery and enrolled as members of the Presbytery.

Calls from the Andrews and Bryson City churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. Paul P. Thrower were read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him; the Andrews Church promising the sum of $400 per year in regular monthly payments, and the Bryson City Church $800 and the use of manse.

Mr. C. A. Brown, a deacon of the Andrews Church, and a duly appointed representative of the church, was present.

The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Thrower as Pastor of Andrews and Bryson City churches:

Ministers:—Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Chairman, Rev. R. P. Walker, D.D., Rev. J. A. Flanagan, and Rev. O. C. Landrum as alternate to any of the above.

Elders:—M. W. Bell, J. E. Lancaster, S. W. Black. The quorum for the commission was fixed at two ministers and one elder.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Treasurer of the Presbytery, made a statement as to the financial condition of the Presbytery and the Orphanage and urged the cooperation of the brethren in helping meet in full the budget for the year.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes, the Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell, after which it was adjourned.

P. N. Gresham, *Moderator.*
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
April 4, 1938.

Asheville Presbytery met in called session in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 3:00 P. M., and was opened with prayer by Dr. R. P. Walker, with Mr. R. E. Magill, last Moderator present, presiding.

The following were present:

Ministers:—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Campbell, C. B. Chapin, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, T. A. Painter, J. Clyde Plexico, J. R. Sevier, Paul P. Thrower, R. P. Walker.

Elders:—S. R. McKee, First Church, Asheville; R. E. Magill, Montreat.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The Constitutional requirements having been met the Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Monday, April 4, 1938, at 3:00 P. M. to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To pass upon a call from the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, for the pastoral services of the Rev. C. Grier Davis, of the Presbytery of Norfolk.

2. If the call be found in order, to request the Presbytery of Norfolk to grant the Rev. C. Grier Davis a certificate of transfer to the Presbytery of Asheville.

3. To transact any other business directly connected with the call."

J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

Franklin, N. C., March 23, 1938.

The call from the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, for the pastoral services of the Rev. C. Grier Davis was laid before the Presbytery, found in order, and a request sent to the Presbytery of Norfolk asking for his transfer to the Presbytery of Asheville that a call might be placed in his hands.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. J. R. Sevier.

R. E. Magill, *Moderator.*
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

STATED MEETING

CANTON, N. C.
April 19, 1938.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Bethel Presbyterian Church at 11:00 A. M. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., at the request of the last Moderator present, Mr. R. E. Magill. Dr. Richardson used as his text, Heb. 10:9, "He taketh away the first that he may establish the second."

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D.

The Roll was called and the following found present:

ROLL

Ministers:—W. Hooper Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, C. B. Chapin, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, T. A. Painter, J. Clyde Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, P. P. Thrower (2), R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

Elders:—L. B. Nichols, Andrews; S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. F. Justice, Bethel; E. E. White, Black Mountain; J. A. Miller, Brevard-Davidson River; S. W. Black, Bryson City; C. J. Milne, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; A. L. Leach, Franklin; W. B. Winchester, Hazelwood; S. L. Woodward, Hendersonville; W. R. Reid, Kenilworth; O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; R. E. Magill, Montreat; M. W. Bell, Murphy; H. E. Lamb, Oak Forest; O. L. Merchant (1), C. H. Alexander (2), Swannanoa; W. R. Harbeck, Waynesville; Frank Foster, West Asheville.

Rev. C. B. Ratchford was elected Moderator and Mr. Oren W. Lancaster, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Program Committee

12:30 ..... Dinner on the grounds
1:30 ..... Afternoon Session to begin
2:45—Special Order of Day:
10-Minute presentations by the following:
The Mountain Orphanage—J. H. Gruver.
King College—Dr. R. F. Campbell.
Montreat College—Dr. R. C. Anderson.

The American Bible Society—Dr. I. S. McElroy.
3:30-5:30 ..... Business Session
5:30-7:15 ..... Recess for Supper
7:30—Special Order of Day:
Program on Home Missions,
Dr. R. F. Campbell, presiding.

Wednesday

9:15-9:30—Opening Session:
Devotionals led by Rev. P. P. Thrower
10:00-10:45—Special Order of Day:
Foreign Mission Report by Rev. W. H. Adams.
Followed by open forum led by Dr. D. W. Richardson.
10:45-11:00 ..... Recess
11:00 ..... Presbyterial Sermon by Dr. L. T. Wilds followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Supper with Rev. S. R. Crockett and Rev. W. P. Chedester administering the elements of the Sacrament.
12:30-1:15 ..... Dinner on the grounds
1:15 ..... Business Session until adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
F. JUSTICE,
H. A. OSBORNE,
R. D. BEDINGER, *Committee.*

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, as Stated Supply of the entertaining church, spoke of the organization of the church in 1834, and of the fine work done by Miss Emma Justice in securing funds for new additions to the church in preparation for the entertainment of the Presbytery. A communion service was presented to the church and accepted by the officers of the church.

Rev. T. G. Highfill, Pastor of the local Methodist Church, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. G. F. Bell, D.D., Presbytery of Louisville, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

A special order was set for Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of examining Mr. Jack Davidson of the Swannanoa Church with a view to receiving him as a candidate for the ministry.

Rev. O. C. Landrum and Elder W. B. Winchester were added to the Examining Committee for this session.

A call from the Oak Forest Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., at a salary of $780 per year in regular weekly payments, was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the Oak Forest Church on Sunday, May 15th: Dr. R. F. Campbell, to preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. W. Hooper Adams, to charge the congregation, and Dr. R. D. Bedinger to charge the Pastor; Rev. C. B. Ratchford was made alternate to any of the above; Elders R. E. Magill of the Montreat Church and H. E. Lamb of the Oak Forest Church.

Attention was called to the fact that the reception of the Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., into Asheville Presbytery from the Presbytery of Lehigh, U.S.A., was not in regular order, in that it was not an item to be acted upon at the called meeting of the Presbytery on January 21, 1938, Presbytery took action validating the action taken on that date.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger was granted permission to serve as Stated Supply of the Bethel Church until the fall meeting of the Presbytery.

The Black Mountain Church was granted permission to employ Dr. G. F. Bell as Stated Supply until the fall meeting of the Presbytery.

The invitation of the Oak Forest Church to entertain the fall meeting of the Presbytery on October 11-12, 1938, was accepted.

A communication from Rev. E. S. Campbell, D.D., Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions in Knoxville Presbytery, relative to a special conference to be held at Maryville in June, was received as information.

The Brevard-Davidson River Church was granted permission, and commended for its action, to increase its Pastor's salary from $1500 per year and manse to $1800 per year and manse.

Communications from Davidson College and Montreat College were referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The West Asheville Church was granted permission to increase its Pastor's salary from $2080 and manse to $2400 per year and manse, and Presbytery commended the church for its action.

Communications from the Rev. T. M. Cunningham and the Rev. Hugh W. White were read as information.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

STANDING COMMITTEES

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

BETHEL CHURCH - - - April 19-20, 1938.

1. **Bills and Overtures**—R. E. Magill, Chm., Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. W. H. Adams.
2. **Judiciary**—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chm., Dr. R. F. Campbell, M. W. Bell.
3. **Minutes of Synod**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chm., Dr. H. B. Dendy, Frank Foster.
4. **Records of Sessions**—Rev. C. M. Jones, Chm., Rev. O. C. Landrum, E. E. White, Rev. J. C. Plexico.
5. **Auditing**—S. L. Woodward, Chm., Rev. J. H. Gruver, L. B. Nichols.
6. **Nominations**—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Chm., Rev. T. A. Painter, S. R. McKee, O. L. Merchant.
7. **Leave of Absence**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chm., J. F. Justice.
8. **Records of Presbytery**—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chm., H. E. Lamb, J. A. Miller.
9. **Resolutions: (Privately)**—Dr. C. B. Chapin.

The report from the Commission to install Rev. R. B. DuPree was adopted and is as follows:

COMMISSION TO INSTALL R. B. DuPREE

HIGHLANDS, N. C.
October 19, 1937.

The commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to ordain and install Mr. R. B. DuPree as pastor of the Highlands Church met in the church, Tuesday evening, October 19, 1937, at 7:30 o'clock.

The commissioners present were: Ministers S. R. Crockett, R. D. Bedinger and J. A. Flanagan. Ruling Elders: A. L. Leach, Franklin; and Henry Wright, Highlands.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan presided and preached the sermon on "The Secret of a Saint," from the text, Philippians 1:21.

Following this Mr. DuPree was ordained and installed as pastor of the church. Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. S. R. Crockett the charge to the people.

A goodly number of people from the community joined with the membership of the church in wishing Mr. DuPree a happy and successful ministry as he begins his work in the Highlands field. It was a happy occasion and the relationship established bids fair to be a fruitful union.

J. A. FLANAGAN, *Chairman.*

The report from the Commission to install Rev. Paul P. Thrower was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to install Rev. P. P. Thrower in the Bryson City and Andrews Churches reports as follows:

On February 20, 1938, at 11:00 A. M., the Commission installed Mr. Thrower at Bryson City; Dr. R. D. Bedinger, presided and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. J. A. Flanagan preached the sermon; Elder J. E. Lancaster charged the Pastor, and Elder M. W. Bell the congregation; Elder S. W. Black and Rev. O. C. Landrum also served on the Commission.

At 4:30 P. M. Mr. Thrower was installed at Andrews. Dr. R. D. Bedinger presided and propounded the constitutional questions, and charged the pastor; Rev. O. C. Landrum preached the sermon; Elder M. W. Bell charged the congregation; Elder L. B. Nichols served on the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. BEDINGER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Procedure in Cases of Vacant Churches made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE IN CASE OF VACANT CHURCHES

The Committee recommends that in our rather small Presbytery our present procedure continue: Namely, that the self-supporting churches handle the matter for themselves, and that the Home Mission Committee, especially through its Superintendent, assist the vacant Home Mission Churches in securing a Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman.*
W. S. HUTCHISON.

The Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund made a verbal report of the progress of the campaign to raise the $3,000,000 accrued liability fund.

The reports of the Sessions were referred as follows: Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk; the Religious Educational to the Committee on Religious Education and Publication; the Narrative to the Committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion; the Woman's Auxiliary to the Committee on Church Societies.

The report on Assembly's Home Missions was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The year in Assembly's Home Missions has been one of considerable anxiety. With the removal of the bank debt, which was achieved by strict economy and self-sacrifice of the missionaries, the Executive Committee hoped that the church would be ready for a forward movement in Home Missions. While there was no retreat, because of the steadfastness of the workers, the expected advance has not been possible.

The total budget receipts were $296,202, a loss of $16,825.

The total home mission receipts were $321,019, a loss of $24,272.

The place of Assembly's Home Missions in the life of the church is indicated by the magnitude and variety of its activities. In the areas of the Committee's responsibility there are 536 missionaries, who serve 742 churches and missions with 396 outpost Sunday Schools and preaching points. Some phase of Assembly's Home Missions is found in 57 Presbyteries and in each of the 17 Synods.

The work of Assembly's Home Missions is conducted on a "pay-as-you-go" policy. The expenditures are limited to the year's income. There are no reserve funds, and the appropriations to the Presbyteries and missions are paid only as the contributions are received from the churches.

In all Christian denominations there is a revival of home mission interest and a deepening conviction that this primary task of evangelization cannot be neglected if the church is to hold its rightful place as the nation's moral leader and spiritual guide. Never in the history of the church in America was the work of home missions more vitally important than in this day of strife and confusion. Never in the history of the church's world-wide missionary enterprise did the place of Christian America loom so large, nor has the phrase "the home base" been so peculiarly significant. As never before a Christian America holds the hope for a Christian world.

A forward movement in Home Missions cannot be undertaken in a large way until a more adequate support is provided for the workers now in the field. Increased salaries for those ministers and missionaries laboring in the under-privileged areas is the first home mission duty. This basic need can be met only by churches in the more privileged sections providing for those who have so little and need so much.

In all of the Presbyteries of the Assembly there is a new urge for a larger home mission and evangelistic effort. The applications for appropriations for new work exceeded by many thousand dollars the available funds. After a decade of merely holding the lines it is the Committee's judgment, as it surveys the opportunities in all parts of the Assembly, that the church faces the greatest home mission challenge with which it was ever confronted.

Recommendations:

1. That every pastor, session and organization in the church be urged to study the Committee's Annual Report, that the magnitude of the Assembly's Home Missions and its primary place in the life and growth of the church may be better understood.

2. That every pastor be urged to present from the pulpit the facts of the Assembly's Home Missions, that our people may know of the opportunities that challenge our church in all parts of our Assembly.

3. That the period, October 1—November 6, be set apart as a special season for home mission study, and that the week of October 30-November 6, be designated as a week of prayer and self-denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a generous offering in all the churches and organizations for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Schools and Colleges made a verbal report which was received as information.

The Stewardship Committee made its report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Your committee wishes to submit the following report:

Verbal report on communication from Dr. Tenney.

In co-operation with Synod's committee, your committee arranged for a Stewardship Conference on January 13, past, Dr. B. K. Tenney, Secretary of the Assembly's committee being the principal speaker. Dr. Tenney delivered two unusually fine addresses, each of which was followed by a lengthy discussion period. Those present were deeply impressed, but we regret to note that the attendance was small. Your committee would urge that more attention be given to such conferences in the future.

We would also call attention to the very attractive Bulletins being issued by the Stewardship Department and urge that where practicable these bulletins be used by the churches of the Presbytery.

Attention must be called to the fact that two churches of the Presbytery are still in arrears in the matter of the Contingent Fund. Your committee simply calls attention to the facts, leaving to the judgment of Presbytery the decision as to what action shall be taken under the circumstances.

Contingent Fees:

In arrears. Brevard-Davidson Prior to 1935	$35.00	
Assessment for 1935-36	15.00	In Part
Assessment for 1936-37	22.80	
Diamond Jubilee	8.00	
Assessment for 1937-38	29.25	
Interest on arrears	1.86	$111.91
Total arrears		111.91
Cash on hand April 1, 1938		187.61
		$299.52

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer.*

Recommendations:

1. We would recommend that the collection and disbursement of the Contingent Fees be transferred to the office of the Stated Clerk. As far as our knowledge goes this is the practice in other Presbyteries.

2. That the Superintendent-Treasurer, in accordance with his own request, be removed from the Stewardship Committee, it being his conviction that his effectiveness as Superintendent of Home Missions will be increased by this move.

3. That the Hendersonville Church have cancelled the sum of $26.86 due on the Contingent Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter.

The special order of the day having arrived, the Presbytery heard with pleasure the following reports of the various institutions represented: Rev. J. H. Gruver on the work and condition of the Mountain Orphanage; Rev. I. S.

McIlroy, Field Secretary of the American Bible Society on the work of the Society; Dr. R. F. Campbell on King College; and Dr. R. C. Anderson on Montreat and Montreat College.

The Treasurer of the King College Fund made his report which was adopted and is as follows:

SPECIAL FUND FOR KING COLLEGE INTEREST DUE BONDHOLDERS

In April, 1937 the Presbytery accepted a quota of $600.00 as our share of the interest due the bondholders of the debt on King College, $300.00 payable May 1, 1937 and $300.00 on October 1, 1937. This was pro-rated to each church on the same basis as the regular benevolent budget.

We are pleased to report that 20 churches have met their quota in full, and two churches in part, a total of $326.50. Franklin church paid double its quota and Oak Forest, with a quota of $2.00, paid $9.00. Eight of the churches either have not paid or are in arrears to the sum of $285.50.

R. D. BEDINGER, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer of the Presbytery presented his report which was referred to the Committee on Auditing.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief presented Mr. Jack Davidson of the Swannanoa Church for examination with a view to receiving him as a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

The Rev. T. A. Painter, Pastor of the Swannanoa Church, spoke of the applicant's fine character and fitness, and of the session's endorsement.

Dr. R. F. Campbell conducted the examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry.

The questions proposed by the Book of Church Order having been answered in the affirmative, a brief charge was delivered by the Rev. R. P. Walker, D.D., and the examination closed with a prayer by the Moderator, after which the applicant was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry.

Presbytery then took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M., with Dr. R. F. Campbell acting for the Moderator and as Presiding officer.

After the singing of a hymn, the reading of the Scriptures, and a prayer led by Rev. J. C. Plexico, the presiding officer presented Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Superintendent of Home Missions, who gave a splendid report of his labors in the field. The report of the Home Mission made its report, and pending the adoption of the report, the Reverends W. S. Hutchison, J. A. Flanagan, and O. C. Landrum, spoke of the Builder's League, and of its help in their individual fields.

After the singing of another hymn, and prayer by Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Presbytery stood adjourned until 9:15 A. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning

Presbytery met again at 9:15 A. M., and was led in a helpful devotional service by the Rev. G. F. Bell, D.D.

The Minutes of the previous day's meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was considered and adopted and is as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

April 1, 1937 to April 1, 1938.

Another year of glorious opportunities and of large responsibilities has passed. This report will reveal something of the success with which we have striven to meet our duties. No one is more conscious than your Superintendent of the failure to accomplish some things very much on his heart and mind, and no doubt on yours. But with your faith, confidence and prayers he enters upon the new year with the determination, God helping him, to be a better steward.

During the past year five evangelistic meetings were conducted resulting in 34 professions on faith and 332 re-consecrations. Following two of these meetings the sum of $11,350.00 was placed in our hands for the great Cause of Foreign Missions. With it an entire new Mission Station in Africa was equipped and its partial upkeep for ten years guaranteed, and the part support of a mission-

ary in Korea was also guaranteed for ten years. We praise God for this by-product of the preaching of His Word and for His grace manifested in the lives of the consecrated donors.

A week was spent at the Young People's Conference in Bristol where we taught the course in Foreign Missions.

Addresses were delivered at the Presbyteries of Asheville, Knoxville and Piedmont.

Five addresses on Home and Foreign Missions were delivered in the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca, South Carolina.

Six addresses were delivered at King College during Religious Emphasis Week.

We attended the Country Church Forum in Richmond, delivering an address to the students of the Assembly's Training School. With Dr. Dendy we also attended the Smyth Lectures at Columbia Seminary and had a profitable conference with Dr. Homer McMillan in Atlanta. Meetings of the Board of Trustees of King College, of the Campaign Committee for King College, and of the Synod and Synodical of Appalachia were attended.

Seventy-four visits to the churches of Asheville Presbytery and 13 visits without the Presbytery were made.

One hundred and ninety-five sermons and addresses were delivered during the year.

Twelve issues of *Our Mountain Work* were edited and mailed out to some 1,800 families, at an expense of $442.88. At this juncture it is wise to suggest that the Pastors can greatly assist us by sending in each quarter, or at least each six months, revised lists of their members, especially names of new members. We urge that this be done.

Three calls for the Builders' League were issued, and the resulting sum of $896.13 was distributed to five of the churches.

Two thousand, six-hundred and sixty letters and post cards were sent from our office, an average of over eight per day for the entire year, excluding Sundays. While we have occasionally made use of a public stenographer, with your gracious consent, yet the greater part of this office work we have managed to do.

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Travel:			
Mileage 14,014 at 5 cents		$700.70	
Less Collections		538.67	
Net Travel Expense			$162.03
Office:			
Room Rent	$150.00		
Telephone and Telegrams	64.68		
Stationery, Stamps, etc.	58.73		
P. O. Box Rent	6.00		
Safety Deposit Box	4.50		
Stenographic Help	53.95		
Treasurer's Bond	25.00		
Auditor's Fee	50.00		
Office Fixtures	168.73		
Total Office Expense			581.71
Total All Expense			$743.80

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE HOME MISSION FIELDS

Dillingham - Ivy Park: For twelve months, this group, with Weaverville, has been on a self-supporting basis. But recently Dr. H. B. Dendy, who has been acting pastor since the resignation of Rev. W. K. Beaty, has given up Dillingham and Ivy Park, feeling that he cannot do justice to his growing work at Weaverville. This throws this field back on the Home Mission Committee. It is not an exaggeration to say that it composes one of the most important and attractive mission fields in our Presbytery and Synod. It should, and must, have a full-time pastor. Three ministers have turned down our proposals, but we are still looking for the right man, and believe that he will soon turn up.

Andrews - Bryson City - Robbinsville: This is a new grouping approved by the Presbytery a year ago. On Feb. 1, 1938, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., became the Pastor of this group, residing at Bryson City. He and his charming wife and son have already endeared themselves to the people of all three communities. We feel ourselves fortunate in securing them.

Murphy - Hayesville: This field that had almost reached self-support, when grouped with Andrews, is calling a full-time Pastor,

and it is hoped that he will accept. It will be necessary to supplement the appropriation it had been receiving.

Franklin - Morrison: This field has been hard hit by deaths and removals to other churches. But Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, supported by their loyal people, are going forward with faith and courage. The debt on the Manse has been reduced below $600.00. New equipment in the form of a Sunday School Annex is greatly needed. If plans for the Builders' League materialize, this important work can be done.

Highlands Church: Rev. and Mrs. R. B. DuPree took their residence here last June. The congregation has rallied to them in a most gratifying way. Obligations have been met promptly. A Manse valued at $3,750.00 has been purchased, and about half of the cost has been met by the congregation and visiting friends. They have not required, nor requested, aid from the Presbytery. We congratulate them and wish them God-speed.

Mills River - Etowah: Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hutchison continue their splendid work in this field. The Mills River Church, as well as we, were rejoiced when the last payment was made on the Sunday School Annex debt. A new heating plant has been installed and ample provision made for the payment of the bill. Recently Etowah united with Mills River in installing a bathroom, and hot and cold running water facilities in the Manse. Mr. Burgin, the Treasurer, tells us that Mills River is in finer financial shape now than in many years.

Hazelwood - White Oak: The accomplishments in this field have been most gratifying. Work on the new church building at Hazelwood was discontinued during the winter months because funds were lacking. A campaign was waged recently resulting in substantial gifts with which the roofing has been purchased. The eighty-five members are working heroically and deserve the prayerful interest and financial support of friends throughout the Presbytery. Within eighteen months Mr. Landrum and his enthusiastic people have raised among themselves, or secured from interested friends, close to $3,500.00. This is truly marvelous. They have also paid back $800.00 on the principal, and the interest in full to April 1, on the loans contracted. Writes Mr. Landrum: "Some said that such an undertaking as we have attempted would discourage our membership and keep people from joining our Church. The exact opposite has been the result. Our membership has never been more unified and we are having more new people in our services than at any previous period of the Church's existence." Twenty members have come into the Church during the year.

In spite of the many encouraging features of our Home Mission

work there is one matter that calls for earnest prayer and deep heart-searching. The number of souls won to Christ has been unusually small during the past year. After all, the chief business of the Church is soul-winning. When this is lacking, something is wrong. We simply call attention to this and urge our workers to seek a remedy during the coming year.

The Mountain Orphanage: God has been good to us in the support of this institution. Just when the dark clouds in the form of an alarming deficit had arisen He dispersed them with a substantial legacy. Not only was the debt cleared, but a nice sum was left with which to make some greatly needed repairs. Then, with the closing of the year, came the Duke Endowment contribution of $1,800.17, an increase of $585.00 over the previous year. Friends contributed over $2,000.00 with which a new bus and a new tractor were purchased. We begin the new year with a small surplus. This will help to tide over the lean summer months and insure our keeping within the budget of $12,000.00 which has been set for the new year.

Presbytery's Missions: The total receipts for this Cause were $9,268.75, of which the Assembly's Home Mission Committee furnished $2,500.00. All obligations to our workers were met. A note of $500.00, on which we had been paying 6% interest, was paid. This was a part of the $2,000.00 assumed by this Committee on the Kenilworth debt. We now owe $1,000.00 on this debt. In passing, it may be stated that the Kenilworth Church has paid $1,000.00 of its part of the debt, and owes $2,000.00. We open the new year with a small surplus.

R. P. SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE CHILDREN

During the year there was added to this Fund the sum of $547.50, bringing the total in cash and subscriptions to $8,118.38. The cash paid in is $7,156.70. This is far short of the goal of $25,000.00. Many friends have expressed their desire to contribute something later on. In time we believe the goal will be reached. Since this Fund was started five of the children from the Mountain Orphanage have been loaned $400.00 on their college expenses. The greater part of the cash has been placed in reliable loans which are producing 6% interest.

THE BUILDERS' LEAGUE OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The sum of $896.13 was raised last year and distributed to five churches. Our home mission churches must have aid in the paying of debts on present buildings and in the erection of needed new

equipment. There is no chance for the Home Mission Committee to render this aid through its present budget, which barely suffices. But its budget and its work can be greatly supplemented through the funds of the Builders' League if its membership is enlarged. Our goal has been to secure 1,000 members contributing $1.00 each call three times a year, which would provide an income of $3,000.00. But even if we could secure 500 members we could do far greater things for the Kingdom. At present the membership has dwindled from around 400 to 164. This has been due chiefly to the withdrawal of those churches that have cleared their debts, or are no longer participating in the distribution of the funds. We sympathize with the churches that have been under great strain for long years, and we understand why they should desire a resting spell from further obligations. But at the same time churches that have been greatly helped should feel the privilege and opportunity of doing something for those still in need. We simply call this matter to the attention of such churches. We believe that earnest presentations and full co-operation on the part of pastors and people will produce a new interest in, and support for, the League.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following appropriations for 1938-39 be approved: Andrews - Bryson City group, $300.00; Dillingham - Ivy Park group, $900.00; Franklin - Morrison group, $840.00; Hazelwood-White Oak group, $1,155.00; Mills River - Etowah group, $675.00; Murphy - Hayesville group, $700.00; Highlands, $625.00.

2. That the Presbytery be requested to re-affirm its faith and interest in the Builders' League, and that the month of May, or as soon thereafter as possible, be designated as the time for a vigorous campaign in every Church to secure new subscribers.

3. That the leaders of the Church in the Presbytery keep on their minds and hearts the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund and whenever practicable bring it to the attention of their congregations and of individuals.

4. That the Slagle Memorial Church be dissolved and its members transferred to the Franklin Presbyterian Church, or to the Church desired.

5. That the Presbytery approve the Rules which are to govern the use of the funds derived from the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage children.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Bedinger, *Superintendent.*

The special order of the day having arrived, the Presbytery heard the report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, Presbytery by a rising vote expressed its appreciation for the splendid work of the Chairman, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and following this was led in an open forum discussion on the work of Foreign Missions by Dr. D. W. Richardson.

The report of the Committee was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

(April 20, 1938).

I

We have passed through one of the most eventful years in the world's history and inevitably the cause of Christian Extension has been involved. With profound gratitude to our Eternal King we report that the Christian lines are holding, and that on certain salients advances have been made. Missionaries of the Cross as well as native converts have displayed the noblest qualities of spiritual heroes and heroines of other ages of combat between the Cross and Paganism, whether baptized or unbaptized. Native converts by the thousands have been faithful to their Lord despite persecution and torture. The true Church fights best when "its back is to the wall." National frontiers have been ignored by several kingdoms of this world, but "the Kingdom without frontiers," as an early Church Father styled the domain of the Lord Jesus, endures as on the Rock of Ages.

If it has been a year of unsurpassed opposition to Christianity it has also been a year of unparalleled opportunity for the Holy Spirit to make indelible impressions upon countless thousands in war-ravaged areas, as in China, where hearts have been peculiarly tender and responsive to the claims and consolations of the Gospel when people have realized that worldly hopes have been dissipated and worldly foundations have been shaken to their depths.

II

Let us note a few facts connected with the particular work of our Southern Presbyterian Church.

A. The undeclared war waged against the Chinese people by the Japanese military machine, operating in the Shanghai area since Aug. 13, has been a fact of major importance. How acutely this invasion has affected our own work in China has been brought to the attention of our churches in this Presbytery by our esteemed Missionaries, Lancaster and Patterson. Our mission stations have been in the very theatre of war. Much of our mission property has

been destroyed. Most of our missionaries have had to be evacuated once or more. These removals have been at great expense to our Executive Committee in Nashville.

B. Let us turn to Japan, where our missionaries and native believers are likewise under heavy pressure. A majority of the Japanese nation—probably three-fourths of them—are opposed to this war on China. Yet the nation is being cowed and bullied by the militarists. Christians are being portrayed as unpatriotic. The statement has appeared that the books of Kagawa have almost ceased to be sold. All of the activities of the Christian Church in Japan are harassed. Assuredly, our workers in Japan, as in China, should be mentioned in our daily prayers.

C. The third Asiatic country in which our missionaries are working is Korea, for nearly four decades a part of the Japanese Empire. With one exception, all of our schools have been closed because on last Sept. 6 orders came from the government that all students should go to the Shinto shrines, "to pray to the enshrined spirits for the safety and success of the soldiers in China." Our missionaries protested, courteously but firmly, against the violation of religious freedom, but their protests were overruled, and all the schools, except that at Kunsan, where there is no shrine, have been closed. Yet other aspects of our work in Korea have been promising, and our leaders believe that "substitute activities will be found that may prove even more effective than our schools have been."

III

What is our beloved Church doing to counteract these opposing currents, especially strong in Asia? This Committee reported last October that the number of our missionaries had fallen from 516 in 1927 to 393 in 1937. This year we report with sadness that the total has further decreased to 382—the lowest in 18 years. During the past two years our missions have been calling for 69 reinforcements. Of this number our Executive Committee felt financially able to commission only 32, if that number could be found. But of the possible 32, only 13 wholly acceptable could be sent. Assuredly this condition is charged with sorrow and calls for supplication at the Throne of Grace.

IV

A few words about finances. It is deeply gratifying to your Committee to learn that the total contribution to Foreign Missions from this Presbytery rose from $5,766.00 during the preceding fiscal year to $7,288.00 during the year just closed. The total from living donors for our denomination last year was $694,681.00, as compared with $662,205.00 for the year ending Mar. 31, 1937.

Let us take courage and strive for greater results in Christ's strength.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Hooper Adams, *Chairman.*

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes in order that preparation might be made for the celebration of the Lord's Supper after which the Presbyterial sermon was preached by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., on the subject, "*The Christian Church.*" Text: Matt. 16:18.

Following this the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed by the Presbytery with the Rev. S. R. Crockett and the Rev. W. P. Chedester administering the elements.

Presbytery then took recess until 1:15 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 P. M., and took up the unfinished business of the R. P. Smith Educational Scholarship Fund.

Upon motion of Dr. J. W. Caldwell, this matter was recommitted to the Home Mission Committee for another year upon the present basis or as the Committee may see fit.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Assembly's Committee on Christian Education has aided 151 students in preparation for Christian service to the amount of $10,000.00. From the Student Loan Fund, loans have been made to 55 women and 50 men amounting in all to $10,250.00.

Asheville Presbytery has under its care eight students: two in the Seminary, Merell Keith, second year at Columbia Seminary, and John Robert Smith, first year at Union Seminary; two who will graduate at the University, viz: James Scott Hunter and Taylor Bird, both of whom expect to enter Union Seminary; two are in college, Walter Revely, third year at Hampden-Sydney, and Richard Whitlow, second year at King College; Jack Davidson received at this meeting of the Presbytery expects to enter Davidson College this fall.

We have no report from Clyde Landrum except to the effect that he has been teaching during the past year. Albert Noblitt, who has not reported for two years, has been dropped from the Roll of

Ministerial Students by your Committee, because we suppose that he has given up the thought of being a minister in our Church.

Ministerial appropriations were made during the years to 559 homes in the Assembly to the amount of $153,600.00. The Assembly's Committee says of the Joy Gift that it brought joy to many hearts and homes, making it possible to grant substantial increases.

In Asheville Presbytery there were 13 homes receiving ministerial relief during the year. To these needy ones there was sent $4,021.00, making an average of $309.00 to the home. Asheville Presbytery contributed during the year to Ministerial Relief $1,436.00.

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. WALKER, *Chairman,*
O. C. LANDRUM,
W. B. WINCHESTER.

The Committee on Religious Education and Publication presented its report which was adopted and is as follows:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

Your Committee on Religious Education and Publication would submit the following report:

Definite gains have been made in this work during the year. The Executive Committee reports an increase of $1,869.00 in the beneficent gifts for this cause.

The educational work of the Executive Committee has been most encouraging. Reports show an increase in Vacation Bible Schools. New plans for Intermediate and Older Young People have been developed. Eighty-five Presbytery Camps and Conferences were held last year in which 11,000 delegates gathered. Fourteen hundred Young People gathered in the Presbyterian Youth Conference in Atlanta in December, Asheville Presbytery having a good representation there.

The following Statistical Report for the Sunday Schools of the Presbytery is presented:

Number of Schools	31
Total Enrollment	3,735
Cradle Roll	148
Home Department	248
Grand Total	4,131
Pupils added to the Church on Confession of Faith	134

CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign Missions	$ 197.00
Assembly's Home Missions	129.00
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	190.00
Assembly's Religious Education and Publication	242.00
Bible Cause	3.00
Educational Institutions	141.00
Presbytery's Home Missions	73.00
Total	$1,719.00
Current Expenses	$3,429.00
Other Contributions	662.00
Grand Total	$5,810.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That each congregation try to discover the unreached children of the community and provide a Vacation Bible School to care for their spiritual needs.
2. That sessions study carefully the needs and opportunities for service for our young people and bring to their attention the materials provided for their use.
3. That our sessions promote the reading of our Presbyterian Survey and urge the use of The Onward in every Sunday School.
4. That we make the Sunday School and its work the object of our prayers and study during the coming year.
5. That our Sunday School teachers be urged to avail themselves of every opportunity to better fit themselves for their task.
6. That the Elders in our Presbytery be encouraged to provide a short period of instruction in connection with the regular meetings of the session, so that as leaders in individual churches they may be better informed as to the work of the Church.
7. That a Leadership Conference be held in the Kenilworth Church on Sunday, May 29, at 4:00 P.M.
8. That Pastors and Elders be urged to encourage the Young People in their attendance at the Young People's Conference in Bristol, June 14-21; the Intermediate-Senior Conference at Montreat, June 9-14; and at all of the Young People's Rallies.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Church Societies made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK

As Chairman of the Committee on Church Societies, I am pleased to hand in a good report of our Presbyterial Auxiliary, the right arm of our Church. Almost without exception the work of the Presbyterial has gone forward. They have had a good year and present a commendable report. They have been active in Bible Study, and in the study of our Home and Foreign Mission work, and through their gifts and prayers are sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

They have likewise been very active in the support of the Presbytery's institutions, dear to their heart, the Mountain Orphanage, their interest and activity being especially shown in the clothing of the Mountain Orphanage children. The majority of the children being clothed by Circles and Auxiliaries of the Presbytery.

Other causes have received due interest and support.

J. H. Gruver, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion gave its report which was adopted and is as follows:

SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

During the year 1937-38 the records show that we had an average attendance of the whole membership of the Church in the Presbytery at the Morning Service of 52 per cent; the Evening Service was only 10 per cent; while Prayer Meeting lagged behind at 4½ per cent. Added on Confession from Sunday School, 132; Evangelistic Services held, 10; Family Altars, 172; Tithers, 359; Added on Confession, 167; this was from 14 churches; 11 churches reported no confessions at all.

I hope during the year 1938-39 that we will stress:

1. Better attendance at Prayer Meeting.

2. The churches who do not have Prayer Meeting, that they organize one at once if possible.

3. More stress on Family Altars.

4. More stress on Sabbath Day observance. And that we declare June 12, 1938, (or if it is impossible on that date, as soon thereafter as possible), as Sabbath Observance Day in the Presbytery, and that each minister in the Presbytery be asked to preach a sermon that day on Sabbath Observance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Plexico, *Chairman.*

The Historical Committee had no report.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Committee on Judiciary reported that no business had come into their hands for action.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Minutes has examined the same and find nothing requiring Presbyterial action.

J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman,*
Frank Foster.

The Committee on Records of Sessions made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Records of Sessions makes the following report: The following churches sent no records to this meeting of the Presbytery: Andrews, Bryson City, Dillingham, Hayesville, Highlands, Ivy Park, Red Oak, and White Oak.

The following exceptions were noted: Bethel, only three meetings during the year; Asheville, First, prayer omitted at several meetings.

Chas. M. Jones, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Auditing made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Auditing has examined the report of Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Treasurer of the Presbytery, as audited by Wm. H. Zimmerman, and recommends its approval.

S. L. Woodward, *Chairman,*
J. H. Gruver,
L. B. Nichols.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee recommends the following:

1. That the Rev. C. M. Jones be placed on the Stewardship Committee and removed from the Committees of Religious Education and Publication, and Schools and Colleges.

2. That the Rev. Paul P. Thrower be added to the Committee on Religious Education and Publication.

3. That the Rev. C. B. Chapin be added to the Committee on Stewardship.

4. That Mr. J. E. Shields replace Dr. B. R. Smith on the Committee on Stewardship.

5. That the Rev. R. C. Anderson be re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College for a term of three years.

6. That to the Committee on Examination be added one on Sacraments and Church Government and another on English Bible, and that Rev. R. P. Walker be transferred from Theology to the former, and the Rev. W. S. Hutchinson from Ecclesiastical History to the latter.

7. That the Rev. J. R. Sevier be appointed to preach the Presbyterial Sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Leave of Absence gave its report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would recommend that the following members be excused:

1. Rev. Paul P. Thrower for first day.
2. Dr. C. B. Chapin and Elders H. E. Lamb and J. L. Gash at end of Tuesday afternoon session.
3. Rev. R. B. DuPree and Dr. K. J. Foreman from attendance at this meeting.
4. Elders M. W. Bell and L. B. Nichols after lunch on Wednesday.

W. S. HUTCHISON, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Records of Presbytery made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Records of the Presbytery makes the following report:

We find that the printed Minutes are correct in substance and neat in appearance.

We recommend that an official copy of the Minutes be deposited with the Historical Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. GRESHAM, *Chairman,*
J. A. MILLER.

The Committee on Resolutions gave the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the Presbytery of Asheville has been most royally entertained at the Spring Meeting by the Bethel Presbyterian Church;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of the Presbytery, both ministers and elders, thank from their hearts the Stated Supply, officers and members of this Church by a rising vote, for their delightful hospitality, and especially the women of the Methodist and

Baptist Churches for the bountiful lunches served, and the people of the community who so graciously opened their homes to us. We deeply appreciate the fine spirit of Christian fellowship evident in the churches and homes of the community.

We also express the hope and prayer for God's increasingly great blessing upon this Church in all its departments of Christian effort.

DR. CHAS. B. CHAPIN, *Chairman.*

The Statistical report was read, approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly meeting in Meridian, Miss., May 19th, 1938.

The following Committee on Devotional Exercises for the fall meeting at the Oak Forest Church was appointed: Dr. Charles B. Chapin, Elder H. E. Lamb, and the Stated Clerk.

The following Commissioners were appointed to the meeting of the General Assembly:

MINISTERS

Principals
Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D.
Rev. John W. Caldwell, D.D.
Alternates
Rev. W. Hooper Adams
Rev. James Clyde Plexico

ELDERS

Principals
E. E. White, Black Mountain, N. C.
Frank Foster, West Asheville, N. C.
Alternates
Mr. J. F. Justice, Canton, N. C.
Mr. S. W. Black, Bryson City, N. C.

After the reading and approval of the Minutes, the singing of "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds,*" and prayer by Dr. R. F. Campbell, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Oak Forest Church, on October 11-12, 1938.

REV. C. B. RATCHFORD, *Moderator.*
REV. J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

MR. OREN W. LANCASTER,
Temporary Clerk.

Examined and approved
by Synod of Appalachia
Chattanooga, Tenn.
September 29th 1938
H. H. Thompson
Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1938.

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers, 31; number of churches, 28; number of candidates, 8; number of licensures, 1; number of ordinations, 1; number of installations, 3; number of pastoral dissolutions, 5; number of churches dissolved, Slagle Memorial, 1; number of ministers received from other denominations, 2.

Minsters and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Net Membership End of Year	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Benevolent Funds Contributed: Total Sunday School Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
W. H. Adams	Asheville, N. C.																										
J. P. Anderson, H.R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																						$ 2,400.00				
R. D. Bedinger, S.H.M.Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																		$ 293.00	$ 258.00	$ 416.00	$ 2,500.00		$ 1,561.00	$ 313.00		$ 51.00
John W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	†*Montreat	5	6	2	13	169	1		374	$ 827.00	$ 264.00	$ 179.00	$ 39.00	$ 9.00	$ 7.00	$ 46.00		2,284.00	1,282.00	3,612.00	5,513.00		9,791.00			1,289.00
R. F. Campbell, P.Em.	Asheville, N. C.	†First	20	25	32	31	1177	11	11	962	2,761.00	1,287.00	587.00	207.00	64.00	42.00	310.00		23.00	5.00	28.00	705.00		323.00		$ 122.00	22.00
Chas. B. Chapin, S. S.	Asheville, N. C.	*†Oak Forest	6	8	28	7	106	10	2	89	33.00	17.00	28.00	9.00	1.00	1.00	3.00										
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
V. A. Crawford, F.M.	Okazaki, Japan																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																										
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	*†Weaverville	5	10	11	3	193	9	1	197	153.00	58.00	52.00	11.00	2.00	2.00	10.00		91.00	62.00	108.00	2,400.00		1,036.00	52.00		35.00
H. B. Dendy, P.	Barnardsville, N. C.	*†Dillingham	2	3	3		160	3	10	120	19.00	9.00	4.00	1.00			2.00		11.00	11.00	21.00			253.00		285.00	
H. B. Dendy, P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					11				5.00									1.00				18.00			
H. B. Dendy, P.	Democrat, N. C.	†Ivy Park	3	2			32			62	9.00	3.00	1.00	1.00			1.00		10.00	3.00	7.00			119.00			
R. B. DuPree, P.	Highlands, N. C.	*†Highlands	5		4		75	2		40	31.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		29.00	10.00	26.00	1,200.00	592.00	55.00		2,145.00	2.00
J. A. Flanagan, P. & S.C.	Franklin, N. C.	*†Franklin	1	5	2	4	56	1	0	53	61.00	28.00	22.00	18.00	1.00	1.00	4.00		28.00	23.00	34.00	664.00	950.00	208.00		376.00	65.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	†Morrison	2	2	0	0	43	0	0	33	19.00	9.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		11.00	8.00	22.00	183.00		45.00			7.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Slagle Memorial	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	13	5.00								1.00			45.00		2.00		4.00	5.00
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																										
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth	12	9	11	23	284	11	1	270	109.00	46.00	263.00	25.00	3.00	2.00	11.00		70.00	47.00	100.00	2,100.00		1,943.00		1,243.00	19.00
J. H. Gruver, Supt.O.H.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	*†Canton	6	9	3	5	191	2	1	117	209.00	89.00	44.00	18.00	3.00	2.00	20.00		111.00	62.00	185.00	2,000.00		714.00		11,580.00	6.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	*†Mills River	8	5	3	12	106	3		94	96.00	30.00	13.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	8.00		38.00	25.00	70.00	580.00	700.00	262.00		767.00	100.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	†Etowah	2	1			27			45	39.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		11.00	10.00	23.00	120.00		51.00		35.00	58.00
Chas. M. Jones, P.	Brevard, N. C.	*Brevard-Dvdsn River	8	12		2	183		3	98	117.00	60.00	31.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	17.00		120.00	57.00	120.00	1,500.00		527.00	45.00	3,281.00	16.00
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	*†Hazelwood	5	5	8	9	93	8	0	177	40.00	20.00	10.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	4.00		21.00	15.00	42.00	491.00	1,160.00	431.00		1,292.00	4.00
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	3	2			20			35												75.00		25.00			3.00
E. D. McMahan	Fayetteville, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	*†Swannanoa	8	8		2	199		1	147	162.00	57.00	31.00	12.00	5.00	4.00	11.00	$ 14.00	82.00	45.00	112.00	2,000.00		579.00		1,977.00	132.00
J. C. Plexico, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	*†West Asheville	10	22	31	52	361	9	7	432	163.00	30.00	35.00	17.00	2.00	1.00	8.00		215.00	25.00	70.00	2,080.00		2,227.00		1,148.00	
C. B. Ratchford, H.R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
P. P. Thrower, P.	Bryson City, N. C.	†*Bryson City	3	2	1	5	43			47	26.00	27.00	10.00	10.00	1.00		4.00	17.00	24.00	7.00	30.00	171.00	25.00	295.00			
P. P. Thrower, P.	Andrews, N. C.	†*Andrews	2	1		2	29			33	27.00	16.00	5.00	8.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		10.00	9.00	29.00	347.00	25.00	242.00		198.00	
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	*†Waynesville	5	8		9	170			94	95.00	32.00	168.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	4.00		71.00	15.00	42.00	2,000.00		538.00		402.00	85.00
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, Jr., P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	*†Hendersonville	11	12	18	36	504	7	3	296	1,139.00	370.00	261.00	75.00	16.00	10.00	81.00	142.00	2,438.00	284.00	829.00	2,700.00		4,865.00			245.00
	Canton, N. C.	Bethel	2	2		1	47				46.00	12.00	9.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		22.00	10.00	28.00	180.00		68.00			
	Black Mountain, N. C.	†Black Mountain	4	7	20	7	214	17	1	223	173.00	49.00	43.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	4.00		63.00	13.00	36.00	1,265.00		305.00	10.00		103.00
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1	1		31			50	17.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		6.00	3.00	10.00	70.00		45.00			5.00
	Murphy, N. C.	*†Murphy	3	4	0	2	48	0	0	35	25.00	12.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		17.00	5.00	28.00	463.00		68.00		232.00	161.00
		TOTALS	144	171	178	225	4582	94	41	4136	$ 6,406.00	$ 2,549.00	$ 1,818.00	$ 504.00	$ 119.00	$ 85.00	$ 564.00	$ 173.00	$ 6,100.00	$ 2,295.00	$ 6,028.00	$31,372.00	$ 5,852.00	$26,596.00	$ 420.00	$25,087.00	$ 2,413.00

MINUTES

of the

Presbytery of Asheville

in its

EIGHTY - FIFTH
SEMI - ANNUAL SESSION

CALLED MEETINGS

ASHEVILLE, N. C. - MAY 30, 1938
CANTON, N. C. - AUGUST 12, 1938

FALL MEETINGS

OAK FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 11-12, 1938

CALLED MEETING

ASHEVILLE, N. C.
May 30, 1938.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in called session in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville at 3 P. M. with Mr. R. E. Magill, last Moderator present, presiding.

After prayer by the Rev. C. B. Chapin, D. D. the roll was taken and the following were present:

Ministers—W. Hooper Adams, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Campbell, C. B. Chapin, W. P. Chedester, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, P. N. Gresham, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, J. Clyde Plexico, P. P. Thrower, R. P. Walker.—14.

Elders—S. R. McKee, First Church, Asheville, R. E. Magill, Montreat; R. L. Crook, Kenilworth; Frank Foster, West Asheville.—4.

The following call was read and found in order: "The constitutional requirements having been met the Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on May 30, 1938 at 3 P. M. to transact the following business if the way be clear: First, to receive the Rev. Calvin Grier Davis from the Presbytery of Norfolk and to place in his hands a call from the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.

Second: To take order for his installation as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.

Third: To attend to any other matters that may arise in connection with the foregoing.

(Signed) REV. C. B. RATCHFORD.

Hendersonville, N. C., May 18, 1938.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis presented a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Norfolk, and after his examination on experimental religion, his views touching theology, and church government, which were sustained as satisfactory, and having signed the obligations, he was enrolled as a member of the Presbytery.

The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Davis as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 12, 1938 at 11 A. M.:

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D. D. and Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D. and Elders, D. B. Burns with

S. R. McKee, alternate; J. J. Stone with R. L. Crook, alternate; and Mr. R. E. Magill.

The quorum for the commission was fixed at two ministers and one elder.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis was appointed as a member of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery.

After the reading and approval of the Minutes and prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham, Presbytery stood adjourned.

R. E. MAGILL, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

CANTON, N. C.
August 12th, 1938.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford, the Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church, Canton, N. C. at 10:00 A. M. with the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., last Moderator present, presiding.

The opening prayer was led by Rev. J. H. Gruver.

The roll was called and the following ministers and elders were present:

Ministers:—R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Campbell, J. A. Flanagan, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, O. C. Landrum.

Elders—S. R. McKee, of the First Church, Asheville, C. J. Milne, Canton.

The following call was read, found in order; and is as follows:

"The Constitutional requirements having been met Asheville Presbytery is hereby called to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Canton, N. C. at 10:00 A. M. on August 12, 1938, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To examine and receive the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D. into this Presbytery.

2. To place in Dr. Paisley's hands calls from the Murphy and Hayesville churches.

3. To arrange for Dr. Paisley's installation.

4. To receive and act upon the report of the King College Campaign Committee and any matters relating thereto.

(Signed) REV. CHAS. B. RATCHFORD, *Mod.*

Hendersonville, N. C., August 1, 1938.

The Stated Clerk read a letter of dismissal for Dr. H. L. Paisley from the Presbytery of Washburn and also a letter of commendation from the Presbytery.

The Presbytery accepted the letter of dismissal and proceeded to the examination of Dr. Paisley.

The Moderator conducted the examination on Experimental religion, Dr. R. F. Campbell on his views touching Theology, the Rev. G. B. Hammond on church government.

These were approved severally and as a whole and Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D. was ordered enrolled as a member of the Presbytery after signing the usual obligations.

The following commission was appointed to install Dr. Paisley as pastor of the Murphy and Hayesville churches on Sunday, August 21, 1938.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, to preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. R. P. Walker, D.D. to charge the pastor; Rev. P. P. Thrower, with Rev. J. A. Flanagan, alternate to any of the above Elder S. W. Black, Bryson City to charge the people at Murphy, and Elder M. W. Bell at Hayesville, with Elder J. C. Evans an alternate to the above elders.

The quorum for the commission was placed at two ministers and one elder.

A report on the progress of the King College Campaign for funds was made by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Chairman of the Committee.

The report was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Presbytery approve the quota of $15,000 set by Synod's Campaign Committee as our part of the $115,000 to be raised to eliminate the debt at King College.

2. That the Synod's Sub-Committee on the Campaign in Asheville Presbytery, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, Dr. R. D.

Bedinger, Treasurer, and Mr. J. T. Bailey, in cooperation with the sponsoring Committee of each church, divide the above $15,000 askings, plus $1,000 for expenses, into proper quotas for the churches of the Presbytery, and proceed with the campaign as vigorously as possible.

3. That, in view of the threatened foreclosure proceedings set for November 1, 1938, and in order to prevent such foreclosure, the churches of Asheville Presbytery be requested to present the matter in their churches on, or before, September 18th, King College Day, as fixed by the Synod. Further, that on this day a special offering be received in each church in an effort to raise at least $600 of the $3,600 interest, which will be due on November 1st. Also, that those churches which did not raise the quotas assigned in April, 1937, for the interest fund of the debt be urged to do their best to meet their quotas now.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and after prayer by Dr. H. L. Paisley, the Presbytery stood adjourned.

R. D. BEDINGER, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

STATED MEETING

ENKA, N. C.
October 11, 1938.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in its 85th Semi-Annual session in the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. S. Hutchison.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford from the text, I Cor. 9:13-14.

Following the singing of a hymn Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was called and the following ministers and representatives were present:

ROLL

Ministers—W. H. Adams, R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Geo. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, Chas. B. Ratchford, J. R. Sevier, Paul P. Thrower, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.—26.

Elders—E. L. Gaston, First, Asheville; H. A. Osborne, Bethel; A. E. Knoefel, Sr., C. M. Siniard, Brevard-Davidson River; W. P. Barnes, Canton, (1) J. L. Gash, Etowah; A. L. Leach, Franklin; G. C. Summerow, Hazelwood; J. F. Goodwin, Hendersonville; T. G. Penland, Ivy Park; C. M. Sawyer, (1) E. J. Grizette (1) Kenilworth; T. L. Holden, Mills River; R. E. Magill, Montreat; W. E. Fletcher, Oak Forest; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; C. W. Medler, Weaverville; Frank Foster, West Asheville.—19.

A quorum being present, Presbytery elected the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D. as Moderator, and the Rev. P. P. Thrower, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional exercises made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee on Devotional Exercises would make the following report:

12:30 P. M. ..... Dinner on the grounds.
1:30 ..... Afternoon Sessions to begin.
3:00—Report King College Campaign Committee.
Special Order of the day.
4:15—Open Forum led by Rev. W. Norman Cook.
5:30 ..... Recess for supper.
6:00 ..... Supper on the grounds.
7:30—Program on Home Missions and Religious Education.
Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D. Presiding.
Address: Rev. W. Norman Cook.

WEDNESDAY

9:15-9:30 ..... Opening Session. Devotional Service led by Rev. C. Grier Davis.
10:00 ..... Foreign Missionary Committee.
11:00 ..... Presbyterial Sermon by Rev. J. R. Sevier, D.D.
11:45 ..... Communion Service conducted by Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., and Rev. G .F. Bell, D.D.
Assisted by Elders: R. E. Magill, A. L. Leach, H. C. Lindsley, A. E. Knoefel, Sr.
12:30 ..... Dinner on grounds.
1:30 ..... Business session to adjourn at will.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES B. CHAPIN, *Chairman.*

Dr. J. W. Caldwell and the Rev. T. A. Painter were added to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for this session of the Presbytery.

Dr. H. L. Paisley was appointed to the Committee on Foreign Missions for this session of the Presbytery.

The request of the Bethel Church for the continuance of Dr. R. D. Bedinger as Stated Supply for the church for the next six months, was granted.

A letter from the Christian Observer regarding Church Paper Week was read as information.

A letter from Dr. John Scott Johnson in regard to pamphlets on Baptism was received as information.

The excuse of Dr. K. J. Foreman was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The Black Mountain Church was granted permission to employ the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D. as Stated Supply for a period of six months.

The Rev. W. D. Reynolds, of Korea, the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D. of Louisville Presbytery, and the Rev. W. Norman Cook of Knoxville Presbytery, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited sit as visiting brethren.

The reports of the Commissions to install Rev. C. B. Chapin, D. D. as pastor of the Oak Forest Church, the Rev. C. Grier Davis as pastor of the First Church, Asheville, and of the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D. as pastor of the Murphy and Hayesville churches, were read and approved.

The commission appointed by the Presbytery, composed of Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and Dr. R. D. Bedinger, and Elders R. E. Magill and H. E. Lamb met May 15, 1938, in the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church for the purpose of installing Dr. C. B. Chapin.

In the absence of the chairman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, because of a conflict of dates, the commission elected Dr. R. D. Bedinger to preside and propound the constitutional questions. Mr. R. E. Magill was unable to be present.

At the request of the incoming pastor, Rev. Dumont Clarke preached the sermon on a text taken from Eph. 5—verses 25-27. The charge to the congregation was given by Rev. W. Hooper Adams, and the charge to Dr. Chapin was given by Dr. R. D. Bedinger. H. E. Lamb, of the Oak Forest Church, was elected as Clerk.

Rev. Dumont Clarke offered the closing prayer, and Dr. Chapin, regularly installed as pastor, pronounced the benediction.

Signed:

R. D. Bedinger, *Chairman,*
H. E. Lamb, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. C. GRIER DAVIS AS PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ASHEVILLE. N. C.

The Commssion appointed to install Mr. Davis met in the First Church Sunday, June 12th, at 10:45 A. M. with following members present: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D. D., Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

Elders—D. B. Burns of First Church, J. J. Stone of Kenilworth, R. E. Magill of Montreat.

The meeting was constituted with prayer and R. E. Magill was requested to act as Clerk and report to the Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D. presided and preached the sermon and propounded constitutional questions to the congregation. Dr. J. W. Caldwell delivered the charge to the pastor and Dr. R. F. Campbell delivered the charge to the congregation. The service closed with the benediction.

R. E. Magill, *Clrk.*

The commission appointed to install Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D. as pastor of the Murphy and Hayesville churches met at Murphy, August 21, 1938 at 10:45 A. M. C. S. T. with the following members present:

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Elders: S. W. Black and M. W. Bell.

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan was elected clerk of the commission.

At Murphy, Dr. R. D. Bedinger preached, presided and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. J. A. Flanagan charged the pastor, and Elder S. W. Black charged the people.

At Hayesville, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, presided, preached, propounded the constitutional questions, Rev. J. A. Flanagan charged the pastor, and Elder M. W. Bell charged the people.

Elder J. C. Evans another member of the commission was present for the service at Hayesville.

At each service the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D.

R. D. Bedinger, *Chairman,*
J. A. Flanagan, *Clerk.*

Presbytery took recess for lunch until 1:30 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. W. P. Chedester.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures**—C. B. Ratchford, Chm., H. L. Paisley, A. E.Knoefel. Sr., H. A. Osborne.
2. **Judiciary**—W. S. Hutchison, Chm., P. N. Gresham. A. L. Leach, Frank Foster.
3. **Records of Presbytery**—R. B. DuPree, Chm., W. P. Chedester, G. C. Summerow, E. L. Gaston.
4. **Minutes of The General Assembly**—R. C. Anderson, Chm., J. H. Gruver, G. Grier Davis, J. F. Goodwin.
5. **Auditing**—W. H. McMurray, Chm., H. C. Lindsley. J. L. Gash.
6. **Leave of Absence**—J. C. Plexico, Chm.. O. C. Landrum, W. E. Fletcher.
7. **Nominations**—L. T. Wilds, Chm., G. B. Hammond, T. A. Painter, C. M. Sawyer.
8. **Resolutions**—C. M. Jones.

The Sessional Records of the Bryson City Church were referred to the Committee on Records of Presbytery.

The Special Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund made the following report which was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

REPORT ON ANNUITY CAMPAIGN FOR ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, OCTOBER 11-12, 1938

Recommendations

(1) That as ministers and elders we individually and collectively dedicate ourselves afresh to prayer and effort for the completion of this great unfinished task and that we covenant together to lay this responsibility upon the mind and conscience of every individual and every organization in our respective congregations.

(2) That where select committees have not already been appointed we will set up such a group to make a thorough canvass of every individual of the Auxiliary, the Men's Bible Class and the Young People's organizations of our congregations and groups.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
R. E. Magill, *Chairman.*

Presbytery heard the reports from the various churches represented on the state of religion in their fields, most of them being encouraging.

The Committee on the King College Campaign for Funds made a report as to the progress of the campaign which was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted:

SYNOD'S CAMPAIGN FOR KING COLLEGE DEBT

September, 1937—Bonded Indebtedness	$108,000.00	
College Floating Debt	18,122.37	
		$126,122.37
September, 1938—Paid on Bonded Indebtedness	13,550.00	
Paid on Floating Debt	7,202.07	
		20,752.07
September, 1938—Total Debt		105,370.30
Subscriptions over three-year period		26,276.30
September, 1938—Amt. still to be raised		$ 79,094.00

Quotas Assigned by Campaign Committee

		Subscribed or Paid	Needed Still
Bristol City	$ 30,000.00	$ 18,000.00	$ 12,000.00
Asheville Presbytery	16,000.00	5,272.00	10,728.00
Abingdon Presbytery	20,000.00	6,980.00	13,020.00
Holston Presbytery	20,000.00	4,525.00	15,475.00
Knoxville Presbytery	30,000.00	2,129.00	27,871.00
	$116,000.00	$ 36,906.00	$ 79,094.00

Asheville Presbytery

Fifteen Churches and Individuals—Subscribed	$	5,272.00
Cash Receipts		1;293.00
Balance Unpaid		3,977.00
Cash Receipts	$	1,293.00
Expenses to Date		683.86
Cash on Hand	$	609.14

Eleven of the twenty-eight churches have accepted the quotas assigned. Four churches have been canvassed in part; thirteen have yet to be canvassed.

Recommendations

1. That Presbytery re-affirms its recent action in Called Meeting regarding the setting of quotas for all the churches by Presbytery's Campaign Committee in cooperation with the sponsors.

2. That Presbytery urges each church to do its full part in raising the $16,000 assigned to the Presbytery as its share of the total indebtedness, and thus enable both Presbytery and Synod to discharge this sacred obligation and protect the honor of the Church.

3. That Presbytery recognizes its obligation to meet its share of the interest each year on the bonded indebtedness, and again urge its churches to meet their pro-rata parts. Our churches are due to have paid $1200.00, and have paid $437.24, leaving a deficit of $762.76.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Religious Education and Pub. made a partial report of its work and pending the adoption of the report Presbytery heard with pleasure the Rev. W. Norman Cook, newly elected Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia, on the program of the Religious Educational Committee of the Synod.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported that it had no report to make at this time.

The matter of Candidate J. Scott Hunter, Jr. and the interpretation of the terms of the Latta will was referred to the Committee on Christian Education and M. R. for study and interpretation, with instructions to seek the advice of some competent lawyer and the Trustees of the

Presbyterian Foundation and report back to the next meeting of the Presbytery, that principles for future guidance in matters of this kind might be formulated.

The Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D. presented a telegram from the Stated Clerk of Louisville Presbytery advising that a letter of dismissal had been granted him in order that he might unite with the Presbytery of Asheville. After his examination experimental religion, his views touching Theology and Church Government, which were sustained as satisfactory, and having signed the usual obligations, Dr. Bell was received into the Presbytery and enrolled as a member.

Presbytery then took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. for a popular meeting in the interests of Home Missions.

Dr. R. F. Campbell, in presenting Dr. H. B. Dendy as the presiding officer for the evening, spoke of the fact that he was surrendering this privilege to Dr. Dendy after having presided at these meetings for 42 successive years.

After the singing of a hymn the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

The Rev. W. Norman Cook brought an inspirational message on the subject, "What a Congregation Owes to its Children".

A special musical selection, greatly enjoyed by the Presbytery, was rendered by a trio of young men from the Oak Forest Church.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger presented the report of the Home Mission Committee which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Your Committee on Evangelism reports that the churches of the Synod received 1108 accessions by profession of faith for

the year ending March 31, 1938. This is a *decrease* of 274 over the number reported for the previous year.

In the entire Assembly it required 30.5 members to win one soul to Christ. In our Synod, 25.3 to win one soul. The records in our Presbyteries were as follows: Abingdon, 22.2; Asheville, 25.7; Holston, 25.4; Knoxville, 28.4.

Sixty-eight (68) of our 180 churches report no accessions on profession of faith. Only 14 of these 68 churches are vacant. Abingdon reports 24 out of 61 churches with no accessions by profession; Asheville, 12 out of 28; Holston, 22 out of 52; Knoxville, 10 out of 40.

In the light of the above distressing facts your Committee earnestly calls the Synod's attention to the able report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions to the 1938 General Assembly on this vital subject of Evangelism. (See Page 143, G. A. Minutes.)

The Atlanta Committee feels that Evangelism may be "more effectively promoted by unwavering devotion to two requisites to all spiritual progress", namely:

I. "The first requisite is a more clearly defined program of instruction in all churches and their organizations, frequently presented throughout the year, concerning (1) The nature, guilt, and consequence of sin; (2) The grace, sacrificial power and faithfulness of Christ; (3) That salvation is to be from sin in all its forms; (4) The divine plan for 'working out salvation' to its best results in all subsequent life."

That Committee, after expressing its aching concern over "the small number that receive Christ as Saviour, and the exceeding small group of Christians who are personal soul winners", suggests that we should examine ourselves about the nature of the messages we are presenting, and as to whether we are neglecting the fundamental work of spiritual instruction.

II. "The second requisite lies in the realm of wise organization." It is suggested that there is much "unused power both in our churches and in our church courts." That Committee further suggests that aids to the producing of a more effective evangelism may be found in (1) The development of more personal workers through classes under the leadership of the pastors; (2) All-day Presbyterial conferences devoted to prayer and a study of evangelism, its needs and methods; (3) A series of evangelistic meetings, held yearly, in all the churches of the Assembly.

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully submits the following recommendation:

1. That each pastor study carefully with his officers and people the report from the Executive Committee of Home Missions.

2. That prayerful and persistent efforts be made in each church to organize, instruct, and set to work groups in personal work. "The Scriptures tell us there is no substitute for personal work on the part of Christian people."

3. That our Presbytery hold, during the coming year, at least one, perhaps, two or more, all-day conferences, devoted to prayer and a study of evangelism.

4. That plans be made for the holding of an evangelistic meeting in every church, unless providentially hindered, throughout the Presbytery during the coming twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. BEDINGER, *Supt. of Home Missions.*

Pending the adoption of the report Presbytery heard the Rev. H. L. Paisley ,D. D., the Rev. Paul P. Thrower, the Rev. R. B. DuPree, on the work in their respective fields.

The Rev. J. H. Gruver brought an encouraging report of the work in our Mountain Orphanage.

Following the singing of a hymn Dr. R. F. Campbell spoke in a reminiscent way of the organization and development of the work in the Presbytery.

Presbytery accepted the gracious invitation of the Kenilworth Church to hold its spring meeting there.

After prayer by the Rev. R. P. Walker D. D. Presbytery stood adjourned until 9:15 A. M. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning

Presbytery met again on Wednesday morning at 9:15 o'clock and was led in a helpful devotion service by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

The Minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Bible Cause made no report.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges reported that it had no report.

The Committee on Stewardship made the following

report which was adopted as amended, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Committee would report as follows:

I. General Recommendations—

1. That in keeping with the action of the last General Assembly—namely, that the Assembly's agencies be directed to close the books by April 5th each year—that the churches of Presbytery be requested to remit to the central treasurer their funds before that date.

2. That each church in the Presbytery be urged to make March 12, 1939, Every Member Canvass Sunday; and that Sunday, March 26, 1939, be designated as Pay-up Day, when all members shall be urged to complete full payment of their pledges.

3. We would strongly emphasize Recommendation 30 of the report of the Committee on Stewardship and Finance of the General Assembly, particularly items "b" and "e", which read respectively as follows:

"b. When the Assembly assigns, through the Synod and Presbytery to a particular church a benevolent budget, the Assembly has in mind that this budget is to be raised by the combined efforts of the Auxiliary, Sunday School, and other organizations in this particular church, as well as through the Every Member Canvass subscriptions."

"e. Whatever policy the local church follows in the matter of the number of budgets and treasurers, distribution to the causes should be made according to the approved percentages of the Presbytery and no one cause should be emphasized to the neglect of the others."

4. That the Presbytery urge that each member in gratitude for God's blessings and mercies set apart in sacred consecration at least a tenth of his income, in acknowledgment of Divine Sovereignty.

5. That the regular contingent tax be fixed at 15 cts. per member.

II. Benevolence Percentages and Quotas—

1. That the 3% formerly allotted to Synod's Work Committee be divided and 1½% be given to the Synod's Home Missions, and 1½% be given to Religious Education in the Synod or Presbytery.

2. That the Presbytery's Committee on Religious Education request from the Committee on Religious Education in Richmond an appropriation of not less than $200.00 to be used in the work of the Religious Education Committee in Asheville Presbytery.

3. That with the changes noted above, the percentages formerly allotted for the various causes stand the same, as follows:

"For the work within the Presbytery		47%
Presbytery's Home Missions	28%	
Mountain Orphanage	14%	
Montreat College	5%	
For the Work of Synod		8%
Synod's Home Missions	1½%	
Rel. Education in Synod or Press.	1½%	
King College	5%	
For General Assembly's Causes		45%
Foreign Missions	25%	
Assembly's Home Missions	12%	
C. Ed. and Min. Relief	5%	
Rel. Ed. and Publication	2%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.4%	

4. That in view of the fact that there was no amount allotted to the Theological Seminaries, the Presbytery request the churches to observe Seminary Day the first Sunday in August; Union Theological Seminary and Louisville Seminary to receive two-thirds and one-third respectively of the collections received; also, that attention be called to the fact that last year nothing seems to have been paid in for these institutions.

5. That, with exception of the Red Oak Church and Slagle Memorial Church—these churches having been dissolved, the ten dollar allotment of Slagle Memorial Church be added to the budget of the Franklin Church and the fifteen dollar allotment of the Red Oak Church be added to the Weaverville Church.

Exception 2.—In view of the previous requests by the Session of the Montreat Church—reaffirmed at this meeting of the Presbytery—that the Benevolent Budget quota of this church be fixed at $1,800, and that the Budget deficit incurred by such a change be pro-rated to the churches on the basis of the then existing quotas, and that the changed quotas shall be as follows:

Asheville First	$13,695
Hendersonville	3,605
Montreat	1,875
Canton	721

West Asheville	669
Brevard-Davidson River	566
Kenilworth	515
Waynesville	464
Swannanoa	412
Weaverville	429
Black Mountain	360
Bryson City	180
Oak Forest	108
Murphy	103
Andrews	78
Hayesville	87

Home Mission Churches

Mills River	257
Franklin	242
Hazelwood	155
Bethel	103
Highlands	103
Dillingham	103
Etowah	88
Morrison	78
White Oak	32
Ivy Park	27

III. Special Fund For King College—

We recommend that the $600 requested by Mr. Frank A. Nelson Chairman of the Special Fund for King College, as Asheville Presbytery's share of the interest due the bondholders of the debt on King College, $300 payable May 7, 1939, and $300 due Nov. 1, 1939, be accepted as our quota and be pro-rated to each church on the same basis as the regular benevolence budget, and that each church take immediate steps to raise its part and forward to R. D. Bedinger, Treas., Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

Here are the amounts for King College pro-rated to the nearest dollar:

Asheville First	$320
Hendersonville	84
Montreat	60
Canton	17
West Asheville	15
Brevard	13
Kenilworth	12
Waynesville	11
Swannanoa	10
Weaverville	11
Black Mountain	8
Mills River	6
Franklin	6
Bryson City	4
Hazelwood	4
Oak Forest	2

Murphy	2
Andrews	2
Bethel	2
Highlands	2
Dillingham	2
Etowah	2
Morrison	2
Hayesville	1
White Oak	1
Ivy Park	1
	$600

Respectfully Submitted.

T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

The special order of the day having arrived Presbytery heard the Rev. William D. Reynolds, missionary to Korea, in an instructive and inspirational message on the work in that field.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following recommendations which were adopted and are as follows:

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE

To the Presbytery of Asheville:

Brethren: Your Committee on Foreign Missions would transmit to you, by way of contrast likely to evoke gratitude to our Heavenly Father for placing our lot in this favored land of America, a picture drawn by our Exec. Secretary, C. Darby Fulton, of a contemporary meeting of a Presbytery in Korea. If Asheville Presbytery "were meeting in Korea, there would be in attendance several officers of the police department, as well as representatives of the government's detective bureau. The Moderator would have been carefully instructed previously by the Police as to his attitude and comments on certain questions. Resolutions contrary to the convictions of the Presbytery, and putting the Church in a subserviant relationship to the State would be proposed from the floor by Ministers previously selected by the police and intimidated for this purpose. No debate on such resolutions would be allowed, and all objections would be overruled. Anyone who cast a negative vote would mark himself for severe reprivals, imprisonment, and torture. The Minutes of the Presbytery would be subject to police approval and only such a record of proceedings as met with official favor would be allowed.

"At the conclusion of business, under police orders the Presbytery in a body would be forced to attend shrines devoted to the

worship of the emperors and the ancestral heroes of the nation. Any refusal would be punishable by extreme measures. In the torture chamber water might be passed from the spout of a kettle into the nostrils of the offender until all the effects of drowning had been suffered."

Turning now to the theme of what Asheville Presbytery can do, and should do, to help in this program, it might be stated that in the young Peoples' conference at Montreat last June, over which your Foreign Mission Committee had partial supervision, eleven of our boys and girls expressed a desire to enter the Foreign Mission service in *some trained way*. Our Executive Committee in Nashville has authorizes the commissioning of twenty-three new mission areas, but to date the Candidate Department has been able to secure only six to fill these positions.

These two facts of willingness and need prompts our first resolution to be offered:

(1) That pastors and consecrated laity pray the Lord of the Harvest and personally seek and encourage suitable sons and daughters of our congregations to offer themselves for specific foreign services. (Taken from the actions of our last General Assembly and transmitted with hearty approval).

(2) "That the Foreign Mission season, January 1—February 5, 1939, be observed in all our churches as a time of Churchwide rededication to the world task of Christian missions; that all our ministers be urged to preach frequently and fervently on missions, and that the whole church be called to her knees before God in prayer and earnest supplications for this work.

(3) That all our Church organizations, Men's Work, Auxiliaries, Sunday School, and Young People's Societies be urged to make the largest possible use of the special Foreign Mission course, January 1—February 5, 1939, organizing and taking part in study classes and schools of missions. The approved Mission study Book for adults and young people for this year is "Star in the East," by Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D. D.

(4) That every Church in the Presbytery with its organizations, be asked to observe January 29—February 5, 1939 as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions, and that all sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the Churches."

(5) That the matter of securing Missionaries for our territory in the Presbytery be committed to the Committee on Foreign Missions with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. HOOPER ADAMS, *Chairman.*
GEORGE B. HAMMOND.

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Sevier, D. D. from the text Matt. 14:30, "Beginning to sink".

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed by the Presbytery with the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D. and the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D. administering the elements.

Following this service Presbytery took recess until 1:15 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 P. M.

Dr. J. W. Caldwell protested the action of the Presbytery in regard to the askings of the Montreat Church. Presbytery reconsidered the matter and the matter was recommitted to the Committee for action.

The Committee on Religious Education completed its report which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

Your Committee would call to your attention, with gratitude, some facts concerning the work in our Presbytery in the field of Religious Education.

Summer Workers

During the summer months three workers were used in the Presbytery in Vacation Bible Schools, and conferences: Mr. Herman Dillard of Columbia Seminary, Miss Mary Robinson of the Assembly's Training School, and Miss Harriette Walkup of Maryville College. These workers did excellent service in directing and assisting in various fields of service and we are deeply grateful to them for the fine work which was done in these fields.

Bible Schools

Reports from the fields show 11 schools, with an enrollment of 788, an average daily attendance of 630, 95 workers being used for 10 days in each school, at an estimated cost of $86.00, and a free will offering to the workers of $96.00. In addition, the Kenilworth Church conducted a school for the colored children for 5 days in

which 62 were enrolled. These numbers represent a decrease of *five* schools and 88 pupils from last year's report.

Conferences

The seventh annual conference for the Intermediates and Young People was held in Montreat, June 9-14th with 79 delegates and 11 leaders, representing an increase of 9 delegates over last year. Our conferences grow in spirit and numbers through the years. A special retreat was held in the Weaverville-Dillingham fields with 70 delegates present for a five day period. A fine conference for Sunday School leaders was held in May in the Kenilworth Church. There were not as many present as we hoped, but with a fine program and an earnest group of workers a fine spirit prevailed.

Rallies

Three rallies have been held during the year by the Young People's League of the Presbytery, all of them well planned, and well attended. Under the leadership of the Young People's Council, with Clyde Plexico, Jr., President of the League, the work of the young people is developing in a very fine way.

Regional Director

Your Committee rejoices that a new Director for Work in the Synod of Appalachia has been secured and that the Rev. W. Norman Cook has taken up this work on October 1, 1938. The Committee bespeaks for him your earnest prayers and sympathetic cooperation as he takes up this work.

The Following Recommendations Are Made:

1. That the churches through their organizations make a larger use of Rally Day that the forces of the churches might be rallied to aid the youth of our communities and to receive a generous offering that the youth of other communities might be reached and helped through Sunday School extension.

2. That each church consider the possibility and advisability of having a leadership training class in the Sunday School for its teachers and leaders.

3. That the leadership of our churches, both ministers and laymen, make a careful survey of their communities to discover the needs and possibility of organizing outpost Sunday Schools.

4. That the Presbytery approve the securing of summer workers for help in Vacation Bible Schools and Conferences.

5. That Presbytery overture the Presbytery of Kings Mountain to cooperate in joint Pioneer and Senior-Fellowship Conferences in

Montreat in June, and that a Conference Committee be appointed from the Religious Education Committee to handle the matter of organization and other details.

6. That the Presbytery approve the plan of a Synodical Leadership Conference for Young People.

7. That the Presbytery approve a One-Day Conference for the Men-of-the-Church, plans for same to be worked out by the Committee on Religious Education.

8. That Presbytery approve the holding of one or more Institutes for Sunday School leaders and workers during the year.

9. That we urge Pastors and Churches and Sunday School leaders to use in a larger way our Montreat Leadership Conferences.

10. That we thank most sincerely the Rev. W. Norman Cook for his assistance and counsel during the meeting of the Presbytery and that we urge our churches to use him and his services in the largest and most effective way in the promotion of their work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Flanagan, *Chairman.*

The Rev. R. C. Anderson D. D., the Rev. J. C. Plexico, and Elder Frank Foster reported their attendance at the meeting of the General Assembly in May. Their reports were accepted and approved and they were commended for their diligence.

The Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., made a verbal report as a Trustee of Davidson College which was received as information.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures, and Judiciary, reported that they had nothing to report.

The Committee on Records of Presbytery made its report which was adopted is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

Your Commitee begs to submit the following report:

1. We have examined the Minutes of the Presbytery and find them neatly printed and in order and commend the Stated Clerk for his painstaking work.

2. We examined also the Sessional records of the Bryson City church and commend the church for sending them up to Presbytery

after nine years of failure. They were approved with this exception and one other, and this was the fact that meetings had not been held regularly.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. DuPree, *Chairman,*
G. C. Summerow.

The Committee on Auditing had nothing to report.

The Committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery approve the changes in the Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, with the exception of answer to Question 89 in the Shorter Catechism.

2. That the Presbytery approve the addition of the Chapters to the Confession of Faith on The Holy Spirit, the Gospel, and the addition of the Word "Love" to the answer to Question 4 in the Shorter Catechism.

3. That we approve the addition to the Book of Church Order of Paragraphs 74 and 60-A.

4. That we approve the incorporation of the Brief Statement in a part of the Standards of our Church.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
R. C. Anderson, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee would submit the following report:

1. That Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D. and G. F. Bell, D.D. be added to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

2. That the following be added to the Committee on Examinations: Rev. J. H. Gruver to the Committee on Academic Studies, W. H. Adams to the Committee on Sciences, R. D. Bedinger to Committee on Philosophy, G. B. Hammond to Committee on Ecclestical History, P. N. Gresham to Committee on Sacraments, C. M. Jones to Committee on Church Government, T. A. Painter to Committee on Theology, G. F. Bell to Committee on English Bible.

3. That the Commission on the Minister and his Work be made up of the following: Rev. R. F. Campbell and J. W. Caldwell for 3 years; W. S. Hutchison for 2 years; R. P. Walker for 1 year and Elders S. L. Woodward for 2 years and S. R. McKee for 1 year.

4. That the Rev. R. F. Campbell call the committee together for organization and elect one member of the Committee as a member of the Synodical Committee.

5. That Rev. C. Grier Davis be added to the Committee on Religious Education.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We recommend:

1. That Rev. K. J. Foreman, D.D. be excused from this meeting of the Presbytery.

2. That Rev. R. B. DuPree and Elders E. L. Gaston, G. C. Summerow, and H. A. Osborne be excused from Wednesday's sessions; Rev. O. C. Landrum from Tuesday morning's session; Rev. C. B. Chapin, D.D. from Wednesday afternoon sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Plexico, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Resolutions made its report which was adopted by a rising vote:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas Asheville Presbytery has been so graciously entertained by the pastor and members of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, be it resolved:

That we express by a rising vote our appreciation to the pastor, to the ladies of the church, and to all others who contributed in any way toward our enjoyable stay here.

Furthermore that we commend the Devotional Committee and those who have had a part in the leadership of our meetings for the

care and thought expended in the preparation and execution of our meetings.

CHAS. M. JONES, *Chairman.*

The Revs. J. C. Plexico, Chm. H. B. Dendy, D. D., P. N. Gresham, and J. A. Flanagan, and Elders J. J. Stone, and Frank Foster were appointed a special Committee to study the proposed changes as to the stated meetings of the Presbytery and report to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The special matter of the West Asheville Church was referred to the Committee on Home Missions for counsel and assistance.

Dr. J. W. Caldwell called attention to the stricken peoples of Europe and urged the prayers and help of the Presbytery in their behalf.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds", and prayer and the Benediction by the Moderator Presbytery stood adjourned to meet in the Kenilworth Church, April 11, 1939 at 11:00 A. M.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

P. P. Thrower, Temporary Clerk.

Examined by
Board, found the
Order, and is hereby
approved.

J. S. Witter — Chairman
Donald W. Richardson
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J. A. Flanagan
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ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Dec. 20, 1938.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:30 A.M., and was opened with prayer by Dr. C. B. Chapin.

The roll was called and the following were present: Ministers—R. D. Bedinger, D.D., R. F. Campbell, D.D., C. B. Chapin, D.D., J. A. Flanagan, O. C. Landrum, T. A. Painter, Paul P. Thrower. Elders—Canton, J. T. Bailey; Oak Forest, E. L. Gaston; West Asheville, Frank Foster.

The following call was read, found in order, and is as follows:

ASHEVILLE, N. C.
Dec. 8, 1938.

"The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Tuesday. December 20, 1938, at 10:30 A. M., to transact the following business: To consider a petition from residents of Robbinsville, in Graham County, N. C., for the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Robbinsville, and, if the way be clear, to appoint a commission to organize the Church and to act upon any question which may arise pertaining to the organization of said church."

(Signed) R. F. CAMPBELL, *Moderator.*

The petition, signed by the following persons of Robbinsville, was read: Mrs. R. B. Slaughter, Miss Mary E. Doak, Miss Ellen Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons, Mr. J. L. Rice, Mr. L. W. Wilson, Mrs. Will Broyhill, Miss Christine Broyhill, Mrs. Cordelia Hargrove Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Auten, Mrs. Mary Conley Taylor, Mrs. Effie Humes, Laurie Humes, Warren Humes, Mr. John W. Johnson, Bruce Bailes.

Following this, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Superintendent of Home Missions, spoke of the conditions and prospects in the field. Rev. P. P. Thrower also spoke of the prospects for development in Graham County. The request for the organization of the Church at Robbinsville was granted,

and the following commission was appointed to organize the Church there, on Sunday, January 1, 1939, at 7:30 P.M., the way being clear:

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Chairman, Dr. H. L. Paisley, Rev. P. P. Thrower, with Dr. R. F. Campbell and Rev. O. C. Landrum as alternates to either of the above; Elders—S. W. Black, of Bryson City; L. B. Nichols, of Andrews; and J. W. Barker, of Andrews.

The quorum was fixed at two ministers and one elder. Following the reading and approval of the Minutes and prayer, Presbytery stood adjourned.

(Signed) R. F. Campbell, *Moderator.*
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

STATED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
April 11, 1939.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 11:00 A.M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter.

Following the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., the retiring Moderator, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., preached a stirring and timely sermon from the text, Zech. 4:6-7.

After the singing of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the retiring Moderator. The Roll was called and the following were present:

ROLL

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell (2), J. W. Caldwell. R. F. Campbell, C. B. Chapin, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. Clyde Plexico, J. R. Sevier, P. P. Thrower, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds. Total, 23.

Elders—Asheville First, Walter Abernathy; Bethel, J. F. Justice; Black Mountain, W. C. Green; Brevard - Davidson River, Sam McCollough; Bryson City, S. W. Black (2); Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, Elmer Jarrett; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Hazelwood, L. C. Davis; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Hendersonville, H. G. Love; Kenilworth, R. L. Crook; Montreat, C. C. Lord; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, W. D. Patton; Waynesville, W. R. Harbeck; Weaverville, D. E. Penland; West Asheville, Frank Foster. Total, 18.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Devotional Exercises

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M., Dinner at Church; 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., Afternoon Session; 6:30 P.M., Supper at Church; 7:30 P.M., Evening Session, to adjourn at will; Devotional Exercises; Report of Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Superintendent of Home Missions; Address, "Home Missions," Dr. R. F. Campbell.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M., Devotional, led by Rev. P. P. Thrower; 10:00 A.M., Presbyterial Sermon; 11:00 A.M., Communion Service, followed by Memorial Service; Report on Foreign Missions; Address, Rev. J. R. Woodson, Foreign Missionary; 1:00 P.M., Dinner at Church, to adjourn at will.

P. N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

The Minutes of the Called Meeting were read as information.

The Rev. E. L. Nelson, of the Presbytery of St. John, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting Brother.

Mr. R. E. Magill, Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., the Rev. K. J. Foreman, D.D., Rev. W. C. Wauchope, Rev. J. P. Anderson, D.D., and the Rev. W. A. Murray, were excused from the meeting of the Presbytery.

Prayer was offered by the Presbytery in behalf of Mr. R. E. Magill, who is seriously ill, and for Dr. D. W. Richardson, who has suffered a painful injury.

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the Committee on Auditing, when appointed.

Recommendation No. 1 of the Treasurer's Report, in regard to a change of time for the Spring Meeting of the

Presbytery, was referred to the Ad Interim Committee on Times of Stated Meetings of the Presbytery.

Recommendation No. 2, in regard to special funds, was referred to the Permanent Committee on Stewardship.

The Rev. E. D. McMahan was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

The Rev. G. F. Bell, D.D., was granted permission to serve as Stated Supply of the Black Mountain Church until the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Report of the Stated Clerk was referred to the Committee on Auditing.

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., was granted permission to serve the Bethel Church until the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery.

Communications from Montreat College and Davidson College were referred to the Permanent Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The Rev. Ewell L. Nelson, of the Presbytery of St. John, presented a letter of dismissal to Asheville Presbytery. He was examined on experimental religion, his views touching theology and church government. His examination being found satisfactory and the usual obligations having been signed, he was received into the Presbytery.

The calls from the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. E. L. Nelson, at salaries of $500.00 per annum and use of Manse, and $150.00 per annum, respectively, were read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. (N.B. The Home Mission Committee plans to supplement this salary by the addition of $1,000.00).

The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Nelson as Pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Chairman, to preach, preside, and propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., to charge the pastor; the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., to charge the congregation; with the Rev. C. Grier Davis as alternate to any of the above; with Elders D. E. Penland, of Weaverville; T. G. Penland, of Ivy

Park; and Elmer Jarrett, of Dillingham, as members of the Commission. The quorum was fixed at two ministers and one elder.

Upon motion, Presbytery decided that, in the case of a Home Mission field, the call to that field should include the supplemental amount provided by the committee, so that the Presbytery might have this information before approving the call.

The Commission to organize the Robbinsville Church made the following report, which was adopted, as follows:

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ROBBINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Robbinsville, N. C.
Jan. 1, 1939.

The Presbyterian Church, of Robbinsville, was organized Jan. 1, 1939, by a commission from Asheville Presbytery. The following were members of the Commission: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Superintendent of Home Missions in Asheville Presbytery; Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., of Murphy; Rev. Paul P. Thrower and Elder S. W. Black, of Bryson City; and Elders L. B. Nichols and J. W. Barker, of Andrews. Mr. Barker was the only commissioner unable to be present.

The Commission met at the Church a few minutes before 7:30 P.M., the set hour for worship, and the time for the organization. The Commission was constituted with prayer by Dr. Bedinger, who had been appointed Chairman by the Presbytery. Elder S. W. Black was elected Clerk.

The service opened with the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." The invocation was given by Rev. Thrower. Another hymn, "Love Divine," was sung. Dr. Paisley read the Scripture. An offering was received. Special music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Slaughter, Mrs. J. L. Auten, and Miss Ellen Carver, accompanied by Miss Christine Broyhill. Dr. Paisley preached the sermon, using as his subject, "The Glorious Church."

Dr. Bedinger stated the purpose of the meeting and then read from the records of the Presbyterian Church which had existed in Robbinsville, about the years 1901-1909, some matters pertaining to that Church. The former Church was organized with twelve members and served in connection with a girls' boarding school which was later moved to Macon County. The late Rev. R. P. Smith, father-in-law of our present Superintendent of Home Missions, was then the superintendent.

The Commission proceeded to organize. Rev. Thrower, who had

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served the Robbinsville people since last February, was in charge of the examination of the members being received. After satisfactory examination, the Commission enrolled the following people as members of the Robbinsville Presbyterian Church:

By Certificate of Dismission: Mrs. R. B. Slaughter, Presbyterian Church, of Andrews, N. C.; Miss Mary E. Doak, Mount Bethel Presbyterian Church, of Tusculum, Tenn.; Miss Ellen Carver, Presbyterian Church, of Murphy, N. C.; Mrs. Ray Parsons, Presbyterian Church, of Newport, Tenn.; Mr. J. L. Rice, Second Presbyterian Church, of Salisbury, N. C.; Mr. L. W. Wilson, Carr's Hill Baptist Church, of Brevard, N. C.; Mrs. Will Broyhill; Presbyterian Church, of Bryson City, N. C.; Miss Christine Broyhill, Presbyterian Church, of Bryson City, N. C.; Mrs J. W. (Cordelia Hargrove) Johnson, Bethel Presbyterian Church, of Canton, N. C.; Mr. J. L. Auten, Presbyterian Church, of Huntersville, N. C.; Mrs. R. R. (Mary Conley) Taylor, Conley Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Marion, N. C.

By Restatement of Faith: Mrs. J. L. Auten, Mrs. Effie Humes, Laurie Humes, Warren Humes, Mr. John W. Johnson, Bruce Bailes.

By Profession of Faith and Baptism: Mr. Ray Parsons.

After the congregation of new members had answered in the affirmative the questions required by our Book of Church Order, the Church was declared duly organized. Dr. Bedinger then announced to the newly organized Church that the Home Mission Committee had purchased the Church and lot, formerly owned by the Methodist Church, South, and was then giving it over to the new Church without debt. A word of appreciation was made by Rev. Thrower, and a rising vote of thanks given by the congregation to Dr. Bedinger and the Home Mission Committee.

Dr. Bedinger gave an appropriate exhortation to the congregation, and then led a prayer of benediction upon the Church and people of the community. After the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," the benediction was given by Dr. Paisley.

S. W. Black, *Clerk.*

Dr. R. D. Bedinger and the Rev. Paul P. Thrower spoke of the prospects of the field there for growth and the enthusiasm of the people, as evidenced by the splendid results of the Every Member Canvass. Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

The Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M., and was led in prayer by the Moderator. The following Standing Committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chm., Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. C. B. Chapin, D. E. Penland.
2. **Judiciary**—Dr. H. L. Paisley, Chm., Dr. R. C. Anderson, W. C. Green.
3. **Records of Sessions**—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Chm., Rev. O. C. Landrum, Dr. R. P. Walker, C. C. Lord, W. R. Harbeck.
4. **Minutes of Synod**—Rev. T. A. Painter, Chm., Dr. L. T. Wilds, Elmer Jarrett.
5. **Auditing**—Mr. J. T. Bailey, Chm., Walter Abernathy, J. S. Gray.
6. **Nominations**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chm., Rev. J. C. Plexico, H. G. Love, Candler Morgan.
7. **Leave of Absence**—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chm., R. L. Crook, Frank Foster.
8. **Records of Presbytery**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chm., L. C. Davis, W. D. Patton.
9. **Resolutions**—Dr. H. B. Dendy.

The Ad Interim Committee on Stated Meetings and the Committee on Ministers' Annuity Fund asked permission to present their reports at a later session, which was granted.

The Report of the Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was presented, approved, and the following recommendations adopted:

Report on Assembly's Home Missions

(1) That the period, Oct. 2 - Nov. 5, be set apart as a special session for home mission study, and that the week of Oct. 29 - Nov. 5 be designated as the Week of Prayer and Self-denial for Assembly's Home Missions, with a generous offering in all the churches and organizations of this cause.

(2) That the Home Mission Book, "Chapels—Today's Evangelistic Frontier," prepared by Dr. S. M. Glasgow, be approved as the study book for the home mission period, and that it be commended for use in all the organizations of the Church.

(3) That as a method of bringing Assembly's Home Missions before the Sunday Schools, June be observed as the Assembly's Home Mission month, with the use of the educational programs prepared by the Educational Department.

(4) That the Foreign Speaking Work of the General Assembly be assigned to the Young People of the Church as their special home mission responsibility for this year.

J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman.*

The Sessional Reports were referred to as follows: Statistical to the Stated Clerk; Religious Education to the Permanent Committee on Religious Education; the Narrative to the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion; and

Woman's Work to the Committee on Church Societies.

Loans from Student Loan Fund made to 112 students to the

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief made its report, which was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

One hundred and forty-seven candidates for the ministry and nine others preparing for all-time Christian service were aided to the amount of $11,500.00.

amount of $10,900.00.

Appropriations from the Fund of Ministerial Relief made to 567 homes to the amount of $166,500.00.

From the Joy Gift in December two extra payments were sent to each home.

Receipts from living donors and other sources were $226,700.00. As compared with last year, a decrease of $20,000.00.

Thirteen homes under the care of Asheville Presbytery received aid to the amount of $4,795.00.

The Churches of Asheville Presbytery contributed to Ministerial Relief $1,327.00; less than 30 percent of the amount received.

We have eight students for the ministry, under the care of Asheville Presbytery, as follows:

Taylor Osborne Bird, care of Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Horse Shoe, N. C., at Union Seminary, First Class, Hebrew Aid.

Jack Bedford Davidson, Swannanoa, N. C., at Davidson College, Third Class, $60.00 Aid..

James Scott Hunter, Hendersonville, N. C., at Yale Divinity School, First Class.

Anderson Merrell Keith, 14 Mont Clair Ave., Asheville, N. C., at Columbia Seminary, Third Class, $60.00 Aid.

Clyde Kermit Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky., at home as teacher in Rural School.

Walter Taylor Reveley, 41 Pennsylvania Ave., Canton, N. C., at Hampden-Sydney, Fourth Class.

John Robert Smith, Franklin, N. C., at Union Theological Seminary, Second Class, Dr. Lacy Aid.

Lacy Richard Whitlow, 1 Evergreen Lane, Asheville, N. C., at King College, Third Class, Work Aid.

Eight candidates. Aided two men $120.00. We recommend that a Judicial Commission be appointed to consider and act upon the case of Candidate Lacy Richard Whitlow.

R. P. WALKER, *Chairman.*

A Judicial Commission, composed of Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Rev. C. B. Chapin, D.D., Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. G. B. Hammond, and Elders J. T. Bailey and H. G. Love, with the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., as convener of the Commission, was appointed to consider the matter of retaining Candidate Lacy Richard Whitlow as a candidate for the Gospel ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

The Committee on Church Societies made the following report, which was approved:

Report of Committee on Church Societies

As Chairman of the Committee on Church Societies, I would like to submit the following report, and commend the good women of the Presbytery for the continued good work which they are doing:

Auxiliary Members	1,869
Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial	22
Total Gifts—Denominational Benevolences	$ 6,758.00
Auxiliary Special Benevolences	892.00
Total Contributions—Local Church Work	4,110.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	550.00
Grand Total *All* Contributions	12,310.00
Decrease From Last Year	3,116.00
Amount Per Capita	7.00

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. GRUVER, *Chairman.*

Report of Stated Clerk

This report covers the period from September, 1938, to April 10, 1939.

RECEIPTS

From Treasurer of the Presbytery	$ 71.34	
From Churches	646.95	
		$718.29

DISBURSEMENTS

To Printing of Minutes, Fall 1938	$ 72.62	
To Printing of Material for Committee on Minister and His Work	8.75	
To Salary of Stated Clerk for ¾ Year	75.00	
To Supplies for Presbyterian Committee on Publication	4.62	
To Refund to Dr. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Treas.	.80	
To Cash for Stamps, Paper, Stencils, etc.	10.00	
To Dr. J. G. Patton, Jr., Treas. Synod of Appalachia	34.37	
		$206.16

Balance on Hand, Apr. 10, 1939	$512.13
Total	$718.29

Only one Church, White Oak, has failed to meet its contingent fee for this year.

The Brevard - Davidson River Church is in arrears for previous years in the sum of $94.98.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Brevard - Davidson River Church be requested to take immediate steps to reduce the amount of this deficit.
2. That all of the Churches be urged to remit all, or a partial payment, of this fund as early as possible in the new year.

Respectfully submitted:
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

We, the Auditing Committee, find the above statement to be correct.

J. T. BAILEY.
WALTER ABERNATHY.
J. S. GRAY.

Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., was granted evangelistic powers until the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery in the Hayesville field, in the matter of ordaining officers and the reception and dismissal of members.

The Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions pro tem.

The Committee on Stewardship made a verbal report, which was received as information.

The Historical Committee had no report to make to the Presbytery.

The Committee on Auditing made the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee, find that Wm. H. Zimmerman, C.P.A., makes the following report concerning the Report of the Treasurer, Dr. R. D. Bedinger:

On Cash Received	$54,083.89
On Cash Disbursed	48,201.24
Cash on Hand	5,882.65

We believe the above report to be correct.

J. T. BAILEY, *Chairman.*
WALTER ABERNATHY.
J. S. GRAY.

Tuesday Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M., and was led in a short worship service under the direction of the Rev. P. N. Gresham, assisted by the vested choir of the Kenilworth Church.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Superintendent of Home Missions of the Presbytery, presented his report as superintendent and the recommendatons of the Home Mission Committee, which were adopted and are as follows:

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions

This report covers the period from April 1, 1938, to April 1, 1939.

The past year has been filled with varied activities throughout the Presbytery.

Four evangelistic meetings were conducted, resulting in 32 professions of faith, 11 additions to the church by restatement, and 15 by letter.

A week was spent at the Maryville (Tenn.) Young People's Conference, where we taught classes in Evangelism and Home Missions.

Another week we taught the Class in Stewardship at the Bristol (Tenn.) Young People's Conference.

Addresses were made at three district conferences in Abingdon Presbytery in launching their King College Campaign.

We assisted Dr. R. F. Campbell in the holding of four group conferences on behalf of the Builders' League.

We assisted Dr. R. F. Campbell and Mr. B. G. Alexander in canvassing Asheville Presbytery for the King College Debt Campaign.

We attended three meetings of Asheville Presbytery, Synod Meeting, two meetings of the Board of Trustees of King College, one meeting of Synod's Campaign Committee for King College, two meetings of Synod's Home Missions Committee, two meetings of the Assembly's Home Mission Council in Atlanta, Ga.

One address on Home Missions was made before the Presbytery of Holston.

Two addresses on Home Missions were delivered in the First

Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, S. C., and one address on Home Missions at the Montreat Conference.

Two addresses on Foreign Missions were delivered in the Cascade and Turbeville (Va.) Presbyterian Churches.

Four addresses on Stewardship were delivered in the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, Va.

Additional addresses were made in the Central Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Va., at Athens, Tenn., Marion, N. C., and at the Asheville Normal & Teachers' College.

We participated in the installations of Rev. C. Grier Davis and Dr. H. L. Paisley; also, in the organization of the new church at Robbinsville, N. C.

Sixty-two visits were made to 20 of the 28 churches in Asheville Presbytery.

One hundred and twenty sermons and addresses were delivered during the year.

Three thousand three hundred and seventy letters and postals were sent out from our office—an average of 10½ per day, excluding Sundays.

Twelve issues of OUR MOUNTAIN WORK were edited and mailed out to some 1,800 families at an expense of $439.38.

Three calls for the Builders' League were issued, and receipts of $831.51 were distributed to Andrews, Franklin and Hazelwood Churches.

The sum of $6,816.34 in cash and $3,720.74 in subscriptions, a total of $10,537.08, was raised through our office.

For Presbytery's Missions	$ 608.14
For Foreign Missions	1,970.00
For Hazelwood Church	464.10
For King College	1,978.76
For Builders' League	831.51
For Students at King College	280.00
For Mountain Orphanage	300.00
For R. P. Smith Fund	183.83
For Robbinsville Church	200.00
Total	$ 6,816.34
In Subscriptions for King College	3,720.74
Total	$10,537.08

In the raising of the cash and the subscriptions for King College, Dr. R. F. Campbell rendered invaluable service. His presence in our office and his wise counsel are warmly appreciated.

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Travel		
15,601.5 Miles at 5c Per Mile	$780.07	
Less Collections	608.14	
Net Travel Expenses		$171.93
Office		
Room Rent	$150.00	
Stenographer	111.57	
Telephone and Telegrams	63.17	
Auditing Treasurer's Books	50.00	
Envelopes and Stamps	44.95	
Stationery	8.31	
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
Office Supplies	26.59	
P. O. Box Rent	6.00	
Safety Deposit Box Rent	5.50	
Bank Charges	2.86	
		$493.95
Total Travel and Office Expenses		$665.88

This is $77.92 less than last year.

Presbytery's Missions: The total receipts for this cause were $9,597.71, of which the Assembly's Home Mission Committee furnished $2,500.00. All obligations to our workers were met, and we come to the close of the church year with a surplus of $73.50 on operating expenses. However, we have outstanding obligations for assistance rendered certain churches, as follows: Kenilworth, $1,025.00; Robbinsville, $1,000.00; and Hazelwood, $500.00; a total of $2,525.00, on which we are paying interest.

Mountain Orphanage: The total receipts for the Orphanage were $13,828.12, with expenses of $13,463.58, leaving a surplus of $364.54. The actual budget expenses were $12,066.47, with $1,397.11 used for extras outside the budget, and mostly provided for by special gifts. We are happy to report the receipt of $2,175.00, being final payment of the Woodcock Legacy, which was set aside for repairs and improvements on the buildings.

R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children: This Fund now shows a net cash amount of $7,348.67. Eight young people from the Orphanage have been aided during the past three years. The sum of $450.00 in scholarships have been awarded to Montreat and King Colleges, and $445.99 in loans have been made to five of the children. Pledges amounting to $757.50 are still outstanding. It is most urgent that

Presbytery should act upon the regulations which are to govern the administration of this Fund. We cannot prepare the literature and properly advertise until this matter is settled.

OUR MISSION FIELDS

Andrews - Bryson City - Robbinsville: During the fourteen months' residence of Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Thrower, there have been added 52 members to these churches. On Jan. 1, 1939, a group of 18 petitioners at Robbinsville was organized into a Presbyterian Church. Since then 12 other members have been added, making a total of 30. Seven of these were on profession of faith, eleven by restatement, and twelve by letter. An Every Member Canvass, almost 100 percent effective, resulted in the pledging of a budget of $1,100.00. Rev. P. P. Thrower has been called as pastor at Robbinsville on a salary of $350.00, which, added to salaries at Andrews and Bryson City, means a self-supporting field beginning with April 1, 1939. The Home Mission Committee purchased the old Methodist Church building for $800.00, and added $200.00 towards necessary repairs. The members raised another $200.00. The Robbinsville congregation has contributed to Benevolences $148.02, and to Current and Repair Expenses $213.00, a total of $361.02. This is a splendid record. Although seed were sown for the past four years and the people remembered the church and school of over twenty years ago, yet we unhesitantly say that this new Church would not have been organized nor have progressed so rapidly except for the excellent work done by Mr. and Mrs. Thrower. They have done fine work at Andrews and Bryson City also. The manse debt at Andrews has been reduced to $250.00.

Dillingham - Ivy Park: Rev. and Mrs. Ewell Nelson, lately of Homestead, Fla., began their pastorate the first Sunday in April. We welcome them into our fellowship and feel that there is a great door and effectual opened to them in North Buncombe County. Dr. H. B. Dendy, who has had charge of this field, off and on, for many years, will now serve the Weaverville and Red Oak self-supporting Churches. These four churches were self-supporting during the past year, but with the coming of Mr. Nelson his field will go back on the Home Mission Committee for a short time only, we hope and believe.

Franklin - Morrison: The debt on the manse at Franklin has been reduced to $480.00. Much illness in the membership has handicapped the work. Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan are greatly beloved throughout Macon County.

Highlands Church: The work here is progressing nicely. The manse, purchased at a cost of $3,750.00 a year ago, has a debt of only $1,400.00 resting on it. It is expected that this will be liquidated this summer. Rev. and Mrs. R. B. DuPree continue their good work.

Hazelwood - White Oak: Rev. O. C. Landrum reports considerable progress on the new church building. The sum of $2,400.00 has been raised and expended during the year. Mr. R. L. Prevost, a prominent business man of Hazelwood and an elder of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, made a donation of $500.00, which was matched by the Home Mission Committee, with the result that the main auditorium has been completed. The flooring was largely donated by Mr. Arthur Osborne, of Canton, the Morris-Austin Company, and the Williams-Brownell Planing Mill Company, of Asheville. Our hearty thanks are extended to these generous friends. Great sacrifices have been made at Hazelwood. The pastor and the people are to be commended and encouraged.

Mills River - Etowah: There has been an unusually large ingathering of souls in this field. The pledge to the Ministers' Annuity Fund has been met promptly when due. Etowah has paid in full its three-year pledge to King College, and Mills River has paid two-thirds of its total pledge. In addition, a new furnace has been installed at Mills River and paid for. We congratulate Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hutchison and their people on the splendid results of the past year.

Murphy - Hayesville: Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Paisley have completed ten months in this field, and have greatly endeared themselves to all. All obligations, current expense and benevolent, were met. A furnace was installed and paid for at Murphy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following appropriations be approved for 1939-1940: Dillingham - Ivy Park Group, $1,000.00; Franklin - Morrison Group, $815.00; Hazelwood - White Oak Group, $1,145.00 (conditional); Highlands, $575.00; Mills River - Etowah, $665.00; Murphy - Hayesville, $650.00.
2. That the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children and the Builders' League be emphasized in each Church.
3. That the Rules which are to govern the use of the money derived from the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children be approved.
4. That the Presbytery endorse the Assembly's Home Mission Council and give its hearty co-operation in the carrying out of the purpose and functions of the Council.
5. That each Church be urged to do its utmost to reach its Benevolent Budget this year, in order that the cause of Presbytery's Missions, in particular, and all the causes in general, may not suffer.

We end the old and enter the new year with gratitude to God for His signal blessings and with thanks to the Brethren of the Presbytery for their fine co-operation and the many courtesies extended us.

ROBT. D. BEDINGER
Supt. of Home Missions.

Rules to Govern the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children

1. The loans are to be made direct, no interest charged unless the notes are not met promptly. In case of failure to meet notes promptly, interest at 4 percent shall be charged from the beginning of the loan.

2. The principal may be used for loans in case interest does not meet all needs.

3. A $50.00 Scholarship will be allowed each year for each Orphanage boy or girl who attends an Asheville Presbyterial or an Appalachia Synodical College; that is, at present Montreat College and King College. This $50.00 Scholarship to be gratis, and retroactive.

4. No loan to be made until the second, or sophomore, year at college, and then not over $50.00 in any one year until the Fund increases sufficiently to warrant a maximum sum of $100.00.

5. The borrower may be loaned money for three years only.

6. Mountain Orphanage girls and boys desiring to take training, technical, mechanical, nursing, etc., at institutions other than those of Asheville Presbytery and Appalachia Synod, may secure loans as above outlined, but will not be granted the free scholarship of $50.00.

7. The free Scholarship of $50.00 is to be given only upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, and the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery. The *loan* shall be recommended by the President and Faculty of the College attended, in addition to Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage and Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

8. No endorsement involving responsibility for the notes on loans shall be required.

9. The principal of the loans is to be repaid after college is finished and a job is secured. Payments are to be made monthly and are to be at least 10 percent of the monthly earnings.

10. The Fund shall not be available for students desiring higher education than our Presbyterian Colleges afford.

11. A pledge similar to the one suggested by our Louisville Office, but in keeping with above conditions, shall be signed by each applicant and filed with the Secretary of the Home Mission Committee.

12. Every applicant shall sign a pledge to keep the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery informed of place of residence and business engaged in until all indebtedness to it is paid.

13. Students going to higher institutions of learning shall repay as far as possible their loans before beginning their higher courses.

14. Each girl or boy shall be required to take out an Insurance Policy, preferably Ordinary Life, for not less than $1,000.00, premiums to be paid, if necessary, for three years by the Loan Fund and charged against the Loan made to the girl or boy. The policies shall be properly assigned to the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery until all obligations have been discharged.

Pledge to Be Read and Signed By the Applicant

PLEDGE TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT

1. I, the undersigned former resident of the Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., hereby solicit a loan from the R. P. Smith Memorial Educational Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children.

2. I will apply the loan, if granted, towards no other than necessary expenses of continuing my education.

3. I promise to begin payments on my note, or notes, as soon as I secure a job after I have left college. I promise to pay at least 10 percent of my monthly earnings until my debt to the Fund is paid. Of all amounts not paid within this period, I agree to pay interest at the rate of 4 percent from the beginning of the date of each note.

4. I promise that other obligations will not receive preference in the order of payment, fully understanding that the loan from this Fund is for my use only while in college, and that upon its repayment the money is to help other children from the Mountain Orphanage.

5. I promise that I will keep the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery informed of my address and my occupation as long as any part of my indebtedness to the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund remains unpaid, and that I will answer promptly all communications.

6. I promise to take out an Insurance Policy for not less than $1000.00 and that I will pay the premiums each year as long as my debt to the Fund remains unpaid. I further agree that this Policy shall be assigned to the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery until such time as every obligation to the Fund has been met.

Date_____19____ Signed_____

The Treasurer of the Presbytery made his report which was received as information.

The Rev. Dumont Clarke, Presbytery of French Broad, U. S. A., was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Robbinsville church to hold its fall meeting there.

The Hendersonville Church was granted permission to increase the salary of its pastor from $2700 per annum and manse to $3000 per annum and manse.

The following commissioners were elected to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in Montreat, May 25th, 1939:

Principals	*Alternates*
MINISTERS:	Rev. R. B. DuPree
Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D.	
Rev. C. Grier Davis	Rev. Paul P. Thrower
ELDERS:	
Mr. R. L. Crook, Kenilworth	Mr. S. W. Black, Bryson City
Mr. Walter Abernathy, Asheville First	Mr. W. R. Harbeck, Waynesville

Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, spoke in a most interesting way of the growth and development of Asheville Presbytery, since its organization in 1896.

The Presbytery, by a standing vote, expressed its confidence in and appreciation of the fine work of Dr. R. D. Bedinger as superintendent.

Presbytery was led in prayer by Dr. R. C. Anderson, and then adjourned until 9:00 A. M., Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning Session

The Presbytery met again on Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock and was led in a helpful devotional exercise by the Rev. P. P. Thrower.

The Minutes of the previous day's sessions were read, and approved as revised.

Dr. J. W. Caldwell presented the report of the Committee on the Minister's Annuity Fund which was adopted and is as follows:

Report on Ministers' Annuity Fund

Inasmuch as each minister has received from the Louisville office a statement of amounts given to this cause by his church, we deem it necessary to put upon our minutes now just the total receipts from our Presbytery.

Amounts paid since 1930 to March 31, 1938	$3,725.53
Amounts paid since April 1, 1938-March 31, 1939	5,470.98
Amount of pledges outstanding	11,019.38
Total Cash and Pledges	$20,215.89

We would call attention to the splendid gifts of First Church, Asheville, cash and pledges of $10,500.00.

We would urge our churches to go forward where possible for additional gifts to this much desired goal, the raising of the three-million dollar fund.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. CALDWELL, *Pro-Tem.*

Mrs. R. B. Slaughter of the Robbinsville Church was introduced to the Presbytery by Dr. R. D. Bedinger.

CALL—REV. P. P. THROWER

The Commission on the Minister and His Work presented the call from the Robbinsville Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. P. P. Thrower. The call was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Having been accepted by him Presbytery appointed the following commission to install Mr. Thrower as pastor of the Robbinsville Church, the date to be set by the commission:

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., to be the chairman, to preach, preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., to charge the congregation, and the Rev. J. A. Flanagan to charge the pastor, with Elders S. W. Black of Bryson City and L. B. Nichols of Andrews to serve on the commission. The quorum was set at two ministers and one elder.

The Rev. P. P. Thrower was granted evangelistic power to ordain elders in the Robbinsville field.

The special order of the day having arrived Presbytery took recess for 10 minutes in order that the communion service might be prepared.

Dr. H. L. Paisley preached an appropriate sermon from the text: II Timothy 4:16, "*Take heed unto thyself.*"

Following this the Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed with Dr. R. P. Walker and Rev. O. C. Landrum,

serving the elements, assisted by the following elders: W. R. Harbeck, L. C. Davis, C. H. Alexander, and Sam McCollough.

Memorial of the Rev. William Hooper Adams

A memorial to the Rev. W. Hooper Adams was presented by the Rev. P. N. Gresham, and adopted by the Presbytery and is as follows:

MEMORIAL—REV. W. HOOPER ADAMS

William Hooper Adams, son of Rev. William Hooper Adams and Margaret Holmes Adams, was born at Charleston, S. C., July 10, 1880.

He received the A. B. degree from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and the B. D. degree from Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

He held successful pastorates at New Scotland, N. Y., Worthington, Ohio, Charlotte, N. C., Booneville, Mo., and Jefferson City, Mo.

He came to Asheville in November, 1925. Although a sufferer, he continued to pour out his life in service to his fellowmen in the name of Christ. Outstanding features of this ministry were his work in the Ministers' Association of Asheville and Buncombe County, his work in the Presbyterian Ministers' Association of Asheville, and his work as chairman of the Permanent Committee of Foreign Missions in Asheville Presbytery. He was a finished scholar, a writer of ability, and a preacher of unction and power. His transparent sincerity, his saintly character, his singular consecration to Christ and the faithfulness with which he devoted the qualities of his mind and spirit to the advancement of God's Kingdom, made him a precious gift of God to our time.

He was married to Miss Maria Fisher, of Albany, N. Y., on January 14, 1909. His devoted companion who survives him, was a great help to him in his ministry.

On Thursday, March 30th, at 5:00 P. M., he was about his Father's business in a committee meeting. On Friday, he was called to his Heavenly home. His sudden home-going calls attention to the Master's warning that we watch and pray, not knowing the hour when He cometh.

"I would be ready, Lord,
My house in order set,
None of the work Thou gavest me
To do, unfinished yet.

"I would be watching, Lord,
With lamp well trimmed and clear,
Quick to throw open wide the door,
What time Thou drawest near.

"I would be waiting, Lord,
Because I cannot know,
If in the night or morning watch,
I may be called to go."

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report: The desolation in China today because of an undeclared but most brutal war, waged alike against those on the front and those who are non-combatants, continues to occupy the place of chief interest in the Mission world.

However, the disturbed conditions in Japan and Korea, due to the arrogant demands of an exacting nationalism, render those countries close contenders for first place consideration.

Because our missionaries, in spite of all advice to the contrary, have remained on the job in China, ministering to the stricken people, they have been given an opportunity to get close to their hearts, and to accomplish a work that is almost without precedent in history. Thus does "God make the wrath of man to praise him."

In Africa, Brazil and Mexico, the work advances more normally. Especially is the prospect bright in Brazil, where whole communities are welcoming the Gospel.

The need for well qualified recruits is today most conspicuous and urgent. Of twenty-two recruits recently authorized by the Executive Committee only twelve could be found who were sufficiently qualified. Twenty more will be needed during the present church year and if all are procured our fields will be only partially manned.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That with deep sorrow we record the recent loss of our beloved and efficient Chairman of this Committee, the Rev. W. Hooper Adams, who has so untiringly devoted his time and talents

to the promotion of this cause in our Presbytery; to whose wife and other loved ones we tender our sincere sympathy.

2. That our Churches make unceasing prayers to God for His guidance and strengthening grace in these days of storm and stress.

3. That not only through special seasons, but throughout the year the great cause of world-wide evangelization be kept before our people.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman Pro-Tem.*

Pending the adoption of this report, Presbytery heard an inspiring address by the Rev. J. R. Woodson, missionary on furlough from Brazil.

The Rev. G. F. Bell, D.D., brought to the Presbytery some of the interesting things concerning the work of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

The following report was made by the Committee of Schools and Colleges which was received as information and the following recommendation adopted by the Presbytery:

Report of Committee on Schools and Colleges
King College Debt Campaign

Quota—Asheville Presbytery—$16,000.00

Church	*Quota*	*Accepted*	*Subscribed*	*Paid*
Andrews	$ 75.00	$ 75.00	$ 75.00	$ 18.50
Asheville, First	8,000.00		108.50	108.50
Asheville, Kenilworth	600.00		208.00	106.00
Asheville, West	500.00			
Asheville, Oak F.	300.00	300.00	300.00	50.00
Bethel	100.00	100.00	100.00	44.63
Black Mountain	250.00		40.00	10.00
Brevard	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Bryson City	200.00	200.00	200.00	68.50
Canton	500.00	500.00	503.00	195.00
Etowah	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Franklin Group	200.00	200.00	200.00	61.30
Hayesville	60.00	60.00	60.00	5.00
Hazelwood Group	110.00	110.00	110.00	
Highlands	300.00			
Hendersonville	1,750.00			
Montreat	750.00		100.00	55.00

Mills River	130.00	130.00	130.00	90.00
Murphy	250.00	250.00	250.00	115.00
Swannanoa	300.00	300.00	300.00	88.00
Waynesville	450.00		93.00	23.00
Weaverville Group	450.00	450.00	207.00	36.00
Individuals			2,310.00	874.33
	$15,680.00	$3,080.00	$5,699.50	$1,978.76

We recommend that Dr. R. C. Anderson, President of Montreat College and Dr. R. F. Campbell, representing Montreat College and King College, respectively, be heard.

Respectfully submitted,
O. C. LANDRUM, *Chairman.*

Pending the adoption of this report, Presbytery heard with interest, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., bring a message on conditions at King College, and the progress of the King College Campaign for funds.

The Committee on Religious Education made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Religious Education and Publication

Your Committee notes with satisfaction the fact that the Executive Committee is showing marked progress in every direction except one and that is, that for eight years its Sunday School enrollment remains practically at a standstill.

This is due in part to the fact that the average Presbyterian family is smaller today than it was a decade ago.

Asheville Presbytery shows a smaller enrollment in the Sunday School in relation to the church enrollment, than do the other Presbyteries of our Synod; hence a smaller growth in the church.

Studies show that an increase of 10% in the Sunday School means an increase of 20% in the church enrollment within three years. The secret of growth lies in the outpost Sunday School and the records show that Asheville has only four outpost Sunday Schools.

The Statistical report of the Sessions in regard to the Sunday School gave the following information:

Sunday Schools	29
Total Enrollment	3,845
Cradle Roll	172
Home Department	226
Grand Total	4,243

Pupils added to the church on Confession of Faith	148
Gifts for Benevolences	$1,101
Other Contributions	753
Current Expenses	4,383

We make the following recommendations:

1. That a One-Day Institute on the Vacation Church School be held in the near future, under the direction of the Committee on Religious Education and in cooperation with the Rev. W. Norman Cook, Synodical Director.

2. That Presbytery authorize its Committee on Religious Education to organize and promote in 1939-1940 a special Sunday School Extension campaign, enlisting every minister and church in this effort.

3. That every church make an effort to send a group of teachers, officers and superintendents to the Montreat Leadership School, July 25-August 3, 1939.

4. That Rally Day be given a more evangelistic emphasis on October 1, 1939.

5. That every congregation, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, stand behind the Executive Committee by sending in a generous offering on Rally Day.

6. That every church make plans to send some of its choice young people and Intermediates to the Young People's and Intermediate Conferences in Montreat, June 19-24, 1939.

7. That as ministers and officers of the Presbytery, we back up the Synodical Leadership Conference at Tusculum College, Tenn., July 3-8, by sending the President, or a representative, from each young people's group in the Presbytery.

8. That the sum of $100.00 be appropriated from the funds of the Committee on Religious Education and Publication for employment of a summer worker and $50.00 from the funds of the Home Mission Committee for an additional worker, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Flanagan, *Chairman.*

The Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., presented his resignation as a member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, which was accepted by the Presbytery.

Dr. R. C. Anderson made his report as a Trustee of Davidson College.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations would report as follows:

1. We recommend that Dr. H. L. Paisley be made Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions in place of Rev. W. Hooper Adams, deceased.

2. That Dr. R. D. Bedinger be added to the Commission on the Minister and His Work in place of J. W. Caldwell, resigned.

3. That the Secretary of Religious Education of the Presbyterial be made an advisory member of the Presbytery's Committee on Religious Education.

4. That Dr. G. F. Bell preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery with Dr. H. B. Dendy as alternate, choosing their own subjects.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Caldwell,
J. C. Plexico.

Presbytery reconsidered the matter of granting permission to the Bethel and Black Mountain Churches to employ the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., and the Rev. G. F. Bell, D.D., as Stated Supplies of these churches, respectively.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work having passed on the applications of these two churches for the services of the above-mentioned ministers, the request was granted.

The Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented and approved by the Presbytery and is as follows:

Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work

The Commission, at the call of the convener, met at the residence of Rev. R. F. Campbell, 6 Pearson Drive, Asheville, November 15, 1938, at 3:30 P. M. Present: Rev. R. F. Campbell, W. S. Hutchison, R. P. Walker, and Ruling Elder S. R. McKee.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Hutchison. Rev. R. F. Campbell was elected chairman and Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Secretary. Rev. J. W. Caldwell was chosen as representative of the commission on the Synod's Committee on the Minister and His work.

The Commission granted leave to the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches to issue calls to the Rev. Rolston R. Ramsey to become their pastor, having received satisfactory evidence of his fitness for this field.

After the reading and approval of the Minutes the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. R. P. Walker.

The Commission met again at 3:00 P. M., February 16, 1938, in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.

Present: Rev. R. F. Campbell, R. P. Walker, and Elder S. R. McKee. The opening prayer was made by Ruling Elder S. R. McKee.

The commission learned through the churches of Dillingham and Ivy Park that it would be impossible for the Rev. Rolston R. Ramsey to accept the call. These churches then asked permission, through their appointed representatives, to issue calls to the Rev. E. L. Nelson of Homestead, Fla. After examining testimonials as to the character and pastoral efficiency of Mr. Nelson, permission was granted for the issuance of the calls.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. P. Walker.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Campbell, *Chairman.*

The Ad Interim Committee on Stated Meetings made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Ad Interim Committee on Stated Meeting of the Presbytery

1. We recommend that we make no changes in the number of meetings, but that we discourage having call meetings only when it is of great importance and necessary.
2. That we have the Spring meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday after the third Sunday in April at 11:00 A. M.
3. That we have the fall meeting on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October at 11:00 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Plexico, *Chairman.*

Presbytery then took recess untl 1:30 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

At 1:30 P. M. Presbytery reconvened and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Resolved, That by a standing vote Presbytery expresses its very sincere and hearty appreciation to the Pastor and Members of the Kenilworth Church for the gracious and bountiful manner in which they have entertained us during this meeting.

We are deeply grateful to God for His great blessings upon you in the fine work you have done and are doing. Such progress in the Lord's work is a great inspiration to others. We pray that God may continue to bless you and use you mightily for the propagation of the Gospel and the building up of His kingdom in this promising field. We request the Pastor to read these resolutions to the people of the Kenilworth Church at the morning service on next Sunday, April 16th.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Dendy.

The Committee on Records of the Presbytery presented its report which was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Records of Presbytery

Your Committee respectfully reports that we have examined the Minutes of the Presbytery and find them neat in appearance and accurate in detail. We commend the clerk.

W. S. Hutchison.
L. C. Davis.

The Committee on Judiciary reported that nothing had come before it.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod

Your Committee would report that it has examined the Minutes of Synod and has found only one item of importance to bring to the attention of Presbytery that has not been noted in the report of some committee of Presbytery.

We would, therefore, call attention to rceommendation four of Synod's Committee on Evangelism:

"That plans be made for the holding of an evangelistic meeting in every church, unless providentially hindered, throughout the Synod during the coming twelve months."

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that nothing had come before it.

The Leave of Absence Committee made the following report which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence

We recommend:

1. That Dr. C. B. Chapin, Rev. R. B. DuPree and Sidney McCarty of Highlands, and Candler Morgan, of Oak Forest Church, be excused from the Wednesday sessions.
2. That Elder J. F. Justice be excused after the Tuesday afternoon session.
3. That Dr. G. F. Bell be excused for non-attendance of Tuesday's sessions.

P. N. GRESHAM, *Chairman.*

The following report was made by the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Family Religion which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Chairman of Sabbath and Family Religion

Spring Meeting, 1939.

1. Number preaching services held each Sunday 22
2. Average Percentage attending the morning service 39%
2. b. Average Percentage attending evening service 15%
2. c. Average percentage attending Prayer Meeting 05%
3. No. received into church on confession:
   18 Churches report 210
   6 Churches report ..... None
3. b. No. received by letter:
   19 Churches report 303
   5 Churches report ..... None
4. How many additions to the church came from Sunday School?
   16 Churches report 163
   6 Churches report ..... None
5. How many Evangelistic services were held?
   8 Churches held one each.
   16 Churches had no Evangelistic services.
6. How many Family Altars?
   17 Churches report 208
   7 Churches report ..... None
7. No. Communion Services held during year?
   23 Churches report 81
   1 Church reports ..... None
7. b. How many attended the Communion service? 37%
8. Is Sabbath Observance a problem?
   All say yes, but 6
9. Are members faithful in presenting their children for baptism?
   13 Churches say No.
   11 Churches say Yes.
10. Are the children taught the Catechisms in the Home?
    11 Churches say Yes.
    13 Churches say No.
11. Are the Catechisms taught in the S. S.?
    20 say Yes.
    4 say No.
12. Do Sunday School pupils memorize the Sunday School Lesson?
    15 say Yes.
    9 say No.
13. Is Stewardship of Life and Possessions taught by the pastor?—Yes.
14. How many tithe or more than tithe? 381
15. Did your Church make an Every-Member Canvass?
    22 say Yes.
    2 say No.
16. Did your Church accept and pay its full apportionment to benevolences last year?
    17 say Yes.
    7 say No.
17. What salary paid to pastors? Average from each Church $2,039
18. To what extent does worldly conformity exist in your Church?
    14 answer Yes.
    10 answer No.
19. Have you done any Evangelistic work outside your own congregation?
    16 say Yes.
    8 say No.
20. Has the pastor and session made an effort to secure recruits to the ministry?
    12 answer Yes.
    12 answer No.

Note: Only 24 Churches out of the 29 reported, and this report is based on the 24 rather than 29.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That each Church this year hold at least one Evangelistic Service.
2. That each Church try to place in the hands of each member the *"Day by Day"* Prayer Calendar and as far as possible get our people to have a family altar in their home.
3. That the pastor and session promote family tithing.

4. That each pastor urge the people to present their children for baptism.

5. That the Narrative Reports be sent to the Chairman of Sabbath and Family Religion so he can make up his report for Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. PLEXICO, *Chairman.*

Mr. J. A. Gray, a deacon in the Bryson City Church was introduced to the Presbytery.

The Committee on Records of Sessions made the following report which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Records of Session

Your Committee finds these records in fair shape, having only minor details to be noted, and recommends their approval.

Respectfully submitted,
P. P. THROWER, *Chairman.*

Dr. R. F. Campbell was requested to furnish the Mountain Work in installments, material giving the history and development, to date, of the Presbytery. He was also requested to furnish for the church papers the sermon preached before the Presbytery at its opening session.

The Statistical report was read, approved, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly.

Following the reading and approval of the Minutes, and the singing of one verse from *"Blest be the Tie that Binds,"* and prayer and the Benediction by Dr. R. F. Campbell, Presbytery stood adjourned to meet in the Weaverville Church, Friday, June 2, 1939, at 8:00 P. M.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

GEORGE B. HAMMOND,
Temporary Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
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Next Stated Meeting—Robbinsville, N. C., Tuesday, October 10, 1939.

Approved Sept 20, 1939
Denaed W Richardson,
Moderator.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1939.

Presbytery of Asheville reports to the General Assembly as follows: Number of ordained ministers, 33; number of churches, 28; number of candidates, 8; number of installations, 3; number of churches organized, Robbinsville, 1; number of ministers deceased, 1, W. Hooper Adams, died Mar. 30, 1939, age 59 years.

Ministers and Licentiates (Number of Candidates)	Postoffices	Churches	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Net Membership End of Year	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Benevolent Funds Contributed: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presbytery's Religious Education	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
J. P. Anderson	Bristol, Tenn.																										$ 5.00
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.						47				$ 42.00	$ 31.00	$ 23.00	$ 3.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 4.00		$ 30.00	$ 61.00	$ 48.00	$ 200.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 27.00			77.00
R. D. Bedinger, S.H.M.Ev.S.S.	Asheville, N. C.	Bethel	2	2			228	12		230	292.00	110.00	69.00	23.00	4.00	3.00	19.00		186.00	87.00	179.00	1,825.00		411.00	$ 10.00	$ 670.00	30.00
G. F. Bell, S.S.	Montreat, N. C.	Black Mountain	4	7	16	15	159		2	396	788.00	351.00	219.00	46.00	11.00	7.00	54.00		324.00	395.00	504.00	2,500.00		1,189.00	150.00	80.00	
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat	5	4	2	9	126	2	6	135	47.00	16.00	28.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		33.00	60.00	28.00	835.00		211.00		104.00	38.00
R. F. Campbell, P.E.M.	Asheville, N. C.																										
C. B. Chapin, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest	6	8	17	3																					
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
V. A. Crawford, F.M.	Okazaki, Japan.																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																										5,617.00
C. Grier Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First	22	28	64	128	1271	23	23	923	2,411.00	1,145.00	477.00	191.00	57.00	41.00	286.00		1,715.00	1,188.00	2,673.00	6,883.00		9,826.00	604.00		
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville	5	10	13	11	212	11	3	237	82.00	39.00	74.00	13.00	1.00	1.00	5.00		21.00	43.00	75.00	2,400.00		650.00	15.00	178.00	142.00
H. B. Dendy, P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					9																	8.00			
R. B. DuPree, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands	6		2	4	65	2	4	46	38.00	16.00	19.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		19.00	10.00	28.00	600.00	625.00	1,110.00			
J. A. Flanagan, P.S.C.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin	3	5	5	14	70	4		51	42.00	41.00	26.00	17.00	1.00	1.00	6.00		34.00	80.00	50.00	704.00	940.00	174.00		292.00	63.00
J. A. Flanagan, P.	R2 Franklin, N. C.	Morrison	2				30			28	10.00	6.00	4.00	4.00			1.00		4.00	3.00	17.00	120.00		48.00			3.00
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																										
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth	12	14	17	39	319	5	7	228	106.00	75.00	107.00	18.00	2.00	2.00	13.00		98.00	458.00	150.00	2,100.00		1,929.00		1,061.00	173.00
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton	6	9	9	4	192	3		141	226.00	92.00	78.00	14.00	4.00	3.00	21.00		118.00	244.00	207.00	2,000.00		610.00		1,774.00	26.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River	6	5	11	4	123	6	1	102	75.00	41.00	16.00	15.00	2.00	1.00	8.00		51.00	31.00	70.00	592.00	675.00	240.00		351.00	256.00
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah	2	1	1		35			40	24.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		30.00	8.00	24.00	133.00		74.00			
Chas. M. Jones, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Dvdsn River	7	13		6	182		7	109	90.00	38.00	66.00	8.00			9.00		68.00	44.00	93.00	1,800.00		587.00		331.00	8.00
O. C. Landrum, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood	5	5	3		92	2		142	6.00	12.00	2.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		3.00	3.00	11.00	570.00	1,155.00	262.00		2,405.00	
O. C. Landrum, P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	2	2	1		18	1		35												60.00		19.00			10.00
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
Ewell L. Nelson, P.E.	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham	4	4	1		161	1		125	25.00	12.00	8.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		10.00	12.00	28.00			316.00			
	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	3	2			28			80									10.00	1.00	3.00			25.00			
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa	7	9	6	4	198	5		138	197.00	74.00	42.00	20.00	5.00	4.00	12.00		56.00	40.00	111.00	2,000.00		1,011.00		1,036.00	142.00
H. L. Paisley, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy	3	4	2	8	55	2		36	25.00	19.00	16.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		10.00	7.00	21.00	584.00	583.00	960.00			42.00
H. L. Paisley, P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville	1	1			30		1	29	9.00	4.00	29.00	1.00					4.00	6.00	2.00	100.00		30.00		10.00	2.00
J. Clyde Plexico, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville	15	24	29	37	421	28	5	527	161.00	83.00	46.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	18.00		78.00	76.00	178.00	2,400.00		1,726.00		3,900.00	
C. B. Ratchford, H.R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										7.00
P. P. Thrower, P.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City	3	4	6	2	49	5		49	19.00	17.00	16.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	26.00		305.00	79.00	26.00	800.00	300.00	196.00			36.00
P. P. Thrower, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews	2	1		6	34			39	30.00	13.00	4.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	3.00		13.00	31.00	31.00	400.00		389.00		70.00	
P. P. Thrower, P.E.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville			11	19	30	8	3		4.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		25.00	2.00	112.00			20.00		180.00	
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville	5	8	4	7	177		1	86	66.00	48.00	177.00	20.00	1.00	1.00	4.00		54.00	30.00	42.00	1,800.00		650.00		190.00	58.00
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville	10	16	18	45	535	8	2	291	876.00	578.00	183.00	101.00	21.00	14.00	107.00		923.00	390.00	980.00	2,700.00		3,528.00			
			148	186	238	365	4896	128	65	4243	$ 5,773.00	$ 2,876.00	$ 1,736.00	$ 546.00	$ 122.00	$ 90.00	$ 612.00		$ 4,222.00	$ 3,389.00	$ 5,691.00	$34,106.00	$ 6,678.00	$26,176.00	$ 779.00	$12,632.00	$ 6,735.00

Total Benevolences, $32,489.00. Total All Gifts, $105,403.00.

Examined by Synod, found in order, and is hereby approved.

J. S. Yeltra - Chairman
Daniel E. Livingston
— Moderator

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Approved by Synod
Bristol, Tenn - Sept. 18 - 1940
Walter K Kerr - Clk

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. K. J. Foreman, D. D., Davidson, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Box 461, Franklin, N. C.
Treasurer, Evangelist, and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. Grier Davis, J. J. Conyers, D. B. Burns, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. H. L. Paisley, Chairman, Rev. George B. Hammond, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. G. F. Bell, E. E. White, J. T. Fain.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chairman, Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.
4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. R. B. DuPree, Chairman, J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Chairman, Dr. J. R. Sevier, G. C. Summerow.
6. **Religious Education and Publication**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. L. Nelson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, S. C. Clapp, R. L. Prevost, H. A. Osborne, O. W. Lancaster.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Chairman, Rev. W. P. Chedester, C. L. Grey.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J .H. Gruver, Chairman, E. J. Grissette, Frank Foster.
9. **Stewardship**—Dr. T. A. Painter, Chairman, Chas. M. Jones, Dr. Chas. B. Chapin, I. J. Archer, W. B. Ferguson, W. H. McMurray, C. M. Sawyer, Granville Taylor, J. E. Shields.
10. **Schools and Colleges**—Rev. O. C. Landrum, Chairman, Dr. K. J. Foreman, Rev. Chas. M. Jones, M. W. Wells, Crosby Adams.
11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chairman, R. L. Gash.
12. **Minister and His Work**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman (Fall 1941), Dr. R. D. Bedinger (Fall 1941), Rev. W. S. Hutchison (Fall 1940), Rev. P. P. Thrower (Fall 1942), Elder S. L. Woodward (Fall 1940), R. L. Prevost (Fall 1942).
13. **Evangelism**—Dr. G. F. Bell, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. L. Nelson, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, ex-officio, Elders, R. L. Crook, H. G. Love, R. J. Revely.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, Theo. D. Morrison, Geo. H. Wright.
Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson (Spring 1941), Ruffner Campbell (Spring 1940).

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages, Thesis, Popular Lecture—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.
Sciences—Rev. O. C. Landrum.
Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Rev. E. L. Nelson.
Sacraments—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. P. N. Gresham.
Church Government—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. M. Jones.
English Bible—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Dr. G. F. Bell.
Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. T. A. Painter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Annuity Fund—Mr. R. R. Williams, Chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Dr. R. P. Walker, L. L. Burgin, Lawrence McKay.
Revision of Manual—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Chairman, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. C. Grier Davis.

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recommended that Mr. R. P. Booth of Asheville, N. C., be elected at this meeting of Presbytery to be a member of the Home Mission Committee.

The General Assembly, meeting at Montreat this week, adopted the recommendation of the Ad Interim Committee on Evangelism that a Permanent Committee on Evangelism be set up in each Presbytery. The Home Mission Committee recommends that Presbytery instruct the Moderator at this adjourned meeting to name five ministers and three ruling elders to this important committee, so that they may begin to function at once.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Rev. G. F. Bell, chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. Lee Nelson, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, ex officio, Robert Crook, H. G. Love, and R. J. Revely.

The Home Mission Committee recommends that the Presbytery adjourn tonight to meet in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, Tuesday, June 13th, at 3:00 P. M.

The Rev. R. P. Walker was added to the Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund and made chairman.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. HAMMOND, *Temporary Clerk.*

Asheville, N. C.
June 13, 1939.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on June 13th, 1939, at 3:00 P. M. and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. Grier Davis. After the singing of a hymn the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—Rev. R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, R. F. Campbell, C. B. Chapin, C. Grier Davis, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, O. C. Landrum, E. L. Nelson, J. C. Plexico and R. P. Walker.

Elders—Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Hazelwood, W. C. Winchester; Highlands, Sidney L. McCarty; Kenilworth, R. L. Crook.

Special notices concerning the Presbyterial conferences were given and churches were urged to support these conferences.

A special delegation from the Hazelwood Church was given the privileges of the floor.

The Home Mission Committee presented the debt situation in the Hazelwood Church and after a lengthy discussion concerning the situation Presbytery took no definite action.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Presbytery stood adjourned.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

Asheville, N. C.
September 19th, 1939.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., pursuant to the call of the Synod of Appalachia in session on this date, and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. Grier Davis.

The roll was called and the following were present.

Ministers—R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, P. N. Gresham, O. C. Landrum, E. L. Nelson, H. L. Paisley, J. Clyde Plexico, P. P. Thrower, R. P. Walker.

Elders—Black Mountain, E. E. White; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Hazelwood, W. C. Winchester; Kenilworth, R. L. Crook; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Waynesville, H. C. Lindsley.

The following Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund in lieu of the present Committee:

Mr. R. R. Williams, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, R. D. Bedinger, Geo. B. Hammond, P. N. Gresham, L. T. Wilds, R. P. Walker, and Elders L. L. Burgin and Lawrence McKay.

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief presented Mr. James Clyde Plexico, Jr., recommending that he be taken under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry.

After his examination on his Christian experience and his motives for seeking the ministry, which were sustained as satisfactory and having answered in the affirmative the prescribed questions and a charge being delivered him by the Moderator, Mr. James Clyde Plexico, Jr., was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. After a prayer by the Moderator, the reading and approval of the minutes, and prayer and benediction by Rev. H. L. Paisley, Presbytery stood adjourned.

C. Grier Davis, *Moderator.*
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

STATED FALL MEETING

Robbinsville, N. C.
October 10, 1939.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Stated Session in the Robbinsville Presbyterian Church, Robbinsville, N. C., at 11:15 A. M. After a short devotional service led by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, the Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

Following the reading of the Scriptures from the First Chapter of the Acts the sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator from the text Zach. 4:6—"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts".

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following were found present, being a quorum of the Presbytery:

Ministers—R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Geo. B. Hammond, W. S. Hutchison, O. C. Landrum, E. L. Nelson, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. Clyde Plexico, P. P. Thrower.

Elders—Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, D. B. Stine; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Bryson City, S. W. Black (2); Canton, C. J. Milne; Dillingham, C. S. Stone; Franklin, Geo. E. Brown; Hayesville, T. C. Gray; Hazelwood, T. G. Stone; Highlands, Sidney L. McCarty; Kenilworth, E. C. Dickenson; Montreat, C. C. Lord; Robbinsville, F. E. Correll; Swannanoa, C. H. Alexander; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Wset Asheville, Frank Foster.

The Rev. K. J. Foreman, D. D. was elected Moderator and the Rev. Geo. B. Hammond Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. A. C. Stribling, Chaplain of the C. C. C. Camp, and of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. H. L. LeFevers, of the Methodist Church, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Committee on Devotional Exercises

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the hours be as follows:
   Tuesday—Lunch—1 P. M.
   Afternoon's session 2-5 P. M.
   Evening's session 7:30 to adjourn at will.
   Wednesday—Morning session 9 to adjourn at will.
2. That Tuesday evening's session be given to Committee on Evangelism.
3. That the Doctrinal sermon be preached Wednesday, 10:30 A. M. to be followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, with Drs. H. B. Dendy and T. A. Painter, administering the elements.
4. That Rev. A. R. Craig, foreign missionary, be heard at 11:30 A. M. Wednesday.
5. That Rev. J. C. Plexico conduct the devotional service on Wednesday morning at 9 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,
P. P. Thrower.

The unprinted Minutes were read, and the Minutes of June 2, 1939, and June 13, 1939, were approved.

The excuses of the Rev. R. C. Anderson, Chas. B. Ratchford, W. S. Hutchison, J. W. Caldwell, D. W. Richardson, R. P. Walker, Chas. M. Jones, L. T. Wilds, and Elders T. M. Holden of the Mills River Church, and J. F. Justice of the Bethel Church, were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The following communications were read and referred to the following committees:

From Dr. T. W. Currie and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, relative to Church Union, to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

From Rev. R. B. DuPree to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

From Dr. Warner DuBose concerning the Home Missionary and His Car, to the Permanent Committee on Home Missions.

The Presbytery took recess for lunch until 2:00 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon

Presbytery resumed its session at 2:00 P. M. and after the singing of a hymn was led in prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Standing Committees

1. **Bills and Overtures**—Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman, Rev. T. A. Painter, R. L. Prevost.
2. **Judiciary**—Rev. H. L. Paisley, chairman, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, C. C. Lord.
3. **Records of Presbytery**—Rev. P. N. Gresham, chairman, Rev. R. B. DuPree, E. E. White.
4. **Minutes of the General Assembly**—Rev. G. F. Bell, chairman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, D. B. Stine.
5. **Leave of Absence**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, chairman, Rev. W. P. Chedester, F. E. Correll.
6. **Nominations**—Rev. H. B. Dendy, chairman, O. C. Landrum, Frank Foster.
7. **Resolutions**—Rev. J. C. Plexico, chairman, Rev. E. L. Nelson.

The Commission to install Rev. P. P. Thrower as Pastor of the Robbinsville Church made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Commission to Install Rev. P. P. Thrower at the Robbinsville Church:

Your Commission, consisting of Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Chairman, to preach, preside, and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., to charge the congregation, and Rev. J. A. Flanagan, to charge the pastor; with elders S. W. Black, of Bryson City, and L. B. Nichols, of Andrews, begs leave to report that on the night of April 28th, the Commission, with all of its members present, met in the Robbinsville Presbyterian Church, and duly installed the Rev. P. P. Thrower as pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. BEDINGER, *Chairman.*

The Commission to install Rev. Ewell L. Nelson as pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches adopted the following report of the Commission:

Report of the Commission to install Rev. E. Lee Nelson as pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches:

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to install the Rev. E. Lee Nelson as Pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches begs leave to report that it has carried out the instructions of the Presbytery, and that the Rev. E. Lee Nelson was duly installed at the Ivy Park Church on the afternoon of April 23rd, and at the Dillingham Church on the evening of the same day, with the following members of the Commission present: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Chairman, who presided, preached the sermon, and propounded the constitutional questions; Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., who charged the pastor; and Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D., who charged the congregation; and with Ruling Elders D. E. Penland, of Weaverville, T. G. Penland, of Ivy Park, and Elmer Jarrett, of Dillingham.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. BEDINGER, *Chairman.*

The Commission appointed to consider the matter of Candidate L. B. Whitlow presented the following report which was adopted:

Report of the Judicial Commission to consider the matter of retaining Lacy Richard Whitlow as a candidate for the ministry under the care of Presbytery:

The commission held three meetings. At the first meeting, which was to organize the commission, all members were present except one. At the other two meetings all members were present.

At the conclusion of its study, the Commission unanimously took the following action:

"We feel it our Christian duty, both to the Presbytery and to the candidate, that we recommend that he be not retained under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry for the following reasons:

1. That he permitted conditions to arise which resulted in his wife's securing a divorce;
2. That within a short time after being taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry he and his wife signed separation papers paving the way for said divorce;
3. That the fact of his having been divorced would be a grave handicap in his future ministry."

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. DENDY.

September 1, 1939.

The Rev. J. C. Plexico asked that his name be recorded as voting against the action of the Presbytery.

The Committee on the Ministers' Annuity Fund, through the Rev. C. Grier Davis, gave an oral report of the progress of the campaign and urged the early completion of the campaign in this Presbytery.

The Committee on Home Missions reported that it had no written report.

The following Committee was named by the Moderator to revise the Manual of the Presbytery: the Stated Clerk, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report which was adopted:

Foreign Missions

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

A disturbed, distraught world makes its appeal to the Church to share her knowledge of the Prince of Peace. To superficial thinking, the difficulties confronting the Church are insuperable. To those who believe in an omniscient and omnipotent God, they constitute a clarion challenge to propagate the "Glorious Gospel of our Blessed God."

The martyr spirit exhibited by our missionaries and many native Christians in the Orient is a rebuke to our lethargy and a call to real consecration.

The churches of our Presbytery have enjoyed recent visits by one of four representatives of our China Mission: The Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, D. D., Rev. Frank A. Brown, D. D., Rev. William F. Junkin, D. D., and Rev. Augustus R. Craig. The last named our visiting speaker today.

A two weeks itinerary within our bounds is now being conducted by Messrs. Junkin and Craig.

We recommend:

1. That in each church, the Foreign Mission Study Period, Jan. 1—Feb. 4th, 1940, and the Week of Self Denial and Prayer, Jan. 28th—Feb. 4th, 1940, be faithfully observed.

2. That the great cause of world Evangelism be kept constantly before our people and that they be challenged to contribute liberally to its support, assuring this cause its full quota in the budget.

3. That the urgent need for new recruits for the Foreign Field be emphasized in the hope that God may call those best fitted to enlist in this work.

4. That the Church at home pray unceasingly for the workers and native Christians; many of whom are subjected to great dangers and severe testing at this time.

5. That our thanks be extended to the Executive Committee for their hearty and generous cooperation in furnishing speakers who have instructed and challenged our people.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. Paisley,
George B. Hammond,
G. F. Bell,
E. E. White,

The Committee on Bible Cause had no report.

The Committee on Stewardship offered the following report which was adopted, as amended:

Report of the Stewardship Committee

Your Committee would submit the following report:

I. In the matter of the communication from the Central Treasurer referred to your committee—quote: "The Presbytery should determine where certain specials are to be counted, in order that there may be consistency and uniformity in the various reports from the churches to the General Assembly. I refer to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, the Builders League, the King College Interest and Debt Funds, the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund, Protestant Relief in Europe, etc.", your committee would report as follows:

With respect to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, the King College Interest and Debt Funds and Protestant Relief in Europe, the printed instructions on the blank for the Session's Statistical Report to Presbytery are explicit and need no clarification. Note items "3," "10" and "17" on said blank.

However, in the matter of the Builder's League, the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund and contributions to Assembly's Inn, it seems advisable that certain rulings be made.

We recommend:

1. That gifts to the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund be reported under "Miscellaneous Contributions" (Item 17) rather than "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief" (Item 3).

2. If a church gives to the Builder's League expecting to have this fund returned, it should be counted as a part of their contribution to their building fund; otherwise, it should be designated to "Miscellaneous Contributions". Since this money is given by individuals, principally, it should not be counted as a part of the budget of Presbytery's Missions which is used for the support of Home Mission Workers.

3. That contributions to Assembly's Inn be designated to Miscellaneous Contributions.

Note—None of this group of "Specials" should be included in a church's regular Presbyterial Budget.

II. General Recommendations:

1. That in view of the ruling of the General Assembly—namely, that the Assembly's agencies be directed to close the books by April 5th each year—the churches of Presbytery be requested to remit to the central treasurer their funds before that date.

2. That each church in Presbytery be urged to make March 12, 1940, Every Member Canvass Sunday; and that Sunday, March 24, 1940, be observed as Pay-up Day, when all members shall be urged to complete full payment of their pledges.

3. That the Presbytery again request the churches to bear in mind:

a. That the church budget is to be raised by the combined efforts of the Auxiliary, Sunday School, and other organizations of the church, as well as through the Every Member Canvass subscriptions.

b. That distribution to the causes should be made according to the approved percentages of the Presbytery and no one cause should be emphasized to the neglect of another.

4. That the churches give special emphasis to Stewardship during the Church year 1940-41, thereby joining with other communions in observing United Stewardship Year.

5. That during the current Evangelistic Campaign Stewardship be given due emphasis and the churches be urged to make remittances monthly to the Central Treasurer.

6. That pastors be requested to continue to stress the tithe.

III. Benevolence Percentages and Quotas:

1. That the percentages alloted last year for the various causes stand the same, as follows:

For the work within the Presbytery		47%
Presbytery's Home Missions	28 %	
Mountain Orphanage	14 %	
Montreat College	5 %	
For the Work of Synod		8%
Synod's Home Missions	1½%	
Religious Education in Synod or Presbytery	1½%	
King College	5 %	
For General Assembly's Causes		45%
Foreign Missions	25 %	

Assembly's Home Missions	12 %
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	5 %
Religious Education and Publication	2 %
Assembly's Training School	.6 %
Bible Cause	.4 %

2. That Presbytery request the churches to observe Seminary Day the first Sunday in August, Union Theological Seminary and Louisville Seminary to receive two-thirds and one-third respectively of the collections received.

3. That the Presbytery of Asheville accept the sum of $2,500 apportioned by the Synod of Appalachia as its quota in the Church-wide Campaign to secure $350,000 for the Assembly's Training School; and that the week of November 3-10, 1940, subject to the conditions imposed by the General Assembly, be set as a time of prayer and self-denial when the churches shall be given an opportunity to make an offering as a part of this campaign.

4. That Presbytery accept the sum of $13,000 sent down by Synod as its quota for Assembly's Causes and fix its total Benevolence Budget at $26,000; and that this amount be apportioned among the churches as follows:

Asheville First	$14,240
Hendersonville	3,753
Montreat	1,952
Canton	750
West Asheville	693
Brevard-Davidson River	589
Kenilworth	536
Waynesville	483
Swannanoa	429
Weaverville	447
Black Mountain	375
Bryson City	187
Oak Forest	107
Murphy	107
Andrews	81
Hayesville	38
Home Mission Churches	
Mills River	267
Franklin	251
Hazelwood	161
Bethel	107
Highlands	107
Dillingham	107
Etowah	91

Morrison	81
White Oak	33
Ivy Park	28
Robbinsville	??

5. We recommend that the $600—Asheville Presbytery's share of the interest due the bondholders of the debt on King College, $300 payable May 7, 1940, and $300 due Nov. 1, 1940—be accepted and be pro-rated to each church on the same basis as the regular benevolence budget, Etowah and Mills River being excepted as having already raised their apportionments.

The amounts for King College pro-rated to the nearest dollar are as follows:

Asheville First	$320	Hazelwood	4
Hendersonville	84	Oak Forest	2
Montreat	60	Murphy	2
Canton	17	Andrews	2
West Asheville	15	Bethel	2
Brevard	13	Highlands	2
Kenilworth	12	Dillingham	2
Waynesville	11	Morrison	2
Swannanoa	10	Hayesville	1
Weaverville	11	White Oak	1
Black Mountain	8	Ivy Park	1
Franklin	6	Robbinsville	1
Bryson City	4		
			$600

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

The matter of Revising Quotas and Special Offerings was referred to the Stewardship Committee for report at the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis made his report as a commissioner to the General Assembly. Reports from Dr. D. W. Richardson, and Elders R. L. Crook and Walter Abernethy were also received, and all of the commissioners were commended for their diligence in attendance and in work.

The Trustees of the Presbytery and Davidson College were not present and offered no report.

Presbytery considered the matter of four Stated Meetings each year and referred the whole matter to the Committee on Revision of the Manual for consideration and report.

Chaplain A. C. Stribling presented an invitation to the Presbytery to visit the local C. C. C. Camp which was graciously accepted.

The Presbytery took recess for 30 minutes in order that the Committees might have an opportunity to meet.

Following the recess, Presbytery heard the report of the Committee on Religious Education and Publication which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Religious Education

Your Committee would call your earnest attention to some pertinent facts concerning the work in our own Presbytery.

Sunday Schools

From statistics gathered we learn this significant fact, that our Sunday School enrollment has not kept pace with our church membership. In 1934 we had a church membership of 4438 and a Sunday School enrollment of 4145, or a ratio of 93 Sunday School members for each 100 church members. In 1939 we find that our church membership has increased to 4906, while our Sunday School enrollment advanced to only 4243, or a ratio of 90 Sunday School pupils to each 100 church members. There should be no decline in a territory where there are approximately 180,000 people without any Sunday School experience. Two new Sunday Schools were organized in the Presbytery last year; one at Robbinsville and the other at Red Oak.

Summer Workers

During the summer months, two workers were used in nine fields in the Presbytery: Mr. Hubert Wardlaw, of Columbia Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Frye of the Assembly's Training School. Both of these workers did excellent work in directing and assisting in Vacation Bible Schools and conferences. The Committee and the Presbytery are both deeply grateful to them for the splendid work done.

Vacation Bible Schools

Our records show that 13 schools were held in the Presbytery with an enrollment of 911, an average daily attendance of 726, with 80 workers being used for a period of ten days, at a cost of $61 and a free will offering to the workers of $117. Three of these schools, the Bryson City, the Hayesville, and Murphy schools, were union schools, so that our enrollment is slightly larger than it would normally be. In addition to these schools a school for the colored

children was held in Bryson City for a five-day period with an enrollment of 30. Several other churches had planned schools but circumstances prevented and they were cancelled.

Conferences

This year two conferences were held at Montreat, June 19-24, the Intermediate under the direction of the Rev. J. C. Plexico, with an enrollment of 65 delegates and 11 leaders, and the Senior Y. P. with an enrollment of 58 delegates and 11 leaders, or a total of 145. This represents an increase over last year of 55. Seventeen of our leaders among the young people attended the Synodical Leadership Conference in Tusculum College, while Robert Campbell, Jr., president of the Synodical League and Frank Sanford, president of the Presbytery's League, attended the Assembly's Leadership Conference in Montreat. A special camp was held at Dillingham for the young people of the Dillingham-Weaverville churches with approximately 70 delegates present for a five-day period. Three rallies have been held for the young people during the year. We look forward with confidence to a larger and finer young people's work in our Presbytery.

Regional Director

It was with a keen sense of loss that your Committee learned of the appointment of our Regional Director, Rev. W. Norman Cook, as Director of the Young People's work for our Assembly, but we congratulate the Executive Committee upon its selection. It is our hope that his place will soon be filled and that the work in our Presbytery will continue to develop in an ever enlarging way.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That each church, through its leaders, survey the situation in its own field as to the possibility and advisability of establishing one or more outpost Sunday Schools.

2. That each Sunday School strive earnestly for a better prepared leadership through the use of Training classes and conferences.

3. That the Presbytery approve the securing of workers for the summer of 1940 and that the churches be encouraged to use these workers whenever there is a definite need for trained leadership.

4. That each Pastor and Session endorse the Presbyterian devotional quarterly, Day by Day, and urge its use in every Presbyterian home.

5. That, if feasible, a conference for the ministers and leaders of the Presbytery be held in connection with the Young People's confrence in Montreat, details to be worked out by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Flanagan, *Chairman.*

The Rev. A. R. Craig, of the Presbytery of Durant, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, through its Chairman, the Rev. O. C. Landrum, presented the following report which was adopted:

Committee on Schools and Colleges

Davidson College reports the opening of the 104th session on Sept. 13, with an enrollment of 645 students with 45 professors employed.

Many improvements were made on the buildings and grounds during the summer. A new dormitory was erected at a cost of $80,000. Another fiscal year closed in June without a deficit. Due to decreasing income, the college urges a more liberal support from all the churches.

We regret to report the death of Dr. H. M. Moffett, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. However provision has been made to carry on the work and provide for the religious needs of the students. The prayers, the love, the interest, the cooperation, the sons, of the Presbytery are coveted by the college.

Assembly's Training School. We commend the Presbytery in approving the campaign to raise $350,000 for the Assembly's Training School in 1940-41, and in accepting the quota of $2,500 assigned by the Synod, and urge the membership of the Presbytery to aid in the successful completion by prayer and liberality.

Montreat College. While no official report has been received from the college, the college is now in session and enjoying one of its most successful beginnings.

King College. A splendid report has been made by Dr. R. F. Campbell and the college is commended to you for your prayers and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. Landrum, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Judiciary reported that nothing had come into its hands.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures asked permission to refer the letters of Dr. T. W. Currie and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, to the Committee on Minutes of the Assembly, the same being granted.

The Committee on Records made the following report which was adopted:

Records of Presbytery

Your committee finds the records of Presbytery in excellent condition and we commend our clerks for their diligence.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. GRESHAM, *Chairman.*
E. E. WHITE
R. B. DUPREE.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was made the first order of the day for Wednesday.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Leave of Absence

Your Committee on Leave of Absence begs leave to make the following report: The following ministers were excused from attendance at this meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford, Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D. D., Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. D. W. Richardson, D. D., Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., Rev. Chas. M. Jones, and the Rev. R. P. Walker, D. D. The following elders were also excused: T. L. Holden of the Mills River Church; J. T. Justice of the Bethel Church.

The following were excused after Tuesday afternoon's session: Rev. W. P. Chedester, Rev. R. B. DuPree, Elders Sidney L. McCarty, and E. E. White.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. J. H. GRUVER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted as amended:

Report of the Committee on Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations would report as follows:

1. We recommend that the Rev. E. L. Nelson and Dr. H. B. Dendy be placed on the Committee on Religious Education and Publication.

2. That Rev. P. P. Thrower be put on the Commission on the Minister and His Work to succeed Dr. R. P. Walker whose term expires with this meeting of Presbytery and that Elder R. L. Prevost succeed Elder S. R. McKee whose term also expires.

3. That Rev. E. L. Nelson succeed Rev. S. R. Crockett on Committee on Examination on Ecclesiastical History.

4. That Dr. G. F. Bell preach the doctrinal sermon at the spring meeting of the Presbytery on a subject of his own choosing with Dr. C. B. Chapin as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

Following prayer, which was led by the Rev. E. L. Nelson, Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday Evening

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. and engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Evangelism with the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, presiding.

After the singing of a hymn, and the reading of the Scriptures, the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. E. L. Nelson.

The Committee on Evangelism made its report and pending the adoption of the report, Presbytery heard Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Chairman of Synod's Committee on Evangelism, in a stirring address on Evangelism.

Following this Presbytery engaged in an informal discussion of the Evangelistic problems and work in various fields of the Presbytery, with a goodly number of the representatives offering their testimony.

The report of the Committee with its recommendations was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Evangelism

One member of this committee is also Synod's member of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism. He attended the meeting of that committee in Montreat Aug. 2 and 3 and has brought us very valuable first-hand impressions of that very earnest gathering and definite suggestions growing out of them. Your chairman was also privileged to sit in with the Assembly's Committee for a little while.

Immediately afterward, on Aug. 4, an evangelistic conference for the larger part of the Presbytery was held in the Asheville First Church and was well attended. Unfortunately not all could be

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present at both the afternoon and the evening sessions. After a devotional service and introductory remarks, splendid addresses were made by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. J. W. Hickman, Dr. Robert King, and Dr. Warner Du Bose. These addresses were followed by some general discussion.

The afternoon and evening of Sept. 10 a conference for the western part of the Presbytery was held at Bryson City and was also well attended; though in neither conference were the local delegations large. Addresses were again made by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, and your chairman, also by Rev. Ewell L. Nelson of our committee and the local Methodist minister. And a good bit of sympathetic discussion was elicited.

An inquiry was sent to every active minister in the Presbytery asking about his and his church's attitude toward the Assembly's proposed Church-wide Evangelistic Crusade and local plans and activities in that connection. The response has been fine, answers coming from pastors of 21 of our churches. From only 8 has there been no reply. All replying express or imply hearty sympathy with the Church's renewed emphasis on Evangelism and the Evangelistic Crusade. Eighteen report evangelistic activities of one sort or another already conducted, now being conducted, or definitely planned for this fall. With some plans are in process of formation. Eight have definite plans for observing the Jan.-March period of evangelistic emphasis or for special services in March, or for both. Five have organized prayer groups. And six have or are planning to have personal workers' groups.

The services of your committee have been offered to the Presbyterial. The president has written thanking us for this offer and telling of the determination of our women to stress Evangelism at the fall group conferences and to tie it in with the consideration of every church cause.

Your committee is in cordial and hearty sympathy with the ringing challenge issued by our General Assembly and with the church-wide plans for new emphasis on Evangelism and for the general Evangelistic Crusade. We agree with the expressed conviction that our beloved Church has long lacked the fervent evangelistic zeal and the continuous and urgent emphasis on winning souls as a vital and essential part of every minister's and every church's work which should be ours. Also with the intimation that the need for more definitely evangelistic preaching and for a thoroughgoing and Spirit-born revival and quickening of spiritual life is urgent we believe. The challenge to gird our loins earnestly and prayerfully to undertake under God to meet that need is most timely.

We note that of our 29 churches 8 report no additions on confession of faith during the last ecclesiastical year. All eight of these have less than 200 members. Seven have a membership of less than 50. Two have a membership of only 10 or less.

Having held three committee meetings since our appointment, we now respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That Asheville Presbytery record its wholehearted sympathy with the General Assembly's new emphasis on Evangelism and plans for a continuous and prayerful Evangelistic Crusade and our desire and purpose to cooperate fully.

2. That earnest and prayerful consideration be given this matter by all our ministers and the officers and members of every church.

3. That each of our ministers be urged to hold at least one special evangelistic meeting in his own or another church during the present church year.

4. That in our thinking, preaching, and personal contacts we all stress anew a deep consciousness of all men's need for Christ, definite conviction of the power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit to save men's souls, and realization of men's spiritual and eternal doom without this divine salvation.

5. That we all recognize our past failures and negligences, confess them, and repent of them. That we all also sense very deeply the tragically crucial spiritual condition of the world and of the Church at this time, the timeliness therefore of a new and purposeful emphasis on evangelism and revival within the Church, the favorable opportunity now ours to point men whose hearts are failing them to Christ as the one effective answer to all human problems, and the challenge we believe God's Spirit is issuing to all his people and their leaders to consecrate themselves with fresh conviction and zeal to the God-given task of making true Christian disciples.

6. That members of our committee confer with local church officers and members in any way that will be stimulating and help in the formulation of definite evangelistic programs, and that Presbytery urge local churches to welcome and cooperate with them in such fraternal consideration.

7. That ministers and churches organize, train, and use prayer groups and personal workers' groups in this evangelistic effort.

8. The use of chapels and outpost preaching points in pressing the claims of Christ upon the unsaved.

9. The organization of a preparatory Loyalty Crusade in all our churches this fall.

10. The observance by all of us of the Jan.-March period of special evangelistic emphasis in our regular services and the holding of

a special evangelistic meeting in March in line with the Assembly's plan.

11. That the dates for scheduled meetings and crusades be published in Our Mountain Work with the request for prayer throughout the Presbytery for God's blessing and the outpouring of the Spirit on them.

12. That we all *daily* lift up to God from our hearts—and encourage all our people to do so—this prayer: *"Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me."*

13. That the churches of Asheville Presbytery be urged to make a contribution immediately toward the $10,000 fund to be used for Evangelism in the General Assembly, such contributions should be sent to the Rev. C. Grier Davis. The quota pledged by our commissioners at the Assembly was $125.00.

Respectfully submitted,
G. F. Bell, *Chairman.*

After prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery stood adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9:00 A. M.

Wednesday Morning

Presbytery met again at 9:00 A. M. and engaged in a helpful period of devotion and prayer led by the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.

The Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly made the following report which was adopted, as amended:

Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly

Your Committee would call attention the last Assembly's enactment of a new paragraph in the Book of Church Order dealing with the reception of ministers from other denominations.

We recommend:

1. The disapproval of the proposed new Paragraph 122 in its present form but say that we should look on it with favor if its basic provisions were made less rigid and mandatory by the substitution of "should ordinarily" for "shall properly" in the second line and a similar change made in line 14.

2. The approval of the substitution of the proposed new paragraph 124.

3. The approval of the proposed amendment to par. 142.

4. The approval of the substitution of the proposed new paragraph for paragraph 133.

5. The approval of the substitution of the proposed new paragraph for paragraph 141.

6. The approval of the proposed amendment to paragraph 142.

7. That the Assembly be answered as follows as to the discussion of the question of Union:

A. That the proposed plan of Union is not acceptable.

B. That our Committee be changed from the "Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union" to the "Permanent Committee on Cooperation".

C. That this Committee be instructed that, until so directed by a future Assembly, it shall refrain from all negotiations pursuant to Union. but continue its diligent and faithful service to promote the utmost cooperation with the U. S. A. Church and all Presbyterian and Evangelical bodies.

D. That we all pray for such spiritual quickening and consequent growth in spiritual unity as will make closer fraternal relations and cooperation, perhaps organic union, come about spontaneously.

Respectfully submitted,
G. F. Bell, *Chairman.*

The Rev. K. J. Foreman, D. D. asked that his vote be recorded as in favor of continuation of the Committee on Church Union.

The preaching of the doctrinal sermon was omitted.

The matter of the Home Missionary and His Car, referred to the Committee on Home Missions, was continued until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The matter of the place and time of next meeting and the Committee on Devotional exercise was left in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:

Committee on Resolutions

It is resolved that, this Presbytery wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Pastor and members of the Robbinsville Presbyterian Church, to the Pastor and members of the Methodist Church,

to our Baptist brethren and other friends of the community for their kind hospitality and the genuine manner in which they have entertained us during this meeting of the Presbytery.

We feel that we should be grateful to God for the remarkable way in which He has opened this delightful field of service, and in blessing the minister and his people in such a markedly successful program.

It is our earnest prayer that His Spirit continue to bless and lead this Church that it may ever hold aloft the "Torch of Truth" and thus further His Kingdom here.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Clyde Plexico, *Chairman.*

The stated supplyship of Dr. G. F. Bell at the Black Mountain Church was continued until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger was continued as stated supply of the Bethel Church until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery took recess for ten minutes in order that preparation might be made for the celebration of the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

Following the recess, Presbytery heard with pleasure and profit the Rev. A. R. Craig, of Tsing-Kiang-Pu, China, in a thrilling message concerning the work in our China mission.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, the elements being distributed by Drs. H. B. Dendy and T. A. Painter, assisted by the following elders: C. C. Lord, C. S. Stone, C. H. Alexander, and Geo. E. Brown.

After the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds", the reading and approval of the Minutes of the morning's session, and prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, Presbytery stood adjourned to meet April 16, 1940.

K. J. Foreman, *Moderator.*
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

George B. Hammond, *Temporary Clerk.*

J. A. Flanagan, Stated Clerk

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SPRING MEETING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CANTON, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 23-24,, 1940

Approved by Synod
Bristol, Tenn. Sept 18, 1940
Willis H. Kerr Cler.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D. D., Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Box 461, Franklin, N. C.
Treasurer, Evangelist, and Superintendent of Home Missions—Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions**—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. Grier Davis, J. J. Conyers, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Dr. Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell.
2. **Foreign Missions**—Dr. H. L. Paisley, Chairman, Rev. George B. Hammond, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. G. F. Bell, E. E. White, J. T. Fain, Herbert K. Caskey.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chairman, Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.
4. **Bible Cause**—Rev. R. B. DuPree, Chairman, J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—Dr. R. P. Walker, Chairman, Dr. J. R. Sevier, G. C. Summerow.
6. **Religious Education**—Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. L. Nelson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Walter Abernathy, W. H. McMurray.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion**—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Chairman, Rev. W. P. Chedester, C. L. Grey.
8. **Church Societies**—Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chairman, E. J. Grissette, Frank Foster.
9. **Stewardship**—Dr. T. A. Painter, Chairman, Rev. Chas. M. Jones, Dr. Chas. B. Chapin, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. G. F. Bell, Rev. P. N. Gresham, I. J. Archer, W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.
10. **Schools and Colleges**—Rev. E. L. Nelson, Chairman, Dr. K. J. Foreman, Rev. Chas. M. Jones, O. E. Starnes.
11. **Historical**—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Chairman, J. L. Gash
12. **Commission on Minister and his Work**—Dr. R. F. Campbell (Fall, 1941), Chairman, Dr. T. A. Painter (Fall, 1940), Dr. G. F. Bell (Fall, 1941), Rev. P. P. Thrower (Fall, 1942), Elder S. L. Woodward (Fall, 1940), R. L. Prevost (Fall, 1942).
13. **Evangelism**—Dr. G. F. Bell, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. L. Nelson, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, ex-officio, Elders, R. L. Crook, H. G. Love, R. J. Revely.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, Theo. D. Morrison, Geo. H. Wright.

Trustees of Davidson College—Dr. R. C. Anderson (Spring, 1941), Ruffner Campbell (Spring, 1942).

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages, Thesis, Popular Lecture—Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. J. A. Flanagan.
Science—Dr. H. L. Paisley.
Philosophy—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Rev. E. L. Nelson.
Sacraments—Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. P. N. Gresham.
Church Government—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Rev. C. M. Jones.
English Bible—Rev. W. S. Hutchison, Dr. G. F. Bell.
Theology—Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. T. A. Painter.

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STATED MEETING

Canton, N. C.
April 23, 1940

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church, Canton, N. C. at 11 A. M. in its stated spring session.

After an opening worship service, a most challenging and timely sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. K. J. Foreman, D. D., using as a subject "The Spiritual Dangers that Assail the Christian Ministry," with the Scripture lesson taken from I. Cor. 9:13-27.

Following the preaching of the sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan. K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, Geo. B. Hammond, Chas. M. Jones, O. C. Landrum, E. L. Nelson, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. Clyde Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier, P. P. Thrower, R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds—25.

Elders—Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville, First, Herbert K. Caskey; Bethel, H. A. Osborne; Black Mountain, A. E. Knoefel, Sr.; Brevard-Davidson River, S. P. Verner; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Franklin, George E. Brown; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, H. G. Love (1), J. T. Fain (2); Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Kenilworth, J. E. Bates; Montreat, C. C. Lord; Murphy, M. W. Bell; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, W. R. Harbeck; Weaverville, R. E. Burton; West Asheville, Frank Foster—20.

Dr. Chapin, representing the Oak Forest Church, presented to the retiring Moderator a gavel for the use of the Presbytery. This was graciously accepted by the retiring Moderator in the name of the Presbytery.

Dr. Chas. B. Chapin was elected Moderator by acclamation and Rev. E. L. Nelson, the Temporary Clerk.

Dr. H. K. Masteller, Pastor of the local Baptist Church, the Rev. J. F. Wyatt, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the Rev. W. R. Kelly, Pastor of the Central Methodist Church, were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Committee on Devotional exercises made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee suggests the following arrangements for the meeting of the Presbytery.

1. That the hours be for Tuesday: Lunch, 12:30 to 2 P. M. Afternoon 2-5. Evening, 7:50 to adjourn at will.
   Wednesday: Morning: 9:15 - 12:30 P. M.
   Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 P. M.
   Afternoon: 1:30 to adjourn at will.
2. That Dr. L. E. McNair be heard at the Tuesday evening session, and conduct the Wednesday morning devotional at 9:15.
3. That Dr. G. F. Bell preach at the 11 o'clock service Wednesday morning.
4. That Dr. L. E. McNair and Dr. R. P. Walker conduct the Communion service on Wednesday morning.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. HAMMOND.

The Moderator was instructed to write a letter of congratulations to the Pastor and congregation of the Canton Presbyterian Church on the completion of their beautiful church house.

The Rev. J. H. Gruver and the Rev. W. S. Hutchison were excused from this meeting of the Presbytery.

Presbytery then took recess until 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Moderator. The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Bills and Overtures**—K. J. Foreman, Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. G. F. Bell, M. W. Bell.
2. **Judiciary**—Dr. J. W. Caldwell, P. N. Gresham, S. P. Verner.
3. **Minutes of Synod**—Dr. D. W. Richardson, C. B. Ratchford, A. E. Knoefel, Sr.

4. **Records of Sessions**—Dr. T. A. Painter, C. M. Jones, P. P. Thrower, R. B. DuPree, L. B. Nichols, Candler Margon.
5. **Auditing**—H. G. Love, H. B. Dendy, W. R. Harbeck.
6. **Records of Presbytery**—H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, Herbert K. Caskey.
7. **Leave of Absence**—O. C. Landrum, J. T. Bailey.
8. **Nominations**—C. Grier Davis, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, W. H. McMurray.
9. **Resolutions**—R. P. Walker, L. T. Wilds.

The Rev. R. J. Hunter of Kings Mountain Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

A special order of the day was set for 3:30 P. M. for hearing the report of the Home Mission Committee, and following this a report of the Sub-Committee on the King College Campaign Fund.

A communciation from the Home Mission Committee in regard to the nomination of Dr. Bernard R. Smith was referred to the Committee on nominations.

A communication from Montreat College was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

In connection with this communication, Dr. R. C. Anderson was heard concerning the work of the College, and the recent burning of Anderson Auditorium.

The matter of the Red Oak Church was placed in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and his Work for disposition.

The call from the Black Mountain Church for the ministerial services of Dr. G. F. Bell at a salary of $1,800 per year, use of manse, and cooperation with him in the Ministers Annuity Fund, was placed in his hands and accepted by him.

A commission to install Dr. Bell on the first Sunday in May, or as soon thereafter as possible, was appointed, the commission to consist of the following: Rev. W. P. Chedester to preside, pray, and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. T. A. Painter, D. D. to preach and charge the pastor; Rev. J. H. Gruver to charge the congregation; and Elder C. C. Lord to complete the commission, with any three of the above to constitute a quorum of the commission.

The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Stated Clerk was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Report of the Office of Stated Clerk

Receipts

Balance on hand, April 11, 1939	$512.13
Received from the Churches	724.04
	$1,236.17

Disbursements

To Rev. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk, General Assembly	$343.65
To Printing Spring Minutes, Biltmore Press	95.36
To Printing Fall Minutes, Biltmore Press	74.66
To Rev. F. S. McCorkle Stated Clerk, Synod of Appalachia	49.06
To Salary, Stated Clerk, Presbytery	100.00
To Cash for stamps, stencils, supplies, etc.	10.00
To Supplies, Presbyterian Com. of Publication	4.70
To Refund, James S. Howell, Treas. First, Church, Asheville	47.64
	$725.07
Balance on hand, April 22, 1940	$511.10

The following churches have not paid their contingent funds:
Kenilworth for 1939-1940.
Brevard - Davidson River, 1933-34, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1939-40.
White Oak, 1938-39, 1939-40.
Red Oak, 1939-40.

Recommendations:

1. That the contingent fee be made .17 cents per capita and that the extra .02 be used to help defray the cost of printing "Our Mountain Work."

2 .That the churches in arrears on their contingent fund be urged to take care of this immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*

The First Church, Asheville, was granted permission to increase the salary of its Pastor by adding "the use of Manse".

The Committee on the Ministers Annuity Fund made an oral report, calling attention to the completion of the Cam-

paign for the Accrued Liability Fund. The Committee was commended for its diligence and discharged.

The Ad-Interim Committee on Revision of the Manual made its report which was adopted as amended, and ordered printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery.

The special order of the day having arrived, Dr. R. D. Bedinger presented his report as Supt. of Home Missions in Asheville Presbytery.

Annual Report of The Superintendent of Home Missions

God has graciously blessed us with health and strength to complete another year crammed with privileges and opportunities for service.

Fifty-five visits were made to the twenty-eight churches of the Presbytery.

Five evangelistic meetings were held resulting in twenty-eight professions of faith in Christ, fourteen additions by letters, and one hundred fifteen reconsecrations.

It was our privilege to participate in two Home Mission Conferences, Knoxville Presbytery at Maryville, Tennessee; Abingdon and Holston Presbyteries at Bristol, Virginia; and the Synodical Young People's Conference at Tusculum, Tennessee.

We also attended two meetings of the King College Board of Trustees; two meetings of Synod's Home Mission Committee; two meetings of the Campaign Committee for the King College Debt; a two-day meeting of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism; thirteen conferences on Evangelism throughout the Synod of Appalachia; the meeting of Synod, and four meetings of Asheville Presbytery; and a two-day meeting of the Assembly's Home Mission Council.

We had the pleasure of assisting in the installations of Rev. P. P. Thrower at Robbinsville, and of Rev. E. L. Nelson at Dillingham and Ivy Park.

One hundred and thirty-eight sermons and addresses on Evangelism, Stewardship, Home and Foreign Missions were delivered.

A visit to the Rogersville, (Tenn.), Presbyterian Church resulted in the raising of $1,000 for the King College Debt.

6,214 pieces of mail—letters, postals, and special appeals—were sent out from our office—an average of 19½ per day, excluding Sundays.

Twelve issues of OUR MOUNTAIN WORK were edited and mailed to over two thousand families and individuals, at an

expense of $510.56.

Three calls for the Builders' League was issued, and receipts of $451.00 were distributed to Andrews, Franklin, and Hazelwood Churches.

The sum of $8,198.00 in cash was collected through our office over and above the budget:

For Presbytery's Missions	$4,214.00
For Foreign Missions	1,130.00
For King College Debt	783.00
For King College Interest	331.00
For Builders' League	451.00
For R. P. Smith Fund	355.00
For Ministers' Annuity Fund	89.00
For Mountain Orphanage	300.00
For Orphanage boys at King	345.00
For Hazelwood Church	200.00
	$8,198.00

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

April 1, 1939 - March 31, 1940

Travel			
	15,177 miles at 5c per mile	$758.85	
	Less collections	655.10	
	Net travel expenses		$ 103.75
Office			
	Room Rent	150.00	
	Secretary	630.00	
	Telephone and telegrams	68.79	
	Auditing Treasurer's books	50.00	
	Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
	Envelopes, postals, and stamps	86.21	
	Office supplies, inc. stationary	12.87	
	P. O. Box Rent	6.00	
	Lock box in bank	5.50	
	Bank Charges	1.78	
		1,036.15	
	Publishing "Our Mountain Work"	510.26	
		1,546.41	
	Less adjustments from beneficent and other accounts	846.66	699.75
TOTAL net travel and office expenses			$ 803.50

Presbytery's Missions

Total regular receipts for this cause were $10,382.37, of which the Assembly's Home Mission Committee furnished $3,500.00. All obligations have been met, and we begin the new year with a small surplus. We record our gratitude for a legacy of $2,706.46, which also came through the Atlanta Committee. With it we paid off notes and obligations as follows: Kenilworth Church, $1,025.00; Robbinsville Church, $1,000.00; Hazelwood Church, $500.00. Our Committee is now free of debt. However, we call the Presbytery's attention to the fact that budget receipts from benevolences amounted to only $5,633.00, and if it had not been for the specials of about $4,000.00, we would have faced a most serious deficit.

Mountain Orphanage

The regular receipts were $13,081.43. All obligations were met, and we close the year with a surplus of $13.91. We have lived within the budget adopted of $13,000.00. A special gift of $300.00 went on the purchase of a new car.

The R. P. Smith Memorial Fund

This Fund was established in 1936, a few weeks after the death of Dr. Smith to aid Mountain Orphanage children by scholarships and loans to secure college educations after leaving the Orphanage. $25,000 was the goal set by the Presbytery. The Fund now shows a net cash sum of $7,608.78. The sums of $862.90 in scholarships have been awarded to Montreat and King Colleges, and $762.13 in loans have been made to ten girls and three boys during the four years. Pledges amounting to $127.00 are outstanding. New money received during the past year amounted to $355.00.

Our Home Mission Churches

There are eleven—a single church and ten in five groups. It has been a fruitful year as regards income in memberships. There were 88 additions on profession of faith and 53 by letter, a total of 141, more than double the total of the previous year. Three churches failed to make an addition by profession of faith, but only one church reports no additions whatever. Three churches did not hold evangelistic meetings, and two of these are from the three reporting no additions by profession of faith. 67 of the 88 additions on profession of faith are reported as the results of the evangelistic meetings. Surely these facts reveal the blessing of God on the evangelistic meeting.

The Hazelwood—White Oak Group, Rev. O. C. Landrum, pastor, shows the largest increase, 53. Next is the Mills River—Etowah Group, Rev. W. S. Hutchison, pastor, 40. The Dillingham - Ivy Park Group, Rev. E. L. Nelson, pastor, reports 28. The remaining five churches report 20 additions.

Andrews and Franklin Churches paid off, with some aid from the Home Mission Committee, the last dollar on their manse debts. We congratulate them heartily. Six years ago our home mission churches were saddled with more than $20,000 of debt. This has all been paid. Two years ago the Highlands Church bought a manse and two lots valued at $2,750.00. Only $800.00 of this remains, and this church expects to wipe that out this summer. This achievement is all the more remarkable since no aid was asked of the Home Mission Committee.

Only one other home mission church, Hazelwood, at present has a debt. A little over two years ago this church began to erect a handsome new church and Sunday school building. A debt of $5,600.00 rests on the project. Mr. Landrum and his people have given generously and sacrificially—at times beyond their means. The Hazelwood community affords one of the greatest opportunities in the Presbytery. Mr. Landrum has seen fit to request the dissolution of the pastoral relationship in this field. Our Committee gladly records its appreciation of the fine work done by Mr. and Mrs. Landrum over a period of ten years; of the many sacrifices they have made; of the spirit of extraordinary optimism and consecration they have ever manifested. The Committee wishes them Godspeed as they enter upon a new field of service.

The Ministers' Annuity Fund

We are happy to announce that all eleven of our churches have entered this Fund, and arrangements have been made for the annual payments by the churches, the pastors, and the Home Mission Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the following appropriations be approved for 1940-41: Dillingham - Ivy Park Group, $975.00; Franklin - Morrison Group, $800; Highlands (for one year only) $875.00; Mills River - Etowah Group, $650.00; Murphy - Hayesville Group, $430.00.

2. That Presbytery again urge the churches to bear in mind the need for additional and continued support of the Builders' League and the R. P. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund for Mountain Orphanage Children.

3. That, in view of the importance attached to chapels and Sunday school outposts by the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism by the Assembly's Home Mission Council, and by the Synod of Appalachia, the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery strongly urges upon its home mission workers and churches the vital importance of giving serious and prayerful attention to this advance work. Further, that the Committee would earnestly suggest the same consideration of the part of self-supporting churches; and

hereby instructs the Superintendent of Home Missions to cooperate with all pastors in the Presbytery concerning the organizing of Sunday School outposts and preaching points in strategic places.

4. That the Presbytery approve the following adopted recommendation of the Home Mission Committee in regard to Annuity payments: "To pay 7½% of the amount of salary paid by the Home Mission Committee to each church or group, on condition that the local church or other salary-paying organization each pay 7½% of its part of salary, and on the further condition that the individual in each case pay his 2½% of the entire salary; and further, that insistence be made that the home mission churches' participation be considered as an increase in salary to be paid on the current expense side of the budget, and that salaries of home mission workers shall not suffer thereby."

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Bedinger, *Superintendent of Home Missions.*

The report with its recommendations, was adopted, and Dr. Bedinger was commended for his diligence.

Report of Sub-Committee on The King College Campaign

Whereas, The Synod of Appalachia two years ago assigned Asheville Presbytery a quota of $15,000 to raise as its share of the $115,000 bonded indebtedness of King College; and

Whereas, Asheville Presbytery has accepted said quota; and

Whereas, The Synod of Appalachia, by resolution unanimously adopted at its last meeting called upon each Presbytery to complete the task of liquidating this indebtedness in time for the burning of all bonds at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary meeting of its organization in Bristol next September; therefore, be it

Resolved, First: That Asheville Presbytery hereby accepts the challenge, and calls upon every church and organization within the church to cooperate heartily and loyally with the Campaign Committee of King College in energetically pushing a campaign between now and September 1st in an effort to raise the $12,671 remaining of this Presbytery's responsibility.

Resolved, Second: That each church in the Presbytery not having paid up its quota is hereby urged to remit to the Central Treasurer at once the interest quota assigned at the last meeting of the Presbytery, in order that Asheville Presbytery may meet promptly its obligation for interest due May 1st.

Our Campaign Committee calls attention to the fact that Asheville Presbytery's obligation of $12,671 could be wiped out immediately for the cash sum of around $9,757, this being 77% of the face value of the bonds, which would be a saving to the churches of this Presbytery of the sum of $3,434 in principal and interest. We mention this because we feel that it may stimulate all the churches to put on their campaigns and raise as much cash as possible, or all of it, within the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer*
J. T. Bailey

Sub-Committee of King College Campaign Committee.

The above report was adopted by the Presbytery.

The Commission on the Minister and his Work made its report which was adopted, with recommendations, and is as follows:

The Commission on The Minister and His Work

The Commission on the Minister and his Work met in Hazelwood, North Carolina, on Thursday afternoon, April 11th, 1940.

Those present were Drs. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, and R. D. Bedinger; Rev. P. P. Thrower; and Messrs. R. L. Prevost and S. L. Woodward. Mr. Woodward was requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. P. P. Thrower.

The following actions were taken:

In answer to a communication from the Session of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. D. Bedinger was continued as Stated Supply until the fall meeting of Presbytery. It is recommended to the Presbytery that this request be granted.

A committee from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church stated that their church desired to call Dr. G. F. Bell as pastor. It was moved and carried that the Commission give its approval to the congregation at Black Mountain to call Dr. Bell, and recommend to the Presbytery that the call be placed in Dr. Bell's hands.

Rev. O. C. Landrum having requested the Hazelwood Church to concur with him in asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, the Commission recommends to the Presbytery that said dissolution be made, not only as regards the Hazelwood Church, but also as regards the White Oak Church. The Commission believes that it is not wise or expedient for Mr. Landrum to continue as

pastor of the White Oak Church, and thus break up the Hazelwood Group.

A second action in connection with the Hazelwood Church and Mr. Landrum was unanimously acted upon by the Commission as follows:—That the Hazelwood congregation pay to Mr. Landrum his salary in full for the year 1939-40, and also for the month of April, 1940; and that anything above this salary they are able to raise should also be given to Mr. Landrum.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

S. L. Woodward, *Secretary Pro Tem.*

The action of the Commission regarding Mr. Landrum and salary was amended as follows:

The appeal of the Rev. O. C. Landrum in the matter of back salary from the Hazelwood Church, was turned over to the Commission on the Minister and his Work with instructions to see that the sum of $474.00 was paid by the church or by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery.

ACTION OF COM. ON MIN. AND HIS WORK
April 23, 1940

We recommend:

1. That the pastoral relations between Rev. P. P. Thrower and the Andrews Church be dissolved,—in order that Mr. Thrower may have time for work at Sylva, N. C.
2. That Dr. H. L. Paisley be permitted to act as Stated Supply, for the next six months, of the Andrews Church at a salary basis of $250.00 per year. Dr. Paisley is to give one Sunday each month to Andrews.

Recess was taken by the Presbytery until 8 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING

Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M. and engaged in a special evangelistic service with the congregation of the Canton Church.

Dr. K. J. Foreman served as Moderator in the absence of the Moderator, and led the congregation in the evening prayer.

The vested choir of the Central Methodist Church led the congregation in the singing of several hymns and rendered a number of special musical selections adding greatly to the beauty and effectiveness of the service.

Dr. L. E. McNair, of Orlando, Florida, brought a splendid message on the subject "The Christian Witness."

The session closed with the singing of the hymn "I love to tell the Story," and the Benediction, with the Presbytery adjourning until 9:15 A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Presbytery met again on Wednesday morning and engaged in a profitable devotional service led by Dr. L. E. McNair.

The Minutes of the previous day's sessions of the Presbytery were read and approved.

Rev. L. E. McNair, D. D., of St. Johns Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Canton Church was granted permission to add to the Pastor's salary by the payment of the 2½%. due the Ministers' Annuity Fund from the Pastor.

The Reports of the Sessions were referred as follows: The Statistical to the Stated Clerk; the Religious Educational to the Committee on Religious Education; the Narrative to the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, through its Chairman, Dr. H. L. Paisley, made its report, and pending the adoption of the report with its recommendations, heard Dr. G. F. Bell, a member of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions in a statement as to the status and program of the Executive Committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

It is inevitable that the titanic struggle in Europe, with its economic, social and moral repercussions, should seriously affect mission work everywhere.

England and Germany, who have been contributing, in personnel and means, more than any other European countries, are now at each other's throat.

Canada and Australia, for many years, active and potent in the missionary enterprise, are now chiefly concerned in furnishing military aid to the Mother Country.

"We are faced," says Dr. Fulton, "by the sobering fact that the United States is the only great Protestant Nation left that is unhampered to carry on freely the work of World Evangelization." It may be added, we have calls innumerable and heart-appealing to aid the victims of ruthless greed and tyranny both in Europe and the Orient.

We gratefully record God's blessing that has attended the work of our faithful missionaries in all of our fields.

In China, Japan and Korea, where increasing difficulties have been met, the heroic service of those who remained to face danger and to offer comfort and encouragement to the stricken natives has yielded gratifying returns.

Conditions in Japan and areas dominated by her military leaders are growing increasingly difficult and call for our earnest importunate prayers.

In Brazil, Africa and Mexico there is much to encourage and hearten the Church at home. Exclusive of China, our largest Mission Field, 5,260 additions on profession of Faith are recorded—More than 100 for each week of the year just closed.

In China our missionaries report:—"The Gospel has reached 'new places'" "Our work is almost like a 'new work'. "The Word is going to new points." "This work is practically with 'new People.'"

The Lord of the Harvest is answering our prayers in thrusting out laborers into His harvest. The Executive Committee reports: "Nineteen new missionaries, probably more, thoroughly qualified, are due to sail between now and December."

Due to the unprecedented cold that prevailed at the time for the Special Offering For Foreign Missions, the Executive Committee reports an alarming deficit in the offering as compared with last year.

We note with pride that one of our own splendid girls, Miss Blanche Sawyer of the Weaverville Church has entered upon the Foreign Mission service during the year.

Recommendations:

1. That each Pastor cooperate in the recruiting of young persons of high quality, for Foreign Mission service by notifying the Candidate Department of the Executive Committee of likely prospects.

2. That all Pastors be requested to impress upon their people by faithful missionary preaching, the importance of strengthening the Christian witness around the world in these days of great crisis.

3. That all our churches be urged to send delegations to the Laymen's Missionary conference at Montreat, August 9-11, 1940.

4. That our Sunday Schools observe Children's Day for Foreign Missions in May with offering for the Cause of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following report which was adopted:

Report on Assembly's Home Missions

The Executive Committee of Home Missions finds encouragement in the fact that in spite of difficulties the missionaries have been faithful in proclaiming the message of redemption in churches, schools and missions. Through their unselfish and untiring labors new churches have been organized, established churches have been strengthened, and hundreds have been brought into the citizenship of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Another cause for hopefulness is in the supporting income. The receipts for the year, while far below the need, indicate a sustained interest in this vital work of the church and prevented any further reduction in appropriations for those workers whose salaries are in some instances little above the subsistence level.

There is also encouragement in the fact that many whose chief concern has been the church's responsibility for social and economic betterment are now urging the church's spiritual ministry and redemptive mission as the nation's best security. Herein is the urgency of evangelism and home missions.

Assembly's Home Missions is an undertaking of large dimensions, whether measured by the amount of money expended, the number of workers employed, or the number of enterprises aided. The Executive Committee cooperated during the year with sixty Presbyteries in some phase of home mission activity and aided in the support of 514 workers, who serve 1,173 enterprises—churches, schools, missions and outposts.

The home mission agencies of the church are expected to pay 7½% on the amount of their appropriations for the home mission pastors' participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund. Unless extra funds are provided for this new expense, there must be a reduction of this amount in the appropriations to the fields. The inauguration of the Ministers' Annuity Fund and the cooperation of the home mission agencies makes necessary increased home mission support, if these worthy men are to receive its benefits without a reduction in their schedules.

The total home mission receipts for the year ending March 31, 1940, were $329,604, which is a loss of $32,627. This loss is explained by the fact that in the totals last year was included $45,714 received from the Auxiliary Birthday Offering. The total budget receipts from churches, societies and individuals applicable to the payment of appropriations were $306,125, a gain of $4,972.

The following recommendations are offered:

(1) That every pastor be urged to read carefully the Executive Committee's Annual Report, that the magnitude and the importance of Assembly's Home Missions may be understood.

(2) That the Presbytery press upon all its churches the necessity for a larger income for Assembly's Home Missions with which to increase salaries and to meet its responsibility for the annuity payments of the workers supported by the Assembly's funds, particularly those workers in the purely home mission areas serving the underprivileged groups.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

The Superintendent of Home Missions in the Presbytery was instructed to write the Executive Committee of Home Missions a letter of appreciation for its generous help this year.

Dr. R. P. Walker, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented the report of his committee, with its recommendations, which was adopted and is as follows:

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief
Report to Asheville Presbytery for the Year Ending
March 31, 1940

1. Some figures from the report of The Assembly's Committee:

Aid forwarded to 161 Candidates for the Ministry and Mission Service; 5 Candidates for medical service; and 12 young women preparing for special Church service—to the amount of $12,000—an increase as compared with last year of 22 candidates and of $500.

Loans from the Student Loan Fund made to 60 women and 39 men—a total of 119 to the amount of $11,000—an increase of 6 students, and of $300 in the amount lent.

Appropriations from the Fund of Ministerial Relief made to 573 homes of ministers and missionaries—195 ministers, 335 widows, 12 lay workers and 31 orphans—to the amount of

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157,000—an increase of 6 homes, and a decrease of $9,000 remitted to these homes.

The Joy Gift in December continues to bring joy to our hearts, and joy and much needed relief to the homes of our disabled ministers. Apparently joy filled the hearts of those who gave—this was expressed in hundreds of letters.

Receipts from living donors $165,000—decrease of $4,500. Receipts from other sources $50,000—decrease of $6,500. Total decrease from all sources $11,000.

II. As to Asheville Presbytery:

From all sources in this Presbytery there was contributed to Christian Education in Ministerial Relief $1,219.00.

Under the care of this Presbytery receiving Ministerial Relief are 4 ministers and 8 widows of ministers. During the year to the aid of these 12 homes was sent $3,850.00, an average of $321.00 to each home.

Under the care of this Presbytery are seven students, as follows:

John Robert Smith, Union Seminary—3rd Year.
Taylor Osborne Bird, Union Seminary—2nd Year.
Walter Taylor Revely, Union Seminary—1st Year.
James Scott Hunter, Yale Divinity School—2nd Year.
Jack Bedford Davidson, Davidson College—4th Year.
James Clyde Plexico, Jr., King College—1st Year.
Clyde Kermit Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky.—Teaching.

We recommend that Clyde Kermit Landrum be transferred to the care of Guerrant Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. Walker, *Chairman*
G. C. Summerow
Jos R. Sevier

The Committee on Religious Education made the following report, with recommendations, which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Religious Education

This has been a splendid year for the Executive Committee of Religious Education. The benevolent receipts show a net gain of $928.01, wiping out the deficit of last year. A larger number of Training Classes and Leadership Training Schools were held during the year. An increased interest is being shown in the Vacation Bible

School, and with the Birthday Gift from the Women's Auxiliary, the Executive Committee will be able to do a much larger work in this field. In Sunday School extension the number of outposts jumped from 549 to 634, in spite of losing 20 that were organized into churches, and five others that joined other denominations. The enrollment in these outposts has gone from 33,433 to nearly 41,000.

It is with pleasure that we record the announcement made that the Rev. James M. Carr, now the Director of Religious Education in the Synods of S. C. and Georgia, has been assigned to the Synod of Appalachia, for a similar work.

The Statistical report of the Sessions in regard to the Sunday Schools give the following information:

Sunday Schools	32		
Total Enrollment	3,975		
Cradle Roll	142		
Home Department	221		
Grand Total	4,343		
Pupils added to Church on Profession of Faith			190
Gifts for Benevolences		$1,034	
Other Contributions		946	
Current Expenses		3,143	
Total			5123

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That our Presbytery engage in special prayer at the conclusion of this report giving thanks to God for His evident blessing upon the work during the past year.

2. That each congregation in the Presbytery be urged to hold at least one Vacation Bible School in its field, and strive to open at least one outpost Sunday School during the coming year.

3. That Presbytery express its gratitude to the Woman's Auxiliary for designating their Birthday Gift for the Vacation Bible School Fund.

4. That Presbytery ask each session to cooperate with the Sunday School Superintendent in making next October 6th a real Rallying Day for every Church and Sunday School, and seek to secure a generous offering for the work of Religious Education on this day.

5. That our sessions consider the advisability of sending the Sunday School Superintendent to the Superintendent's Conference at Montreat next July.

6. That every church be urged to send its choicest Intermediates

and young People to the Annual Conference at Montreat, June 17-22.

7. That as a Presbytery, and as churches, and sessions, we strive to send to the Leadership Conference at Tusculum July 1-6th, the President of each local group, Senior, Young People, or Fellowship, or some select representative of that group.

8. That a sum not to exceed $100 be appropriated from the funds of the Committee on Religious Education for the employment of a Vacation Bible School worker in the Presbytery for the summer months.

9 That every minister be urged to attend the Minister's Conference to be held in connection with the Y. P. Conference in Montreat, July 17-22.

J. A. FLANAGAN, *Chairman.*

Presbytery took recess for ten minutes in order that preparation might be made for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Presbytery resumed its session at 11 o'clock and heard with profit a strong doctrinal sermon by Dr. G. F. Bell, using for his text: Titus 2:11-14.

Following the preaching of the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, with Dr. L. E. McNair and Dr. R. P. Walker administering the elements, assisted by the following elders: George E. Brown, J. E. Bates, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, M. W. Bell, S. P. Verner, W. C. Dillingham, and C. C. Lord.

The Auditing Committee made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the audit made by Wm. H. Zimmerman, C. P. A. of Asheville, N. C. and the books of the Treasurer of Asheville, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., which we believe to be correct and hereby approve them.

We have also examined the books, deposit slips, and paid check vouchers of the Stated Clerk and find his financial report correct.

1. We recommend that Recommendation No. 2, be not adopted.
2. We recommend the adoption of No. 2.

H. G. LOVE, *Chairman,*
REV. H. B. DENDY, D. D.
WM. H. HARBECK.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod

Your Committee has reviewed the Minutes of the Synod of Appalachia and we find therein no record requiring the Presbytery's official attention.

DONALD W. RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that nothing had come into its hands.

The Committee on Schools made its report through its Chairman, Rev. O. C. Landrum, and pending the adoption of the report, heard Dr. K. J. Foreman concerning the work at Davidson College.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges

1. *Assembly's Training School*—Hon. James H. Price, Governor of Virginia and an elder in the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, has agreed to serve as Chairman of the church-wide campaign between April 1, 1940 and April 1, 1941. Your Committee urges that all pastors and churches cooperate in this campaign and receive any special representative who may come representing the Training School in this campaign. The Bible course at the Training School has been greatly enlarged.
2. *Montreat College*—Dr. Anderson writes: "We gratefully appreciate the continued blessing of God upon the college during the year. The college reports 8 members of the Faculty, with 310 students. Eighty of these are in the High School and the remainder in the College Department. A $2,000 donation has been received for the Library. The spiritual atmosphere of the school is excellent. Finances are in good shape. There is no indebtedness. The College received from Asheville Presbytery last year the sum of $1,170.
3. *Davidson College*—We recommend that Dr. K. J. Foreman, Prof. in Davidson be heard in connection with this report.

Respectfully submitted,
O. C. LANDRUM, *Chairman.*

Recess was then taken by Presbytery for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Presbytery gathered again at 1 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, remembering especially the great cause of Religious Education.

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion made the following report which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion

Reports From 27 Churches

1. Number of preaching services held each Sunday—28.
2. The average Percent church membership in attendance: 13 Morning 49 percent. Evening 26½ Percent—Prayer Meetings—10 Percent.
   Number afternoon services 3—71 Percent.
   5 out of 27 no morning services.
   15 out of 27 no prayer service.
3. How many have been received into the church during the year: On profession 240. By letter 381. Total Membership. 4,986. Number not reporting any by confession—3. None by letter 3. Total received by letter and confession—621.
4. How many additions to church from S. S.—202.
   Number had no additions from S. S.—6.
5. Did you hold an evangelistic service during the year? Yes—18, No—9.
   Have you seen any improvement in the spiritual condition in your church and community as a result of the meeting? Yes—18.
6. How many family altars are established in your church? 272 Number reporting none 6. Number saying I don't know 2.
7. How many communion services held during the year? 83. Number none 2 Percent of membership attending—51%.
8. Is Sabbath day Observance any real problem to your congregation? Yes—14. No—12. Not much—3.
9. Are members of your church faithful in presenting their children for baptism? Yes—20. No 11.
10. Are the children taught Catechisms in the home? Yes 15. No 13.
11. Are Cat. taught in the S. S.? Yes 20. No. 8.
12. Sunday Scripture memorize the Scriptures? Yes 21. No 7. Hymns Yes 12. No 15.
13. Is stewardship of Life and Possessions taught by the pastor? Yes 27.
14. How many members tithe? 88.
15. Did you have an every Member Canvass? Yes 24. No 3.
16. Did your church accept and pay in full its apportionment to benevolence causes? Yes 15. No 12.
17. What salary did you promise your pastor? $31,001. Was the salary paid fully and promptly? Yes 21. No 4. Paid, but not promptly 2. No report 3. How much was the salaries increased? $827.50.
18. To what extent does worldly conformity exist in your church? Great 1—Not to any damaging effect 1—To some degree—6. Too much 1—Not much 6—Do not know 1.—About the same as elsewhere 1. Some Improvement 1—Very little 1—No report 6.

20. Have you done any evangelistic work outside your congregation? Yes 20, No 5.

20. Have the Pastor and the Session made any effort to secure recruits for the ministry? Yes 10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Plexico.

The Commission on the Minister and his Work was instructed to look into the matter of a deficit in the Pastor's salary in some of the churches.

Presbytery reduced the Contingent Fund due from the Dillingham Church for the year 1939-1940 from number reported last year to the actual number of members throughout the year.

The Committee on the Sessional Records made the following report which was adopted as follows:

Committee on Sessional Records

Your committee would report as follows:

1. The Churches named below did not submit records:
   Andrews, Highlands, Ivy Park, Mills River, White Oak.
2. We have examined the records of the following churches and recommend that they be approved as written:
   Asheville First, Hendersonville, Montreat, Canton, Waynesville, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, Murphy, Hayesville, Franklin, Morrison, Robbinsville.
3. We recommend that the records of the following churches be approved with the exceptions noted:
   West Asheville, Brevard - Davidson River, Kenilworth, Weaverville, Black Mountain, Bryson City, Hazelwood, Bethel, Dillingham, Etowah.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Stewardship made an oral report which was received as information. The Committee was instructed to reconsider the whole matter of the handling of the quotas and the percentages sent down to the churches, and the matter of reporting on the statistical blanks the items for the Builders League, the R. P. Smith Fund, the placing of Union and Louisville Seminaries, Montreat and King College under head of "Educational Institutions."

The Committee on Church Societies made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report on Woman's Work

April 23, 1940

As Chairman of Woman's Work, we are pleased to report another successful year of achievement by this important branch of our Presytery's work.

This fine group of women is always ready to aid our pastors in all the activities of the church.

Special attention is called to the following items:

Growth in members from	1939 - 1940
	1854 - 1981
Women enlisted	1317 - 1607
Daily Bible Readers	617 - 683
Family altars	290 - 382

It is to be regretted that in some Auxiliaries there are only a few tithers and few family altars. Doubtless the pastors can cooperate with them in bringing about better conditions.

Contributions for the year are about the same as for last year. In the regular contributions there has been a slight decrease. Some special offerings show a small increase.

Offerings are as follows:

Total for Foreign Missions	$1522
Assembly's H. M.	769
Presbytery's H. M.	862
Total of all Benevolences	7430
Total of Local Work	2732
Miscellaneous	1037
All contributions	$11201

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Gruver.

The Historical Committee had no report.

The Committee on Evangelism, through its Chairman, Dr. G. F. Bell, made the following report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Evangelism

Your committee understands that either cooperative Christ-centered loyalty crusades or the Jan.-March period of special evangelistic emphasis, or both, have been observed the past church year in the following churches: Asheville First, West Asheville, Kenilworth, Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Hendersonville, Brevard, Canton, Waynesville, Hazelwood, White Oak, Weaverville, Oak Forest, Bryson City, Andrews, Robbinsville, Dillingham, Ivy Park, Hayesville, Murphy, Franklin, Mills River, Etowah, and Highlands.

Also that special evangelistic meetings have been held in the following churches: Asheville First, West Asheville, Kenilworth, Montreat, Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Canton, Waynesville, Hazelwood, Ivy Park, Dillingham, Weaverville, Etowah, Mills River, Bryson City, Bethel, Murphy, Hendersonville, Franklin, Oak Forest.

We hope and believe that the statistical reports for the year will show a larger ingathering in our churches than in other recent years. We trust too that the benefits of the new emphasis on evangelism will be reflected in a revived faith, a new consecration, and a deeper Christian experience on the part of many church members and ministers.

Our first recommendation for the current year may be summed up in one word: Continuance. In their Report No. 2 the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism stressed a call for a continuous crusade, saying: "We would not limit this Crusade to any abbreviated period of time, but call upon the whole Church to recognize and return to its primary function of witnessing, teaching, preaching Jesus Christ as the one and only Saviour of the lost." We recommend continued stressing of this primary evangelistic function through public invitations to accept Christ and personal soul-winning efforts built around the regular services of the local church and through the holding of another evangelistic meeting during this church year.

We also venture to suggest to those churches which have no Sunday evening service a careful consideration of the possibility of inaugurating such a service and its potential value in extending the message and influence of the church to the unconverted of the community.

Another recommendation we venture is that strong emphasis on

evangelism and revival be accompanied by an urgent emphasis on Christian stewardship as an essential expression of true Christian conversion and consecration.

The fourth and last recommendation is that, wherever feasible, the reach of the evangelistic effort and message be extended through th organization of outpost missions and evangelistic preaching services in them.

In closing our report we call thoughtful and sympathetic attention to the splendid paper on Evangelism and Morals constituting the report of the Permanent Committee on Social and Moral Welfare to the 1940 General Assembly.

C. Grier Davis
E. L. Nelson
Paul P. Thrower
H. G. Love
G. F. Bell
R. D. Bedinger

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report which was adopted:

Committee on Bills and Overtures

The following overture has come into our hands and we present it to the Presbytery without comment:

OVERTURE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

From the Presbytery of Asheville, April 24th, 1940.

"Whereas, the President of the United States has sent Mr. Myron C. Taylor as a personal representative to the Vatican;

"Whereas, Mr. Myron C. Taylor has been received by Pope Pius, XII, as a fully accredited ambassador from the United States government to the Holy See, with all of the privileges and responsibilities of an ambassador;

"Whereas, the Roman Catholic hierarchy has hailed this action on the part of the President as a restoration of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Roman Catholic Church;

"Whereas, the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor has thus violated the historic position of this nation regarding the separation of church and state:

"Whereas, such a violation of the doctrine of the separation of church and state, violates a fundamental principle of the Protestant faith;

"Therefore, Asheville Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to take cognizance of these facts and to express to the President of

the United States a protest in the name of the church at large."

Respectfully submitted,
K. J. Foreman, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations presented its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations submits the following report:

1. That Dr. Bernard Smith and Ruffner Campbell be added to the Committee on Home Missions.

2. That Mr. Herbert Caskey be added to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

3. That Messrs. Walter Abernathy and W. H. McMurray be added to the Committee on Religious Education in place of S. C. Clapp, H. A. Osborne, R. L. Prevost and O. W. Lancaster.

4. That Dr. R. D. Bedinger, J. T. Bailey, Dr. G. F. Bell, and Rev. P. N. Gresham be added to the Committee on Stewardship replacing Messrs. W. B. Ferguson, C. M. Sawyer, Granville Taylor, J. E. Shields.

5. That Rev. E. L. Nelson replace Rev. O. C. Landrum as Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and that O. E. Starnes replace Messrs. M. W. Wells and Crosby Adams on this Committee.

6. That Dr. G. F. Bell replace Dr. R. D. Bedinger, and Dr. T. A. Painter the Rev. W. S. Hutchison on the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

6. That Dr. H. L. Paisley replace the Rev. O. C. Landrum on the Committee on Sciences in the Committees on Examination.

7. That Rev. C. Grier Davis be appointed to preach the Doctrinal sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery on a subject of his own choosing with Dr. R. D. Bedinger his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Grier Davis, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report which was adopted:

Committee on Leave of Absence

Excused after 4 P. M. Tuesday—Rev. R. B. DuPree, Elders Sidney McCarty, L. B. Nichols, and Candler Morgan.

The Committee on Records of the Presbytery made its report and it was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Records of the Presbytery report that we

find the records for the past church year are in order and we commend the efficiency of the Stated Clerk.

H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman.*

The following Commissioners were elected to the meeting of the General Assembly at Chattanooga, Tenn., May 16th, 1940.

Principals		*Alternates*
	Ministers	
DR. H. B. DENDY		DR. K. J. FOREMAN
DR. T. A. PAINTER		DR. L. T. WILDS
	Elders	
R. E. BURTON, Weaverville		M. W. BELL, Murphy
J. T. FAIN, Hendersonville		W. H. MCMURRAY, Swannanoa.

A request was made that the Stated Clerk keep in his files the list of the commissioners to the General Assembly for the past ten years.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Hazelwood Church to hold its Stated Fall meeting there.

The Pastor of the Church, the Stated Clerk, and Elder G. C. Summerow were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises for the Fall meeting.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted with a rising vote.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions

The members of Asheville Presbytery deeply appreciate the rare privilege of holding its Eighty-eighth Semi-Annual meeting in the beautiful new church of Canton. The cordial hospitality of its people is equalled only by the taste and beauty of the House of worship which they have builded. Their program of building seems to have been inspired by the Great Architect himself, and their hearts have led them to build into this House only the best.

Our prayers are, that pastor and people may long be spared to witness the beauty of His Saving Grace in the services of His Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. WALKER

L. T. WILDS,

Committee.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to purchase a special stamp for use in marking sessional minutes for approval.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes, and a closing prayer and Benediction by the Moderator, Presbytery stood adjourned to meet in the Hazelwood Church, October 8th, 1940, at 11 A. M.

J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

CHAS. B. CHAPIN, *Moderator.*

E. L. NELSON, *Temporary* J. A. Flanagan, Stated Clerk

MANUAL OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

I. HISTORICAL STATEMENTS

At the session of Mecklenburg Presbytery which convened at Huntersville, N. C. March 31, 1896, a committee from the western part of the Presbytery appeared with a request to be set off as a new Presbytery, making the Blue Ridge the boundary line.

In answer to this request Presbytery appointed a committee composed of Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. A. A. Little, Rev. J. M. Grier, and Ruling Elders, A. T. Summey of Southside Church and A. G. Brenizer, of First Church, Charlotte, to consider this matter and report at the next regular meeting.

The Committee made a favorable report, recommending the erection of the new Presbytery at the meeting of the Presbytery which convened at the Davidson River Church on October 6th, 1896, whereupon Presbytery ordered the following overture to be sent to the Synod:

"To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenberg respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina to erect out of the churches in her bounds, a new Presbytery, which shall be known as Asheville Presbytery, and which shall embrace the counties west of the Blue Ridge, viz: Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania, Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee, containing the following churches: Asheville, Bethany (colored) Bethel (Haywood County) Brevard, Bryson City, Centre, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Franklin, Hendersonville, Hiwassee, Midway, Murphy, Mills River, Morrison, Oak Forest, Southside, Swannanoa, and Waynesville, (nineteen churches with a total membership of 1,005) Ministers: D. T. Towles, E. A. Samples, J. T. Wade, W. J. Williams, J. S. Morrow, H. M. Parker, R. F. Campbell, D. D., J. L. Wicker, J. B. Cochran, R. W. Alexander (10) and Candidate W. W. Williamson, of the Mills River Church.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg promises and pledges itself to pay to the new Presbytery when it shall be formed the amount of $500.00 per year for three years for Home Mission work, and to allow the General Evangelist to labor four months during the summer in the new Presbytery.

Attest: EUGENE L. SILER, *Stated Clerk.*

Davidson River Church, October 8, 1896.

The above overture was presented to Synod at New Berne, November 10, 1896. The petition was granted, and the Synod directed that the first meeting of the new Presbytery should be held in the First Church, Asheville, on the first Wednesday of December 1896, at 11 o'clock, and that the Rev. E. A. Sample be the Moderator.

In accordance with this order the ministers and representatives of the churches named met at the time and place appointed and the Presbytery of Asheville was organized December 2, 1896.

II STANDING RULES

SECTION 1

Government and Standing Orders

1. The Rules of Parliamentary Order adopted by the General Assembly are adopted by the Presbytery for its government.

2. It shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members present to suspend, amend, or abolish a standing rule.

3. At stated meetings of the Presbytery, the first fifteen minutes of each day's session shall be spent in devotional exercise.

4. At every stated meeting a minister with an alternate, shall be appointed to preach a doctrinal sermon at the next stated meeting, upon the subject chosen by the Presbytery.

5. At each stated meeting of the Presbytery, on Tuesday evening, the Presbytery shall ordinarily celebrate the Lord's Supper. The ministers to preside shall be appointed by the Presbytery together with the elders who will assist in the service.

6. Presbytery shall meet in stated session at 11 A. M. on Tuesday after the third Sunday in April and Tuesday after the second Sunday in October.

7. At the stated meeting in the Spring, popular meetings shall be held in the interest of Home Missions and Religious Education, presided over by the Chairmen of these permanent Committees. Also at the Stated Fall meeting, popular meetings shall be held in the interests of the Committee on Evangelism, Foreign Missions, and Stewardship, with the Chairmen of these respective Committees presiding. The time for these popular meetings will be in the hands of the Committee on Devotional Exercises and the Chairmen of the respective Committees.

SECTION 2

PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS

1. The Moderator, who shall be the presiding officer, shall be chosen at each stated meeting. He shall preside until his successor shall be elected, and shall open the following stated meeting with a sermon, or provide a substitute.

Upon the death of a minister belonging to the Presbytery, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to prepare a suitable memorial to be presented at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery immediately following the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Moderator, or the last Moderator present shall preside at the called meetings of the Presbytery.

2. The Stated Clerk

(1) The Stated Clerk shall be chosen for a term of three years at a salary of $100.00 per year and his duties shall be as follows:

(2) He shall place in the hands of the Moderator, as soon after election as possible, a complete roll of the members present, together with a thoroughly prepared docket after the form laid down in this Manual.

(3) He shall keep on hand a supply of all such blanks as may be necessary to make out sessional reports to Presbytery, Presbyterial reports to the General Assembly, and blanks for the dismissal of ministers, licentiates, and candidates. To him also shall be committed the printing of the minutes which shall be sufficiently full for historical accuracy.

(4) He shall transmit to each session between the first and tenth days of March each year such blanks as are necessary for the regular reports of the session.

(5) He shall communicate all orders of the Presbytery to those for whom they were intended and forward all official copies of overtures, reports, or other communications to the higher courts.

(6) He shall prepare the usual statistical reports required by the General Assembly and Synod and send them to these bodies after their approval by the Presbytery.

(7) He shall publish notices of time and place of each stated meeting of the Presbytery at least four weeks before the meeting of the Presbytery, shall give due notice of adjourned meetings, and publish, as soon as practicable, an abstract of the proceedings of Stated Meetings.

(8) He shall print in the minutes of each spring meeting of the Presbytery an alphabetical list of the ministers of the Presbytery, to-

gether with a statistical report of the churches of the Presbytery.

(9) He shall send two copies of the printed minutes of the Presbytery every year to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and to the Presbyterian Historical Foundation for safe keeping, and to other institutions as they may apply. Sufficient copies of the Minutes are to be sent each church so that each officer in the church may have an individual copy.

(10) He shall prepare a complete docket for business for every stated meeting after the form laid down in this Manual, and a copy of this docket shall be sent to every minister in the Presbytery ten days in advance of the meeting of the Presbytery, and furnish sufficient copies for ministers and elders in attendance upon the meeting.

(11) He shall take charge of the Presbyterial Contingent Fund, and make disbursement of these funds as Presbytery shall direct, with the exception of the following items, which shall be paid without a special order of the Presbytery:

A. Quotas to the Assembly and to the Synod.
B. Printing ordered by the Presbytery.
C. Salaries of Presbyterial officers, and expenses incident to the proper discharge of his duties.
D. Other items of a permanent nature.

(12) At each Spring meeting of the Presbytery, he shall present a report of this Fund, together with vouchers, to the Presbytery.

(13) He shall report to the Spring meeting of the Presbytery all churches in the Presbytery which have failed to pay their Contingent Fund.

3. The Temporary Clerk shall be elected at each meeting of the Presbytery to help with the keeping of the minutes of that session.

4. The Treasurer shall be elected for a period of three years at a salary of $600.00 a year, the salary to be paid from the beneficent funds which he handles and his duties shall be as follows:

(1) He shall receive all funds contributed by the churches of the Presbytery for benevolent causes and forward these promptly to the proper recipients.

(2) At each Spring meeting of the Presbytery he shall present a brief resume of the report of the funds and moneys handled in his office during the year as may be of interest to the Presbytery and helpful in its work.

(3) Once each year an audit shall be made by a reputable auditing firm and the auditor's report presented to the Presbytery for review.

(4) He shall give bond for an amount not less than $10,000 through some reliable Insurance or Bonding Company, the premium to be paid from the beneficent funds.

Section III
PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEES

These shall be classed as follows according to the nature of their duties:

(1) Standing (2) Permanent (3) Examining.

I. Standing Committees.

These shall be appointed by the Moderator at each stated Meeting of the Presbytery, and shall continue until final adjournment. To them shall be committed the routine business of the Presbytery, and their reports shall be submitted in writing. They shall be appointed as follows:

A. At each Spring Meeting a Committee on:
(1) Devotional Exercises.
(2) Bills and Overtures.
(3) Judiciary
(4) Minutes of Synod.
(5) Records of Sessions.
(6) Auditing
(7) Nominations
(8) Leave of Absence
(9) Records of Presbytery
(10) Resolutions

B. At each Fall Meeting a Committee on:
(1) Bills and Overtures
(2) Judiciary
(3) Records of Presbytery
(4) Minutes of the General Assembly.
(5) Nominations
(6) Leave of Absence
(7) Resolutions.

C. Duties of these Committees.

(1) The Devotional Committee shall be appointed before the close of each Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, and the Pastor or a Ruling Elder in the Church in which Presbytery is to hold its next meeting shall be the Chairman. The duty of this Committee shall be to recommend to the Presbytery at the next stated meeting the hours for meeting, and hours for preaching and popular meetings, and other religious exercises.

(2) The Committee on Bills and Overtures shall review all bills and overtures coming to the Presbytery, and all overtures from

the Presbytery to the Synod or assembly, and make recommendations regarding Presbytery's actions.

(3) The Judicial Committee shall review all cases of discipline, etc. coming before the Presbytery and shall recommend the action necessary.

(4) The Committee on Minutes of the Assembly or Synod shall carefully examine said minutes and report to the Presbytery any matter requiring the attention of the Presbytery with a suggestion as to the action needed.

(5) The Committee on Sessional Records shall examine carefully the records of the sessions sent up to the Spring meeting of the Presbytery and shall report whether the proceedings have been regular and constitutional as directed in Chapter XIV of our Form of Government.

(6) The Committee on Auditing shall audit the report of the Stated Clerk, and the accounts of any Committee, or individuals, handling Funds of the Presbytery. The Committee shall also review the audit of the Treasurer's and report to the Presbytery their findings.

(7) The Committee on Nominations shall nominate persons (A) on permanent Committees, (B) Trustees for Davidson College, (C) Trustees for the Presbytery, (D) a minister to preach the Presbyterial Sermon at the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery, and give subject of same, (E) any other position, which would naturally require a Committee to nominate after mature deliberation.

(8) The Committee on Presbyterial Records shall examine the printed minutes of the Presbytery, call attention to any errors, if there be such, and after correction, recommend their adoption as the official records of the Presbytery.

(9) The Committee on Leave of Absence shall consider and pass on all excuses for non-attendance, and all requests for leave of absence. The report shall be made in writing and printed in the minutes.

(10) To the Committee on Resolutions shall be referred all matters calling for a resolution, response to special addresses, etc.

II. Permanent Committees.

There shall be appointed the following permanent Committees whose time of service shall be discretionary with the Presbytery:

(1) *Presbytery's Home Missions.*

This Committee shall meet ordinarily once each month for the purpose of transacting business, and the Chairman of this Committee shall present a report at each Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, and for the Spring meeting shall conduct a popular meeting in the interests of this work.

It shall conduct the missionary work of the Presbytery within the bounds of the Presbytery and shall disburse the funds received for this cause. It shall take general oversight of the feeble churches of the Presbytery, especially when vacant, and of the missionary fields in our bounds, with a view to securing for all destitute places adequate pastoral and evangelistic labors. It shall direct the labors of the General Evangelist, take an oversight of the Orphans Homes, the parochial and mission school, unless otherwise provided for by the Presbytery.

This shall be an Executive Committee with such powers as will enable it to carry on its work with the greatest efficiency, including the grouping and regrouping of the smaller churches as may be deemed best.

A record of the proceedings of this Committee shall be kept and presented to the Presbytery at each Spring meeting of the Presbytery. This Committee, being incorporated, is authorized to hold in trust any property for the Presbytery, not otherwise provided for.

(2) *Foreign Missions.*

There shall be a permanent Committee on Foreign Missions to whose hands this important cause shall be intrusted. It shall keep in touch with the Foreign Mission work of the Church at large and seek to enlist the interest and zeal of the churches of the Presbytery in this great cause. It shall make a report of its work at each stated meeting of the Presbytery, and at each stated Fall meeting shall hold a popular meeting in the interest of this cause, to the end that the Presbytery and public may have greater information and interest in the work stimulated.

(3) *Assembly's Home Missions.*

This Committee shall keep in touch with the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions and use every effort to interest the churches of the Presbytery in this cause. It shall present a report at the Spring meeting.

(4) *Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.*

This Committee shall have the immediate care and oversight of our candidates for the ministry and beneficiaries of the Ministerial Relief Fund from this Presbytery. It shall by correspondence keep informed as to the candidates and beneficiaries; shall receive applications for aid for candidates for the ministry and beneficiaries for the Relief Fund and recommend to the Presbytery the amount of aid. In cases of emergency the Committee may use its own judgment. It shall assist the Assembly's Committee in the work of the

Minister's Annuity Fund in any way called for.

It shall assign the trial parts to candidates in preparation for licensure. A full report shall be made at the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

(5) *Religious Education.*

This Committee shall promote the work of this cause in the Presbytery along the lines of Sabbath School, Young People's Work, Men's Work, Country Church, and Sunday School extension, Vacation Bible Schools, Leadership Training, and any other lines that Presbytery may direct, cooperating with the Assembly's Committee in all of its efforts in the Presbytery, so far as practicable. It shall make a report to the Presbytery at each stated meeting and at each spring meeting shall hold a popular meeting in the interest of this cause.

(6) *Bible Cause.*

This committee shall be composed of two ministers and one elder. It shall endeavor to deepen the interest of the Presbytery in this cause, and especially in the work of the American Bible Society, the recognized agency of our church, and to secure from every church a contribution for the support of this work. It shall report at each stated Fall meeting.

(7) *Stewardship.*

The Stewardship Committee shall have supervision of the beneficent work of the Presbytery and shall keep in touch with and, as far as practicable cooperate with the Assembly's and Synod's Stewardship Committees. It shall, at each stated Spring meeting, report in full upon the Every Member Canvass and the results obtained in each church. At the Fall meeting it shall give due consideration to the budget offered by the General Assembly and Synod as they relate to that of the Presbytery and shall propose a budget for the Presbytery, a percentage basis on which it is to be distributed, and a quota for each individual church. It shall receive and tabulate the statistical report from the churches and make a composite report to the Presbytery, and shall perform any other additional duties assigned it by the Presbytery or the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship. This Committee shall hold a popular meeting at each stated Fall meeting of the Presbytery in the interest of this work.

(8) *Sabbath and Family Religion.*

The duties of this Committee shall be to promote the interests of family worship and the observance of the Sabbath Day. It shall make a report at the Fall meeting of the Presbytery.

(9) *Church Societies.*

This Committee shall be composed of three members. It shall act as an Advisory Committee to the Auxiliary and shall represent the Auxiliary to the Presbytery. At each spring meeting it shall present a completed report of the Auxiliary's activities for the year.

(10) *Schools and Colleges.*

This committee shall consider the interests of all the educational institutions which receive support from this Presbytery, or to which the Presbytery elects Trustees, and shall keep the Presbytery informed as to their condition and needs. Reports from the Boards of Trustees of these institutions shall be referred to them for considerations and such recommendations as they may deem pertinent.

(11) *Historical.*

The duties of this committee shall be as follows:

(A) To encourage the churches to observe anniversaries.

(B) To assemble data as regards each church in the Presbytery.

a. Date of organization, charter members, etc.

b. Full lists of ministers, elders, dates of service.

c. All incidents of importance in the development of the organizations, such as Sunday School, Auxiliaries, Y. P. etc.

(12) *Evangelism.*

It shall be the purpose of this Committee to promote in all the churches of the Presbytery a continuous reviving and deepening of the spiritual life of the membership, and constant efforts to reclaim the active interest and cooperation of indifferent and backsliding members, together with an always vivid realization of the Church's fundamental mission to seek genuine conversions among the lost, whether through regular preaching services, personal work with individuals, or periodic seasons of special evangelistic services.

(13) *Commission on the Minister and His Work.*

This Commission is appointed to carry out the provisions of Par. 76-a, Section XV, Book of Church Order, and is charged with all those functions which the Presbytery, as a corporate body, not sitting in continuous session, is practically unable to discharge, such as "to visit churches for the purpose of inquiring into and redressing evils that have arisen in them . . . to take special oversight of churches without pastors . . . to order whatever pertains to the spiritual welfare of the churches under its care," and to make more effective the directions in paragraph 128-130, in the following ways:

(1) By advising with Church sessions regarding Temporary Supplies. The Commission shall prepare a list of Temporary Supplies

available for service. Church sessions shall meet with the Commission as early as possible after the pulpit becomes vacant, to seek the aid of the Commission in securing a Temporary supply. The Presbytery shall disapprove Temporary Supplies becoming Stated Supplies of the church, or churches, which they are supplying.

(2) By advising with Church Sessions regarding Stated Supplies. The Church sessions will confer with the Commission as to Stated Supplies, and the Presbytery is not to establish, or continue, any such relationship without the advice of the Commission.

(3) By advising with Churches concerning Pastoral Calls. The Commission shall meet and consult with every Committee appointed by any church for securing a Pastor, advising the Committee as to the suitability of the man in question, and shall have the privilege of nominating suitable men to the Committee. The Presbytery shall permit a call to be placed in the hands of a minister only after the provisions of sub-paragraph 3 Par. 76-a, Section XV of the Book of Church Order, have been fulfilled.

(4) The Commission shall be empowered to visit churches where difficulties have arisen and effect settlement thereof.

(5) The Commission shall ordinarily consist of three Ministers and two Ruling Elders, its membership being limited to three years, and ineligible to serve for two consecutive terms.

(6) The quorum of the Commission shall be three (either ministers or elders) except when the Commission visits churches to correct disorders as indicated above, in which case the quorum shall be three Ministers and one elder.

(7) This Commission, in accordance with the definition of a Commission, in Paragraph 92, Book of Church Order, is the Presbytery in action, and its decisions on matters entrusted to it shall be final, with the special provision that this Commission shall bring to the whole Presbytery such matters as it deems it cannot conclude satisfactorily.

(8) One member of this Commission shall be designated as a representative for membership on the Synod's Commission on the Minister and His Work.

(9) This Commission shall make a report of its work at each Stated Session of the Presbytery.

III. Examining Committees.

There shall be nine permanent Committees for the examination of candidates seeking licensure for ordination, and of ministers seeking admission into the Presbytery, viz:

1. Experimental Religion.
2. Academic Studies.

3. Languages, Thesis, and Critical Exercises.
4. Natural and Exact Sciences.
5. Mental and Moral Philosophy.
6. Ecclesiastical History.
7. Church Government and Sacraments.
8. English Bible.
9. Theology.

The Moderator shall conduct the examination on Experimental Religion and motives for seeking the ministry.

The examinations on Theology, Church Government and the Sacraments, English Bible, or any other part ordered by the Presbytery shall be conducted by the appropriate Committee in open Presbytery, and each member of the Presbytery shall have the privilege of asking any question he may desire upon the subject under consideration.

Section IV

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND STATED SUPPLIES

Presbytery will not establish the relation of Pastor or Stated Supply, except on the advice of the Commission on the Minister and His Work; nor will it consent to the establishment of such a relationship when a congregation is in arrears to a former minister for ministerial services, except on the grounds of satisfactory reasons.

Whenever a call, placed in the hands of a minister, is accepted by him the sum specified in the call shall be made a matter of record. If a Home Mission Church, the Home Mission Committee will indicate the supplement.

When a church reports failure to pay punctually to its minister the salary promised, the church so failing shall be summoned to appear before the Commission of the Minister and His Work through its representatives, or commissioners, and show cause for such failure.

The relation of Stated Supply shall continue only for a six month period, the relationship being granted by the Presbytery upon the advice of the Commission on the Minister and His work, or by the Commission itself in the interim of Presbytery.

Ministers and churches have no authority to change the conditions of a call, or of the terms of supplyship regularly approved by the Presbytery, and the Presbytery will not recognize such alterations except made by its consent.

Sessions of vacant churches are enjoined to make proper compensation to the supplies who may visit them by appointment of the Presbytery, according to the ability of the congregation; and, in general, to pay the expenses of ministers invited to visit them.

SECTION V.

LICENTIATES

Licentiates are required to attend the stated meetings of the Presbytery. If a licentiate is necessarily absent from such stated meetings he shall send a reason therefor, and a written report of the manner in which he has been occupied.

Licentiates, shall, at every stated meeting, be assigned to suitable fields of labor, where they may, with proper diligence, exercise their gifts as probationers of the Gospel ministry; and of the discharge of the duty assigned them, they are required to make a regular and full report.

If a licentiate absent himself from two successive meetings of the Presbytery, and fail to transmit a satisfactory excuse for his absence, and a satisfactory account of his labors, he shall be notified to appear at the next stated meeting and show cause why his license should not be revoked.

SECTION VI.

CANDIDATES

1. *As to the Reception of Candidates.*

Every applicant seeking to be taken under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry shall file his application at least two months before the meeting of the Presbytery with the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, or the Stated Clerk. The Committee shall then make a thorough investigation, inquiring diligently into the Christian character, the personality, the vocational fitness, and the physical mental and spiritual qualifications of the applicant, as well as other facts which may have a direct bearing upon his qualification as a minister. The Committee shall then make its report to the Presbytery and its recommendation as to whether the applicant should be received under its care or not. The candidate shall then appear before the Presbytery in person and be examined as to his experimental religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. If his testimonials and the examination are satisfactory, Presbytery shall proceed to receive him after the form laid down in Par. 104, Book of Church Order.

2. *As to the Supervision of Candidates.*

Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of the Presbytery are subject to its oversight, direction, and control in all matters pertaining to their education and training for the ministry. To this end the Presbytery should, through its Committee on Christian Education, keep in close intimate touch with each of its candidates; should require reports from them and from their instructors, and information from every proper source as their advancement in study and general deportment; and if the candidates pursue their studies outside the bounds of our church, or deviate from the ordinary course of study, it should be only with the consent of the Presbytery, or, ad interim, of its Committee on Christian Education.

3. *As to pecuniary aid.*

Since financial assistance given to candidates in their preparation for the ministry is not intended to be a complete support but only a supplement to other resources, therefore when a candidate applies for aid, let the Committee make diligent inquiry as to:

(1) His financial ability, present and prospective.
(2) The attitude of his parents or friends, and of their ability and willingness to aid him.
(3) The attitude of the church to which he belongs, and its willingness to extend aid.

And let any appropriation be made only according to the need of the candidate, who must be given to understand that he will be expected to refund the amount given him in case he fails to enter the ministry.

SECTION VII.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. *Trustees.*

The Presbytery will elect a permanent "Board of Trustees of Asheville Presbytery", which Board shall be composed of three officers in good standing in the Presbyterian Church, and this Board of Trustees shall hold in trust for the Presbytery all property in church lots, buildings, etc. not otherwise secured and all legacies and bequests which may be willed to the Presbytery in behalf of charitable and other objects under its care, not otherwise provided for.

The Presbytery will regularly elect trustees to take part for the Presbytery in the government for Davidson College, whose term of office shall be two years, and they shall report annually to the Presbytery at the Stated Fall meetings.

2. *Commissioners to the General Assembly.*

Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be chosen at the Spring meeting of the Presbytery in the following manner:

Presbytery shall engage in prayer, after which nominations may be made, and the vote taken by ballot or viva voce.

The Stated Clerk shall keep on hand a list of the commissioners to the General Assembly from the Presbytery for the past ten years.

Commissioners shall send to the Presbytery through the Stated Clerk, a written report of their attendance upon the General Assembly. If the commissioner has failed to attend upon any of the sessions of the General Assembly he shall state it in his report together with his reason for such failure. This report shall be made in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly.

SECTION VIII.

DOCKETS

1. *For Spring Meeting.*
   1. Sermon by the retiring Moderator.
   2. Presbytery constituted with Prayer.
   3. Roll Call.
   4. Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerk.
   5. Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises.
   6. Reading of Unprinted Minutes.
   7. Appointment of Standing Committees:
      (1) Bills and Overtures.
      (2) Judiciary.
      (3) Minutes of Synod.
      (4) Records of Sessions.
      (5) Auditing.
      (6) Nominations.
      (7) Leave of Absence.
      (8) Records of Presbytery.
      (9) Resolutions.
   9. Communications.
   10. Reports of Special Committees and Commissions.
   11. Reports of Sessions referred:
      (1) Statistics.
      (2) Religious Education.
      (3) Narrative.
      (4) Woman's Work.
   12. Treasurer's Report.
   13. Stated Clerk's Report.
   14. Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.
   15. Report of Permanent Committees:
      (1) Home Missions.
      (2) Foreign Missions.
      (3) Religious Education.
      (4) Assembly's Home Missions.
      (5) Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.
      (6) Church Societies.

      (7) Stewardship.
      (8) Schools and Colleges.
      (9) Evangelism.
      (10) Historical.
      (11) Commission on Minister and His Work.
   16. Report of Standing Committees.
   17. Statistical Report to the General Assembly.
   18. Place of next meeting.
   19. Appointment of Committee on Devotional Exercises for Fall meeting.
   20. Report of the Committee on Resolutions.
   21. Reading and Approval of Minutes.
   22. Adjournment.
2. For the Stated Fall Meeting:
   1. Sermon by the retiring Moderator.
   2. Presbytery constituted with Prayer.
   3. Roll Call.
   4. Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerk.
   5. Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises.
   6. Reading of Unprinted Minutes.
   7. Appointment of Standing Committees.
      (1) Bills and Overtures.
      (2) Judiciary.
      (3) Records of Presbytery.
      (4) Minutes of the General Assembly.
      (5) Leave of Absence.
      (6) Nominations.
      (7) Resolutions.
   8. Communications.
   9. Reports of Special Committees and Commissions.
   10. Reports of Permanent Committees:
      (1) Home Missions.
      (2) Foreign Missions.
      (3) Religious Education.
      (4) Bible Cause.
      (6) Sabbath and Family Religion.
      (7) Stewardship.
      (8) Schools and Colleges.
      (9) Evangelism.
      (10) Commission on the Minister and His Work.
   11. Report of Standing Committee.
   12. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly.
   13. Reports of Trustees of Presbytery.

14. Reports of Trustees of Davidson College.
15. Place of next meeting.
16. Appointment of Committee on Devotional Exercises for Spring meeting.
17. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
18. Reading and approval of Minutes.
19. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1940.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms		Total Sabbath School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED											Pastors' Salaries		Other Funds Contributed			
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Confession	Added on Certificate	Whole No. Communicants	Adult	Infant		Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Paid Direct	Paid Indirect	Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																						2400				
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																										
R. D. Bedinger, S.H.M., Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																										
" S. S.	Canton, N. C.	Bethel	2	2	5		45	4			30	26	7	2	1	1	2	2	36	69	61	201		40				
G. F. Bell, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain*†	5	7	26	15	247	25	2	272	252	102	60	24	4	3	10	10	168	172	180	1825		585	12	2703	91
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	4	4	7	5	154	6	2	434	679	375	136	54	11	8	28	28	308	268	525	2500		1095			243
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.	First																									
Chas. B. Chapin, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*†	7	9	11	3	126	1	3	92	51	20	76	11	1	1	2	2	30	62	30	906		188		247	8
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
Vernon A. Crawford, F. M.	Nagoya, Japan																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																										
C. Grier Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	26	36	31	124	1310	8	13	874	2545	1168	3057	192	57	38	146	146	1493	1127	2727	6600		13103			1582
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	6	9	8	16	230	4	3	276	90	43	48	15	1	1	1	1	23	22	60	2400		946		800	152
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					9			30														20			
R. B. DuPree, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands*†	6	3	1	2	83		3	35	6	3	1	1			1	1	5	5	10	625	575	68		790	
J. A. Flanagan, P., S. C.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	2	5	5	6	70	3	2	51	65	29	96	17	1	1	3	3	44	117	57	875	715	370		316	73
" P.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison†	2				28			34	12	6	6	1	1		1	1	7	7	14	146	300	33			
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																										
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	14	16	26	43	365	16	5	252	97	70	151	23	6	2	6	6	75	91	100	2100		2209		1227	160
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	9	3	4	185		2	126	227	99	81	24	4	3	11	11	133	115	205	2039		589		2330	48
W. S. Hutchison, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	7	5	16	6	133	11	1	135	76	31	13	12	2	1	4	4	100	66	72	600	665	306	50	160	89
" P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	2	1	9	9	53	6		50	32	11	4	2	1	1		1	22	9	25	138		73		25	
Chas. M. Jones, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	7	12	10	15	191		2	85	96	49	27	8	2	1	6	6	64	43	106	1800		337	25	370	
O. C. Landrum	Haselwood, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
Ewell L. Nelson, P.	Stocksville, N. C.	Dillingham*†	4	3	10	5	102	8	3	120	26	12	5	5	1	1	2	2	14	12	30	500	1000	204		75	96
" P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park†	2	1	9	3	30	9		80	10	3	1	1	1		1	1	10	4	8	150		25			40
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	7	8	6	5	203	1	3	133	136	60	88	20	5	3	7	8	70	66	138	3000		880		893	83
H. L. Paisley, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	3	4		4	58		1	48	38	19	118	10	1	1	1	1	28	43	29	735	395	455			39
" P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	2	1		1	34			49	9	5	2	1	1	1	1		5	14	10	120	255	44			7
" P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	1	1	1	31	1		45	32	17	10	2	1	1	1	1	23	10	27	400		187		133	32
J. Clyde Plexico, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	15	20	21	47	477	15	8	513	200	80	33	13	4	3	11	10	94	67	187	2650		1702		2134	62
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
Jos. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
P. P. Thrower, P.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*†	2	4	3	8	56	1	2	49	35	22	9	12	1	1	3	3	286	18	50	800		255			40
" P.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville†	2	2	4	7	42	4		44	14	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	23	9	19	350		157		295	158
R. P. Walker, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	5	8	2	5	178	1	12	64	84	34	294	3	1	1	2	2	35	15	42	1800		532	94	194	96
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	9	16	8	38	537	3	2	236	837	401	180	72	20	13	50	50	1110	276	938	3000		3981			325
—33	Haselwood, N. C.	Haselwood*	5	8	31	14	134	30	5	179	20	18	8	3					12	3	14	770	1145	400		1430	6
Candidates—7	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak†	1	1	4		19	4		37	1										2	50		18			15
		—28	155	204	258	386	5139	161	74	4343	5700	2711	4514	529	129	87	301	301	4217	2710	5666	36080		28792	181	14122	3450

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Presbytery of Asheville

IN ITS

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SEMI - ANNUAL SESSION

CALL MEETING
JUNE 20, 1940

FALL MEETING
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HAZELWOOD, N. C.
OCTOBER 8-9, 1940

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator: Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, West Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk: Rev. P. P. Thrower, Bryson City, N. C.
Treasurer, Evangelist, and Superintendent of Home Missions: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. **Home Missions:** Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. C. Grier Davis, J. J. Conyers, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Dr. Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster.
2. **Foreign Missions:** Dr. H. L. Paisley, Chairman, Rev. George B. Hammond, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Dr. G. F. Bell, E. E. White, J. T. Fain, Herbert K. Caskey.
3. **Assembly's Home Missions:** Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chairman, Rev. S. R. Crockett, S. L. Woodward.
4. **Bible Cause:** Rev. R. B. DuPree, Chairman, J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
5. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:** Dr. R. P. Walker, Chairman, Dr. J. R. Sevier, G. C. Summerow.
6. **Religious Education:** Dr. H. B. Dendy, Chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. L. Nelson, Walter Abernathy, W. H. McMurray.
7. **Sabbath and Family Religion:** Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Chairman, Rev. W. P. Chedester, C. G. Grey.
8. **Church Societies:** Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chairman, E. J. Grissette, Frank Foster.
9. **Stewardship:** Dr. T. A. Painter, Chairman, Rev. Chas. M. Jones, Dr. Chas. B. Chapin, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Dr. G. F. Bell, Rev. P. N. Gresham, I. J. Archer, W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.
10. **Schools and Colleges:** Rev. [illegible], Chairman, Dr. K. J. Foreman, Rev. Chas. M. Jones, O. E. Starnes.
11. **Historical:** Rev. Ewell L. Nelson, Chairman, J. L. Gash.
12. **Commission on Minister and His Work:** Dr. R. F. Campbell (Fall, 1941), Chairman, Dr. T. A. Painter (Fall, 1943), Dr. G. F. Bell (Fall, 1941), Rev. P. P. Thrower (Fall, 1942), Elder S. L. Woodward (Fall, 1943), R. L. Prevost (Fall, 1942).
13. **Evangelism:** Dr. G. F. Bell, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. E. L. Nelson, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, ex-officio, Elders R. L. Crook, H. G. Love, R. J. Revely.
14. **Time and Place:** Stated Clerk, Chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Dr. R. P. Walker.

TRUSTEES

Trustees of Presbytery: W. H. McMurray, Theo. D. Morrison, Geo. H. Wright.
Trustees of Davidson College: Dr. R. C. Anderson (Spring, 1941), Ruffner Campbell (Spring, 1942).

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion: The Moderator.
Academic Studies: Dr. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages, Thesis, Popular Lecture: Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. Grier Davis.
Science: Dr. H. L. Paisley.
Philosophy: Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History: Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Rev. E. L. Nelson.
Sacraments: Dr. R. P. Walker, Rev. P. N. Gresham.
Church Government: Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. C. M. Jones.
English Bible: Dr. K. J. Foreman, Dr. G. F. Bell.
Theology: Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. T. A. Painter.

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CALLED MEETING

Montreat, N. C.

June 20, 1940.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Gaither Hall, Montreat, N. C., at 3:00 P.M., with Dr. K. J. Foreman, last Moderator present, presiding.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. H. L. Paisley.

The following members were present:

Ministers: R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, O. C. Landrum, E. L. Nelson, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, P. P. Thrower, R. P. Walker.

Elders: C. C. Lord, Montreat; W. B. Winchester, White Oak.

The following call was read, found in order, and is as follows:

The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet in Gaither Hall, Montreat, N. C., on Thursday, June 20, 1940, at 3:00 P.M., to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. To act on the request of the Rev. O. C. Landrum for a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Savannah.
2. To act on the request of Candidate John Robert Smith for a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.
3. Any other matters pertaining to the above actions.

Asheville, N. C. (Signed)

June 11, 1940. CHAS. B. CHAPIN, D.D., *Moderator.*

The Rev. O. C. Landrum was granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Savannah.

Candidate John Robert Smith was granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, with the following assigned parts for trial:

Thesis: God's Moral Law and Our Need of Grace.
Greek Exegesis: Romans 3:21-26.

Sermon: I. John 3:1-21.
Popular Lecture: Paul's Doctrine of Salvation in his first Letter to Timothy.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting, and prayer and the benediction by Dr. K. J. Foreman, Presbytery stood adjourned.

K. J. FOREMAN, *Moderator.*
J. A. FLANAGAN, *Stated Clerk.*

STATED MEETING

Hazelwood, N. C.

October 8, 1940.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church, Hazelwood, N. C., Tuesday morning, October 8, at 11:00 o'clock, in its stated fall session.

Following the opening worship service a timely and stimulating sermon was brought by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D.D., on the topic, "In What Respect Is The Apostolic Church A Model For The Church Today?"

At the conclusion of the preaching service, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. A. Flanagan, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Geo. B. Hammond, E. L. Nelson, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. Clyde Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, P. P. Thrower, R. P. Walker. Total 21.

Elders: Asheville, First, S. R. McKee; Black Mountain, E. E. White (2); Bryson City, J. A. Gray; Canton, L. B. Barlow; Dillingham, E. E. Jarrett; Franklin, Geo. E. Brown; Hazelwood, L. C. Davis; Kenilworth, J. J. Stone; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Morrison, J. J. Gray; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Robbinsville, J. W. Johnson; Swannanoa, S. F. Davidson; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, Ben. H. Evans; West Asheville, Frank Foster; White Oak, M. V. Jenkins. Total 17.

The Rev. J. Clyde Plexico was elected Moderator by acclamation, and the Rev. P. P. Thrower, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee on the Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises

Hours of Services: Tuesday, 11:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., 7:30 P.M. adjourn at will; Wednesday, 9:15 A.M. to 9:30 P.M., devotional, 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 M., business. 11:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., 12:45 P.M., adjourn at will.

Special Orders of the Day: Tuesday, 3:00 P.M., Setewardship Committee's Report; Address by Mr. Curry B. Hearn; 7:30 P.M., Popular Meeting; Foreign Mission Committee; Address by Dr. A. P. Hassell, Kobe, Japan; Wednesday, 9:00 A.M., Devotional Service, led by Dr. R. F. Campbell; 11:00 A.M., Presbyterial Sermon, Rev. C. Grier Davis; Communion Service, conducted by Rev. Ewell L. Nelson and Rev. Chas. M. Jones, assisted by the following elders: Frank Foster, S. R. McKee, R. L. Prevost, Ben. H. Evans; 4:30 P.M., Reception of Candidates.

DR. R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman,*
MR. G. S. SUMMEROW,
REV. J. A. FLANAGAN,
Program Committee.

The minutes of the called meeting were read and ordered printed.

Communications were received and the following disposition made of them:

1. Letter from Dr. H. H. Sweets relative to ministers eligible for membership in the M.A.F. Referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

2. Proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order. Referred to Committee on Bills and Overtures.

3. Pamphlet from Elder Tom Glasgow. Referred to Committee on Bills and Overtures.

4. Report of Dr. T. A. Painter as Commissioner to General Assembly. Report received and Dr. Painter commended for his diligence.

5. A resolution from the Home Mission Committee as to nominee for membership in Committee. Referred to Committee on Nominations.

6. Resignation of Rev. J. A. Flanagan as pastor of the Franklin and Morrison Churches and request for transfer. The resignation was accepted, the pastoral relations between Mr. Flanagan and the Franklin and Morrison Churches was dissolved as of Oct. 15, 1940, a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of South Carolina was granted, and following many expressions of appreciation and regret at the action, the Moderator was instructed to write a letter of commendation to the Presbytery of South Carolina.

7. Resignation of Rev. J. A. Flanagan as Stated Clerk. This was accepted by the Presbytery and the Committee on Nominations instructed to suggest a successor.

Dr. A. P. Hassell, of the Presbytery of East Hanover, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. G. B. Hammond was added to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for this session of the Presbytery. Recess was taken until 1:30 P.M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P.M., and was led in prayer by Dr. H. B. Dendy.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Standing Committees, Asheville Presbytery

1. **Bills and Overtures:** Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D.D., Chairman; Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. G. F. Bell, Dr. H. L. Paisley, Mr. R. L. Prevost.
2. **Judiciary:** Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chairman; Dr. R. P. Walker, Mr. Geo. E. Brown.
3. **Records of the Presbytery:** Mr. E. L. Nelson, Chairman; Mr. C. B. Ratchford.
4. **Minutes of the General Assembly:** Rev. T. A. Painter, Chairman; Rev. W. P. Chedester.
5. **Leave of Absence:** Dr. H. B. Dendy, Chairman; Mr. J. W. Johnson.
6. **Nominations:** Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Chairman; Rev. P. N. Gresham, Mr. Frank Foster, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Mr. Candler Morgan.
7. **Resolutions:** Dr. K. J. Foreman, Chairman.

The Committee on Religious Education made the following report, which was adopted, with recommendations, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Religious Education

This has been an encouraging year for the forces of Religious Education. Remembering that more than 75 percent of those added to the Church on Confession of Faith come through the Sunday School, and that more than 25,000 have been added to the Church during the year of the Evangelistic Crusade, we rejoice in the part that Religious Education has taken in this great achievement. But there are other achievements for which we are grateful, and we call to your attention the increase in Vacation Bible Schools and in enrollment; to the increase in outpost Sunday Schools, from 549 to 634, and an increase in enrollment from 33,433 to 40,921; to the increase in credits issued in the Leadership Education Division; to the increase in the circulation figures of literature used; to the increase in gifts for this department of the work. In almost every department there have been encouraging reports.

Mr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., Regional Director for Arkansas-Missouri, is the newly elected Director of Men's Work for the Assembly.

The Rev. J. M. Carr has been assigned by the Field Council to the Synod of Appalachia, and we rejoice in his coming.

Summer Workers: During the summer Miss Agnes Williams, of Montreat College, did a splendid work in the Presbytery, assisting in Vacation Bible Schools and summer conferences. We are indebted also to the Rev. R. B. DuPree for his efficient service in the Vacation Bible School at Mills River, and to Miss M. A. Hudson for her splendid work in the Bible School at Hazelwood.

Vacation Bible Schools: Our records show the largest number of schools ever held in the Presbytery, 18 schools being held with an enrollment of 1,151 pupils and 132 volunteer workers, in school for an average of 2¾ hours each day for an average of 10½ days at a cost of $139.00. This compares most favorably with last year's record of 13 schools with an enrollment of 911 and 80 workers. In addition to these schools, Vacation Schools were sponsored for the colored children by the First Church, Asheville, the Kenilworth Church, the Weaverville Church and the Bryson City Church, with an enrollment of more than 200.

Conferences: This year three conferences were held in the Presbytery at Montreat, N. C., June 17-22, with 65 delegates and 14 leaders in attendance at the Intermediate Conference, 68 delegates and 16 leaders in the Senior Fellowship Group, and 12 delegates

at the Ministers' Conference. Dr. J. B. Green, of Columbia Seminary, brought a series of most helpful lectures on "Theological Preaching." In addition to these groups there were 14 representatives at the Synodical Leadership Conference held in Tusculum College, July 1-6. A special camp was held for the Dillingham-Weaverville group of churches with 75 in attendance. Three rallies have been held for the young people. Mr. Murphy Wilds, of Hendersonville, is the President of the League for the current year.

Recommendations:

1. That our Presbytery, through its churches and leaders, make a definite effort to establish outpost Sunday Schools in neglected areas of the Presbytery, taking into account especially suburban districts and industrial areas.

2. That our churches, sessions and pastors seek to conserve the results of the Evangelistic Crusade by the training of leaders for a more active participation in the work of the Church and the evangelistic effort.

3. That, in order to establish the Family Altar in every home, some definite plans be made that a wider distribution of the devotional quarterly, Day-By-Day, or some other devotional material, may be had.

4. That we give to the Rev. J. M. Carr, newly elected Director for the Synod of Appalachia, our whole-hearted co-operation and earnest support in the development of a greater Religious Educational work in our Presbytery.

5. That we approve the holding of an Intermediate and Senior Fellowship Conference at Montreat next year.

6. That we appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed $100.00, to help defray the expenses of a summer worker for 1941, this money to come from the funds of the Committee on Religious Education.

REV. J. A. FLANAGAN, *Chairman.*

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Superintendent of Home Missions, spoke informally of the work being done in the Presbytery and the prospects for the future development of the work.

Dr. H. L. Paisley, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the report of his committee, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Foreign Missions Committee

General Conditions:

The Executive Committee reports that there has been little change in the general condition prevailing in our several mission fields since last spring. The Belgian Congo continues to function as a colony of Belgium despite the fact that the mother country has fallen under Hitler's control.

In the Far East our mission work continues despite the fact that Japan, under its military regime, has moved farther in the direction of totalitarianism and is vigorously purging foreign influence.

Probably the most serious handicap at present is in facilities for travel to and from the fields; particularly in the case of Africa.

Men For Missions Movement:

A notable gathering of the Men of the Church took place at Montreat during the Foreign Mission Conference period. The information imparted and the enthusiasm engendered there will doubtless have a far-reaching effect upon the Spiritual Life of our Church. They declared that a five-fold emergency confronts our Church:

1. A low ebb in gifts to Foreign Missions. (Less than one-half of what they were 12 years ago).

2. An aging missionary force. (Now 140 less than 15 years ago; with replacements desperately needed).

3. The necessity for helping the 4,000 stranded European missionaries to the extent of $50,000, co-operating with other Mission Boards.

4. A debt of $176,000. Greatly retarding aggressive work.

5. The greatest opportunity for fruitful service in the history of missions.

There was formed in the heart of many men the purpose to do something about these emergencies, and the slogan, "$1,000,000 For Foreign Missions In The Year Ending March 31st 1941," may be realized.

New Missionaries:

One of the most inspiring features of the Laymen's Missionary Convention was the commissioning of nine young recruits for the Mission Fields, and setting forth, by a selected number of them, their reasons for going to their respective fields.

Nineteen have sailed since April 1, and several more will follow within the next few weeks.

Despite this, the Executive Committee indicates the urgent need

of additional reinforcements from the best in quality and calibre of our young men and women; calling attention to the fact that 16 have recently been lost through retirement, death of serious illness, thus reducing to a minimum the net gain.

Finances:

It is gratifying to report a gain in receipts over the preceding year of $8,228.28. However, this affords little cause for complacency when we reflect that the receipts for the preceding year were unusually low and were far below what they were 12 years ago.

Missionary Visitor:

Your Committee is happy to state that arrangements have been made with the Executive Committee for us to have the services of the Rev. A. P. Hassell, D.D., for an itinerary in our Presbytery, beginning today and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 27. The fact that he is a member of our Mission to Japan and that he is fully conversant with problems and conditions there makes his visit now most timely. We bespeak for him an attentive hearing.

We Recommend:

1. That all pastors be urged to hold, with great earnestness, the missionary responsibility before their people.

2. That church organizations make the largest possible use of the Special Joint Mission Study Period, Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 1941, conducting study classes and Schools of Missions.

3. That all churches observe Feb. 2-9, 1941, as Week of Prayer and Self-denial for Foreign and Home Missions, and that arrangement be made for supplemental offerings in the churches, having in mind that only one offering for both causes calls for special liberality.

4. That our self-sustaining churches be urged to consider their obligation and privilege to assume the full or partial support of a Foreign Missionary, and that our Home Mission Churches consider their privilege and responsibility of assuming a share or shares in a Foreign Mission Station.

REV. H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Bible Cause had no report.

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion reported that its report was made at the spring meeting.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges made its report, which was received, and the following recommendation adopted:

Committee on Schools and Colleges

Recommendation:

That Montreat College be commended to the churches for contributions and patronage, and that the fine advantages of the college be called to the attention of girls who can use this institution to advantage.

E. L. NELSON, *Chairman.*

In connection with this report, Presbytery heard with pleasure Dr. R. C. Anderson on Montreat College and Dr. K. J. Foreman on Davidson College.

Dr. Anderson made his report as Trustee of Davidson College, was commended for his diligence, and excused from further attendance upon this meeting of the Presbytery.

Dr. H. B. Dendy reported his attendance at the meeting of the General Assembly and that of Mr. R. E. Burton. They were commended for their diligence and their reports received.

Attention was called by Dr. Dendy, as a special representative of Synod, to the laxness of ministers and elders in their attendance upon these courts. The Stated Clerk was empowered and authorized to send a letter to ministers and sessions regarding their attendance, noting that cognizance had been taken of this matter in these courts.

The Trustees of the Presbytery had no report to make. The Nominating Committee was asked to consider advisability of having a permanent Committee on Time and Place.

The Stewardship Committee, through its chairman, Dr. T. A. Painter, made its report, which was adopted, as amended, and is as follows:

Report of the Stewardship Committee

Your Committee would report as follows:

I. We desire to strongly emphasize the following recommendations of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Stewardship and Finance:

1. That this Assembly reaffirm the action of the last Assembly

asking that our Church give special emphasis to stewardship during the church year upon which we are entering.

2. That we endeavor to make our emphasis on stewardship during this year such as will lead to right habits of stewardship, thinking, and action through the years to come.

3. That in this year it be our general purpose to increase the understanding and practice of the principles of stewardship, by increasing the dissemination of information concerning the needs and goals of the various phases of the work of the Church, by inspiring our people to the use of the tithe as the standard of giving, and by striving to intensify a sense of God's sovereign ownership and His graciousness to us as a motive in our giving.

4. That for the attainment of the above purpose the Assembly suggest:

a. That ministers carefully study the book, "Save Money," by Versteeg.

b. That ministers direct a church-wide study of stewardship through sermons and group discussions, concentrating on the study of stewardship in October, using the book, "This World's Goods," by Simpson.

c. That pastors and church officers make an earnest attempt (1) to help people to make their giving a part of their worship, and (2) to develop that spiritual understanding and quality of life that makes giving a joy.

d. That those responsible make a careful preparation in February and March for the Every Member Canvass in March.

e. That our whole Church be called to consider the matter of giving in a spirit of prayer and with a steady purpose to glorify God.

f. That in view of the tragic world situation that has thrown the chief support of Protestantism and its causes throughout the world upon the churches in America; in view of the fact that Christ made His Church on earth His agent for the propagation of the Gospel; and in view of the many independent religious movements and institutions that are deriving their support from the membership of the Church, this General Assembly challenge its members to a new sense of loyalty to the great Head of the Church in giving first consideration to the needs of Christ's Kingdom as expressed in the approved institutions and agencies of our Church.

5. That Sunday, March 16, 1941, be observed as Every Member Canvass Sunday when every Church shall endeavor to lead each member to record his plans for giving to the work of the Master during the year by pledging an amount commensurate with other expenditures.

6. That Sunday, March 30, 1941, be designated as Pay-Up Day when all members are urged to complete the payment of pledges so that the money may reach the agencies before the books are closed.

II. With regard to the action of Presbytery, instructing this Committee "to reconsider the whole matter of the handling of the quotas and the percentages sent down to the churches, and the matter of reporting on the statistical blanks the items for the Builders' League, the R. P. Smith Fund, the placing of Union and Louisville Seminaries, Montreat and King College under head of "Educational Institutions" (see "Paper M") quote:

"Resolved, That our Committee on Stewardship be asked seriously to consider for the year 1941-42:

1. Ordering contributions to the Builders' League and to the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund to be reported under Presbytery's Home Missions and Orphans' Home respectively.

2. Placing Union and Louisville Seminaries with Montreat and King College under the head of Educational Institutions and assigning them a percentage in the Benevolence Budget.

3. Making the percentage of the total benevolences assigned to the Assembly causes correspond to the proportionate amount of the total funds for benevolences assigned to Assembly Causes."

We recommend:

a. On Sessional Reports, gifts to the Builders' League be reported under Presbytery's Home Missions and gifts to the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund under Orphans' Home; but that these specials are not to count either on the Church Budget or the Presbytery's budget for benevolences.

b. That we include in the budget .7 percent for Union Theological Seminary and .3 percent for Louisville Seminary.

c. That we accept $14,000 as Asheville Presbytery's quota for Assembly's Causes, and make our percentages conform to the proportion of the whole askings which the sum represents.

d. That we reaffirm the action taken by Presbytery in April, 1935, as follows:

1. All designated contributions, from whatever source they may come, are to go to the causes designated by the donors.

2. When and if the designated contributions to any cause from any church or its organizations shall equal or exceed the percent assigned to that cause in the percentage table adopted by the Presbytery, that cause shall receive no more from the undesignated funds of that church or its organizations until the other benevolent causes shall have received the percent assigned to them in the percentage table. This shall not apply to contributions of individuals except with the consent of the donors.

e. In view of the fact that Presbytery's Home Missions has relinquished 4 percent of its budget in recent years, and in view of extra costs for Annuity payments, and further, in view of the necessity for an expansive work in opening new fields, we recommend a special appeal and offering each year for this cause at such time as the Home Missions Committee shall designate.

f. We recommend that the regular Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphans' Home—as well as the other special offerings—be loyally taken and strongly stressed.

g. That all our churches stress the Every Member Canvass actively and earnestly, laying the emphasis there, rather than waiting for specials, and make every effort to reach the full quota for benevolences assigned; and to that end that a series of group stewardship conferences be held in the Presbytery preparatory to the Every Member Canvass.

h. In view of the success of Presbytery's Committee on King College Debt Campaign in buying up $12,750 at a saving to the Presbytery of $3,500 on its quota permitting the lowering of existing quotas, we offer the following resolution:

That the churches whose quotas have not been reached be requested to expend every energy to pay up their quotas, and the interest on the unpaid balance be apportioned among the churches as follows:

The interest amounts for King College pro-rated to the nearest dollar are as follows:

Asheville First	$227.00	Kenilworth	12.00
Black Mountain	7.00	Montreat	18.00
Brevard	11.00	Murphy	1.00
Canton	6.00	Morrison	1.00
Dillingham	2.00	Waynesville	12.00
Hayesville	1.00	Weaverville	8.00
Hazelwood	2.00	White Oak	1.00
Highlands	9.00	West Asheville	15.00
Ivy Park	1.00		
Hendersonville	44.00	Total	$378.00

i. That present quotas be accepted and that the Stewardship Committee be instructed to confer with church sessions in order that just apportionment may be reached and that the amount not accepted be left as unapportioned quotas.

III. Percentages and Quotas: We recommend that with the changes noted above the percentages and quotas stand as follows:

Total Budget ——— $28,000.00
Assembly's Causes — $14,000.00

	(Present %)	50%	(New %)		Assembly's Percentages	
Foreign Missions	25.0%		26.0%		52-1/3%	
Assem. Home Mis.	12.0%		14.0%		27-2/3%	
C.E. & M.R.	5.0%		6.5%		13%	
Rel. Ed. & Pub.	2.0%		2.4%		4½%	
Assem. Tr. School	.6%		.6%		1½%	
Bible Cause	.4%	50%	.5%	50%	1%	100%
Synod's Causes 10%						
King College	5.0%		7.0%			
Synod's H.M.	1.5%		1.0%			
Rel. Ed. Syn. or Pres.	1.5%		1.0%			
Union Th. Sem.			.7%			
Louisville Sem.			.3%	10%		
Presbytery's Causes 40%						
Presb. H.M.	28.0%		25.0%			
Mountain Orph.	14.0%		10.0%			
Montreat College	5.0%		5.0%	40%		
	100.0%		100.0%			

Quotas:			
Asheville First	$13,000.00	Oak Forest	200.00
Hendersonville	4,000.00	Andrews	150.00
Montreat	2,000.00	Hazelwood	200.00
Kenilworth	1,200.00	Murphy	175.00
West Asheville	1,000.00	Bethel	140.00
Canton	900.00	Dillingham	125.00
Black Mountain	750.00	Etowah	125.00
Bre. Dav. River	750.00	Highlands	125.00
Weaverville	750.00	Robbinsville	100.00
Swannanoa	650.00	Morrison	90.00
Waynesville	600.00	Hayesville	45.00
Franklin	300.00	Ivy Park	45.00
Mills River	300.00	White Oak	30.00
Bryson City	250.00	Total	$28,000.00

	Church Membership	Last Apportionment	45%	New Apportionment
Bethel	45	$ 107.00	$ 108.00	$ 140.00
Black Mountain	247	375.00	1,084.00	750.00
Montereat	154	1,952.00	1,618.00	2,000.00
Oak Forest	126	107.00	492.00	200.00
Asheville First	1,310	14,240.00	8,866.00	13,000.00
Weaverville	230	447.00	1,506.00	750.00
Highlands	83	107.00	312.00	125.00
Franklin	70	259.00	560.00	300.00
Morrison	28	81.00	80.00	90.00
Kenilworth	365	536.00	1,940.00	1,200.00
Canton	185	721.00	1,183.00	900.00
Mills River	133	267.00	408.00	300.00
Etowah	53	91.00	95.00	125.00
Brevard - Davidson	191	589.00	957.00	750.00
Dillingham	102	107.00	317.00	125.00
Ivy Park	39	28.00	70.00	45.00
Swannanoa	203	429.00	1,296.00	650.00
Murphy	58	107.00	536.00	175.00
Hayesville	34	38.00	74.00	45.00
Andrews	31	81.00	264.00	150.00
West Asheville	477	693.00	2,060.00	1,000.00
Bryson City	56	187.00	475.00	250.00
Robbinsville	42	————	228.00	100.00
Waynesville	178	483.00	1,050.00	600.00
Hendersonville	537	3,753.00	3,140.00	4,000.00

Hazelwood	134	161.00	527.00	200.00
White Oak	19	33.00	30.00	30.00
				$28,000.00

Pending the adoption of the report, Presbytery heard with pleasure and profit, Mr. Curry B. Hearn, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Assembly, on the subject, "Stewardship."

The Presbytery, by a rising vote, expressed its appreciation to Mr. Hearn.

Dr. G. F. Bell presented the Benevolent Budget of the Presbytery for the Committee.

Dr. R. F. Campbell spoke informally of the King College debt situation.

The special order of the day having arrived, Presbytery deferred action on the Stewardship Committee's report, and turned to the matter of receiving Candidates Benjamin Hoyt Evans and Edward Brunson Whitson under the care of the Presbytery as Candidates for the Gospel ministry. The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief recommended the reception of these candidates, who were examined by their pastors, the former being examined by Dr. H. B. Dendy, and the latter by Rev. P. N. Gresham, on their experimental religion and their motives for seeking the Gospel ministry.

These examinations being sustained as satisfactory and having answered in the affirmative the questions in the Book of Church Order, they were received under the care of the Presbytery and enrolled as Candidates of the Gospel ministry. A solemn charge was given by Dr. R. F. Campbell, and prayer was offered by Dr. R. P. Walker.

Mrs. Ben. H. Evans, mother of one of the candidates, was introduced to the Presbytery.

Following prayer by Mr. Frank Foster, Presbytery took recess until 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY EVENING

Presbytery met again at 7:30 o'clock and engaged in a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions, with Dr. H. L. Paisley presiding.

After a brief worship service, Presbytery heard with deep appreciation a stimulating and inspiring address by Dr. A. P. Hassell, Missionary to Japan.

Following this service, Presbytery stood adjourned until Wednesday morning. The closing prayer was offered by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Presbytery reconvened at 9:15 o'clock and engaged with profit in a helpful devotional service led by Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Presbytery took up again the consideration of the Stewardship Committee's report, concluding the matter after extending the time for the special order of the day.

Following a short recess, Presbytery heard the Rev. C. Grier Davis in the Presbyterial Sermon on the subject, "The Crisis Of Character."

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed, with the Rev. C. B. Ratchford and Rev. Ewell L. Nelson administering the elements, assisted by the following elders: R. L. Prevost, Frank Foster, Ben. H. Evans, and S. R. McKee.

A memorial to Rev. W. S. Hutchison was given by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, as follows:

In Memoriam

Rev. W. S. Hutchison, the beloved pastor of the Mills River and Etowah Presbyterian Churches, died in an Asheville hospital on Friday afternoon, May 31. For more than a year he had been in declining health. During the winter and spring he suffered two attacks of influenza, which so depleted his strength that he was unable to resist an acute attack of the disease which finally laid him low.

An enormous crowd, four times the capacity of the church building, attended the funeral services at Mills River. Dr. R. F. Campbell, chairman of the Home Mission Committee; Dr. R. D. Bedinger, superintendent of Home Missions; Dr. L. T. Wilds, member of the Home Mission Committee, and Rev. Dumont Clarke conducted the services.

Mr. Hutchison was a son of S. J. and Rebecca McCullough Hutchison, and was born in York County, near Rock Hill, S. C. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with the degrees of A.B. and M.A.; and from Columbia Theological Seminary with the degree of B.D. He entered the ministry late in life, having been a school teacher for some 15 years.

In 1917 he was installed as pastor of the Mills River and Oakdale Presbyterian Churches. Two and a half years later this relationship was dissolved, in order that he might become assistant superintendent of Home Missions in Asheville Presbytery under the Rev. R. P. Smith. He served efficiently and devotedly in this capacity until October, 1922, when he accepted a call to the Mills River and Davidson River Churches. Sometime later, with the organization of the Etowah Presbyterian Church, he became its pastor, resigning from the Davidson River Church. Thus for 23 years, his entire ministry, he served in Asheville Presbytery. He was greatly beloved in Henderson and Transylvania Counties by people of all denominations, and by those who had no church affiliations. His place will be hard to fill.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie Ratchford Hutchison, of Sharon, S. C.; a sister, Mrs. J. L. Capps, of Charlotte, N. C.; and two brothers, Banks Hutchison, of Rock Hill, S. C., and C. S. Hutchison, of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Hutchison served faithfully and efficiently as a member of the Home Mission Committee, and also of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. Our Presbytery has lost a great Christian brother, a diligent presbyter, and a tender, loving shepherd of His flock. We extend to all his loved ones and to the members of his churches our loving sympathy and prayers in this time of sad bereavement.

The invitation of the Mountain Orphanage, through the Rev. J. H. Gruver, for the spring meeting of the Presbytery was accepted. The Rev. J. H. Gruver, Dr. G. F. Bell and the Stated Clerk were made the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Evangelism made its report, which

was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Evangelism

Your Committee on Evangelism is glad to report that in our whole Assembly last year there were 25,513 additions to the Church on confession of faith as compared with 21,268 the year before—a notable increase of 20 percent. In Asheville Presbytery the additions on confession of faith have increased from 156 in 1937 to 178 in 1938, to 238 in 1939, to 258 in 1940—a steady rise.

It is most desirable that we continue renewed emphasis on Evangelism as the fundamental, God-given mission of the Church and a constant conscious alertness of endeavor to reach out to seek and save the lost in Christ's name. The prime function of Christianity is to lead souls to a new birth through the blessing of God's Spirit on His Word and to train them in consecrated Christian allegiance and responsibility in all phases of daily living.

The urgency of these obligations to our divine Lord is reinforced by the ominous and heart-searching perils of the present day, when ungodly, idolatrous, self-deifying powers are directing a vicious assault on every principle, purpose, and spiritual value for which Christianity stands. The ruthless zeal of the enemy should arouse new and devoted zeal in us in behalf of Christ and earnest, purposeful, prayerful, and constant Gospel evangelism.

We should note in passing that there are still more than a thousand churches in the Assembly not reporting a single accession on confession in a year. Four of these are in our Presbytery.

We Recommend:

1. The earnest continuance of the evangelistic campaign on the part of the whole of each congregation, through preaching, teaching, and personal work, in connection with the regular services and through special meetings.

2. The use of outpost campaigning by means of religious education and evangelistic preaching.

3. The steadfast use of communion seasons in appealing to the unconverted and the organization of communicants' classes among the youth of responsible age.

4. Faithful efforts to revive church attendance and Sunday evening preaching services.

5. Every aggressive effort to persuade non-resident church members to become active members where they are living.

6 The constant use of prospect prayer lists by pastors and others.

7. Fervent evangelistic outlook and effort at all seasons, with special emphasis either this fall or during the January-March period, in connection with the regular services and through special meetings.

8. The stressing of the need for continued, honest, and heart-searching repentance in our present-day preaching.

9. Much individual and united prayer and humble seeking for the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit in this work.

10. Stressing consecrated and conscientious Christian stewardship and witness as an essential proof of true conversion in church members and new converts.

11. The prayerful seeking of an ingathering before March 31.

12. The sympathetic study of Report No. V. recently issued by our Assembly's Committee on Evangelism, and the suggestions for doctrinal preaching contained in it.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work made the following report, which was approved, as follows:

Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work

The Commission reports that it has had the cases of only two groups of churches before it.

1. The Hazelwood, Bethel, and White Oak Group. The Commission has had three conferences with the representatives of this group, but has been unable thus far to secure a pastor.

2. The Mills River and Etowah Group. Permission was granted to the Mills River Church to engage Rev. E. B. Clary as Stated Supply for six months.

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., was permitted to act as Temporary Supply of the Etowah Church and to call upon Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford to assist him in supplying the pulpit until a pastor can be secured.

3. In regard to the matter of the ministers and churches entering the Ministers' Annuity Fund, the Commission will endeavor to cooperate with all ministers and churches in seeking to enlist them in this fund.

REV. R. F. CAMPBELL, D.D., *Chairman.*

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would report that two

papers have come into its hands:

1. A pamphlet published by Elder Tom Glasgow. We recommend that no action be taken.

2. Two amendments to the Book of Church Order adopted by the last General Assembly and sent down to the Presbytery for their consideration. We recommend their approval.

REV. CHAS. B. CHAPIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Records of the Presbytery made its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The members of your Committee have examined the records of Presbytery and find them essentially correct and orderly in arrangement. We wish to commend the Stated Clerk for his diligence in this service.

Respectfully submitted:
E. L. NELSON, *Chairman.*
C. B. RATCHFORD.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly

Your Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly begs to report: We have examined the Minutes of the 1940 Assembly and find nothing to report that has not been brought before the Presbytery through the permanent committees.

REV. T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*
REV. W. P. CHEDESTER.

The Leave of Absence Committee had no report.

The elder from the Montreat Church and Rev. Chas. M. Jones were excused from attendance at this meeting of the Presbytery.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis was asked to furnish the material from his sermon for the church papers.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations

Your Committee makes the following report:

1. That the Rev. Paul P. Thrower be the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery for the coming three years.

2. That Mr. Oren Lancaster replace Rev. W. S. Hutchison on the Home Mission Committee.

3. That Dr. H. B. Dendy replace Rev. J. A. Flanagan on the Religious Education Committee as its Chairman.

4. That Rev. C. B. Ratchford replace Rev. J. C. Plexico as Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

5. That Rev. P. N. Gresham take the place of Rev. W. S. Hutchison as Chairman of the Historical Committee.

6. That on the Committee on EXAMINATION, Rev. C. Grier Davis replace Rev. J. A. Flanagan on the Committee on Languages, THESIS + POPULAR LECTURE; THAT REV. J. C. Plexico replace Rev. W. S. Hutchison on the Committee on CHURCH GOVERNMENT; and Rev. K. J. Foreman, D.D., replace Rev. W. S. Hutchison on the Committee on English Bible.

7. That a Committee on TIME AND Place be appointed with the following members: The Stated Clerk, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Chairman; Rev. P. N. Gresham, and ELDER R.N. WALKUP.

8. That the Presbyterial Sermon for the spring meeting be delivered by Dr. R. C. Anderson with a subject of his own choosing. Alternate, Rev. T. A. Painter.

Rev. J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

By a rising vote, Presbytery adopted the report of the Resolutions Committee:

Committee on Resolutions

Resolutions of Asheville Presbytery on concluding the meeting in the Hazelwood Church, Oct. 9, 1940.

"To the congregation and the community whose sacrifices and co-operation are building this house of worship; to the members and friends of the Church, especially the ladies whose hospitality has been shown in skillful hands and open homes; above all to God, whose glory shines in stars and mountains and whose grace is revealed in the goodness of His people, the members of the Presbytery offer the gratitude of remembering hearts."

KENNETH J. FOREMAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was also adopted by a rising vote:

Resolution

"That Presbytery express to the elder who has so generously and unselfishly underwritten the purchase of the bonds of King College for the Presbytery, our sincere appreciation, and assure him that his confidence has not been misplaced."

Following the singing of one verse from "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery stood adjourned, to meet again at the Mountain Orphanage, Tuesday, April 22, 1941, at 11:00 A.M.

J. Clyde Plexico, *Moderator.*
J. A. Flanagan, *Stated Clerk.*
P. P. Thrower, *Temporary Clerk.*

This is the official copy of the minutes of Asheville Presbytery -
Paul P. Thrower
Stated Clerk

Examined by Synod Sept. 16, 1942, and approved with the exception that the Commission on the Minister and His Work is treated only as a reporting committee. (B.C.O., Par. 92)

Robt. King Moderator.

MINUTES

OF THE

Presbytery of Asheville

IN ITS

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SEMI-ANNUAL
SESSION

CALLED MEETINGS

December 2, 1940 January 20, 1941
March 20, 1941

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SPRING MEETING

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
APRIL 22-23, 1941

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
December 2, 1940.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:00 A.M., with Rev. J. C. Plexico, Moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer was made by Dr. C. B. Chapin.

Rev. G. B. Hammond was asked to serve as Clerk, in the absence of the Stated Clerk.

The following members were present:

Ministers: J. C. Plexico, J. H. Gruver, G. F. Bell, T. A. Painter, R. D. Bedinger, G. B. Hammond, P. N. Gresham, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Walker, C. B. Chapin, Paul P. Thrower.

Elders: H. C. Lindsley and R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; Frank Foster, West Asheville.

The Rev. R. Frederick Brown, D. D., of Winchester Presbytery, was invited to sit as a visiting minister.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet at the church-house of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Monday, December 2, 1940, to transact the following business, if the way be clear: 1. To accept the resignation of Rev. R. P. Walker, D. D., as pastor of the Waynesville church. 2. To grant Dr. Walker a letter of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery. 3. To act upon any other business resulting from the moving of Dr. Walker.

Asheville, N. C.
November 19, 1940.

Signed:
J. C. Plexico, *Moderator.*"

A letter from the Waynesville church was then read by Mr. Lindsley, clerk of session, stating the church had held a duly called meeting of the congregation, December 1, 1940, with Rev. W. M. Fairley, D. D., visiting minister,

and that the church concurred with Dr. Walker's request that his resignation be accepted and that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation. The following resolution was adopted by the congregation: "Our congregation, having been requested by our Pastor, Dr. R. P. Walker, to join him in a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, does so; and in doing thus, the Presbyterian Church of Waynesville wishes to express its deep appreciation for the service its pastor has rendered. He has been faithful in word and deed, in pulpit ministration and in our homes. Our best wishes and prayers go with him to his new field of labor."

The resignation was accepted and Dr. Walker granted a letter of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A motion was made and carried that the vacancies on committees made by Dr. Walker's leaving be put into the hands of the Nominating Committee with power to act upon the same.

After words of appreciation for the fine Christian character of Dr. Walker and his good work, and regret of his leaving by the Revs. Hammond, Bell, Campbell and Gresham, Presbytery voted to send a special letter stating the same to the session and the Presbytery to which he went.

Presbytery voted to adjourn. The closing prayer was led by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

J. C. Plexico, *Moderator.*
Paul P. Thrower, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
January 20, 1941.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a called meeting, at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Monday, January 20, 1941, 2:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D. D., last moderator present. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

The following members were present:

Ministers: Chas. B. Chapin, R. F. Campbell, C. Grier Davis, R. D. Bedinger, H. B. Dendy, Geo. B. Hammond, P. N. Gresham and Paul P. Thrower.

Elders: S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. T. Bailey, Canton; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; R. N. Walkup and D. M. Tate, West Asheville; W. H. McMurray and O. L. Merchant, visitors from the Swannanoa Church.

The following visiting ministers were present: Dr. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, and member of Holston Presbytery; and Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin, of Montgomery Presbytery. These were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The call was read and found in order, and is as follows: "The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet at 2:00 P. M., Monday, January 20, in the church-house of the First Church, Asheville. The purpose is to consider the King College debt and any matters pertaining thereto.

Jan. 10, 1941.

Clyde Plexico, *Moderator.*"

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of King College Campaign Committee, was asked to present Dr. Johnston to the Presbytery. Dr. Johnston gave a very encouraging report of the present year of King College. He then presented the debt situation of the college. Dr. Johnston presented a plan of refinancing the debt whereby the college could be saved $6,000.

The following motion was made by Dr. H. B. Dendy and seconded: "That the balance, approximately $8,000, of the unpaid indebtedness on the bonds of King College, purchased by Mr. J. T. Bailey, be refinanced in the same manner as the other outstanding bonds of King College, if the way be clear."

After considerable discussion on the question of King College and its indebtedness, the motion was carried.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Chas. B. Chapin, *Moderator.*
Paul P. Thrower, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
March 20, 1941.

The Asheville Presbytery met in a called meeting in the West Asheville Church at 11 A. M., March 20, 1941, with the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Plexico in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. L. Nelson.

Ministers: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. B. DuPree, Rev. E. L. Nelson, and Rev. J. C. Plexico.

Elders: F. S. Foster, S. L. McCarty, Jr., and C. Dillingham.

In the absence of the stated clerk, Rev. R. D. Bedinger was elected to act for him. The call was read and found in order. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was, First: To accept the resignation of Rev. R. B. DuPree and to dissolve the relation between him and the Highlands Presbyterian Church. Second: To grant Rev. R. B. DuPree a letter of dismissal to the West Hanover Presbytery in Virginia. Elder S. L. McCarty, Jr., stated that a congregational meeting had been held and that the congregation had regretfully concurred with Mr. DuPree in asking for the dismissal.

The following motions were made and carried, First: That Presbytery accept the resignation of Rev. R. B. DuPree and that the pastoral relation between him and the Highlands Church be dissolved. Second: That a letter of dismissal to West Hanover Presbytery in Virginia be granted and the same sent to the stated clerk of the Presbytery.

The Moderator and Revs. R. D. Bedinger, H. B. Dendy, and E. L. Nelson expressed their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. DuPree and their hopes for their work in Virginia.

The motion to adjourn was made and carried and the Moderator called on Rev. H. B. Dendy to dismiss the meeting with prayer.

Signed:
J. C. Plexico, *Moderator.*
R. D. Bedinger, *Clerk Pro-Tem.*

SPRING STATED MEETING

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
APRIL 22-23, 1941

The Presbytery of Asheville met at Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., Tuesday, April 22, at 11 A. M. in its stated spring meeting.

The Moderator, Rev. J. C. Plexico, with Dr. H. B. Dendy and Dr. A. P. Hassell, conducted the opening worship.

Following this an inspiring sermon was delivered by the retiring moderator, Mr. Plexico, on the subject, "The Standards of Christianity," basing his message on the text, Ps. 92:12, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree."

After the sermon, Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Chas. M. Jones.

The roll was called, later was amended, and is as follows:

Ministers: R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Geo. B. Hammond, Chas. M. Jones, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, Jos. R. Sevier, Paul P. Thrower, and L. T. Wilds.

Elders: Asheville First, Allen Morrison; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Brevard-Davidson River, Sam McCullough; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Highlands, S. L. McCarty, Jr.; Kenilworth, H. E. Johnson; Mills River, O. W. Lancaster; Montreat, C. C. Lord; Swannanoa, C. H. Alexander; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, C. W. Medler; West Asheville, Frank Foster; Hendersonville, S. L. Woodard, J. F. Goodman (2); Kenilworth, C. M. Sawyer (2); Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray (2).

The Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., was elected Moderator, and the Rev. George B. Hammond, Temporary Clerk.

The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. John R. Williams, of the Presbytery of Atlanta; Rev. H. T. Bridgeman, of

the Presbytery of E. Hanover; Rev. O. V. Armstrong, of the Presbytery of Kings Mountain; Rev. J. K. Coit, of the Presbytery of Athens; Rev. W. M. Fairley, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville; Rev. A. P. Hassell, of the Presbytery of East Hanover; and Rev. J. H. Merrin, of the Presbytery of Guerrant.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

"Your Committee suggests the following arrangements for the meeting of Presbytery.

That the hours for Tuesday be: Lunch, 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.; Afternoon Session, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.; Popular, 7:30 P.M. Adjourn at will.

Wednesday: Morning: 9:00-9:30, devotional by Dr. A. P. Hassell. Doctrinal sermon, by Dr. R. C. Anderson, 11:00 o'clock. Followed with the Communion service conducted by Dr. Paisley and Dr. Wilds.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Gruver."

The minutes of the called meetings were read and approved.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 2 P. M. by the Moderator.

Announcement of the following Standing Committees was made:

1. **Bills and Overtures:** Rev. J. C. Plexico, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. T. A. Painter, J. L. Gash.
2. **Judiciary:** Dr. G. F. Bell, Dr. C. B. Chapin, Rev. W. P. Chedester, G. C. Summerrow.
3. **Minutes of Synod:** Dr. J. W. Caldwell, C. W. Medler.
4. **Records of Sessions:** Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. C. M. Jones, Allen T. Morrison, Frank Foster, O. W. Lancaster.
5. **Auditing:** Dr. H. B. Dendy, H. E. Johnson, O. W. Lancaster.
6. **Nominations:** Rev. C. Grier Davis, W. P. Barnes, R. L. Prevost, Sam McCullough.
7. **Leave of Absence:** E. E. White, C. H. Alexander.
8. **Records of Presbytery:** J. R. Sevier, J. H. Gruver.
9. **Resolutions:** Dr. R. D. Bedinger, C. C. Lord, S. L. Woodard.

Communications in the hands of the Stated Clerk were read and ordered given to the respective committees.

Another communication was read by Dr. R. D. Bedinger and ordered placed in the hands of the Nominations Committee.

Communications from Dr. K. J. Foreman, Dr. D. W. Richardson and Rev. W. A. Murray were presented and ordered given to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Report Of Stated Clerk—1940-41

The following report was read by the Stated Clerk and turned over to the Auditing Committee:

RECEIPTS

Received from Rev. J. A. Flanagan	$150.28
Received from the Churches	460.45
Total	$610.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Check No. 1, To Biltmore Press	$ 75.46
Check No. 2, To Stated Clerk	25.37
Check No. 3, To Pres. Com. Pub.	4.96
Check No. 4, To G. F. Bell	3.20
Check No. 5, To The Bryson City Times	4.00
Check No. 6, To S. C. Jan.-Mar. Salary	25.00
Check No. 7, To E. C. Scott, S. C. 1940-41 dues to G. A.	385.42
Check No. 8, To Bryson City Times, printing of Spring dockets	2.00
Total	$525.41
Balance, April 21, 1941	$ 85.32

The following churches have not paid their contingent fees:

Franklin	1940-41	balance of $ .90
Red Oak	"	2.70
Weaverville	"	34.50
Hayesville	"	5.10
Hazelwood	"	20.10
Highlands		12.45
White Oak	"	2.85
Morrison	"	4.20
Brevard-D. R.	"	28.65

(Also the years, 1933-34, 1936-37, 1937-38).

Recommendations:

1. That the Brevard-Davidson River Church through its repre-

sentatives to Presbytery give the cause for not paying its contingent fee for these several years. And since this is the only church behind more than for the past year that some adjustment be made if reasons justify it.

2. That the churches in arrears for the past year be urged to pay the amount due as early as possible.

3. That the contingent fee be made 16 cents per capita, instead of 15, so as to enable the Presbytery to take care of its obligations promptly and to be able to help defray the travel expenses of the members of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Respectfully Submitted,
PAUL P. THROWER, S. C.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Central Treasurer, then made his report with a recommendation concerning extra funds. The report with its recommendation was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Annual Report Of Superintendent Of Home Missions

The year just closed was filled with many opportunities for service. We are grateful to God for His blessings and for the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the churches of the Presbytery, their pastors and organizations.

Fifty-nine visits were made to the twenty-eight churches of the Presbytery, and nine visits to churches outside the Presbytery.

Six evangelistic meetings were held, resulting in 29 professions of faith in Christ, 12 by letter, and 75 reconsecrations.

One hundred twenty-five sermons, and addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, Stewardship and Evangelism were delivered.

It was our privilege to engage in the following activities:

1. Teaching a class in Stewardship at the five-day Y. P. Conference, Montreat.
2. Leading a conference on Stewardship at Andrews, N. C.; and a conference on Evangelism at Synod, Bristol, Tenn.

Attending: Three meetings Stewardship Committee, Asheville Presbytery.

Two meetings Committee on Evangelism, Asheville Presbytery.

A two-day conference of Synod's Home Mission Workers and leading a discussion at Tusculum, Tenn.

One meeting Assembly's Home Mission Council, Atlanta, Ga.

One meeting Youths' Convention Com. on Missions, Atlanta, Ga.

Two meetings Board of Trustees, King College.

Five meetings Commission on Minister and His Work, Asheville Presbytery.

One meeting Assembly's Committee on Evangelism.

One meeting Synod's Committee on Evangelism.

One meeting of Synod of Appalachia.

Four meetings of Asheville Presbytery.

Four visits into Holston Presbytery, King College Campaign.

Eleven regular meetings each of Mountain Orphanage and Home Mission Committees.

Eleven issues of *Our Mountain Work* were edited and mailed to over two thousand families and individuals at a cost of $457.30.

Three calls for the Builders' League were issued, and receipts of $1,091.00 were distributed to the Andrews, Hayesville and Etowah Churches.

5,360 pieces of mail—letters, postals and special appeals—were sent out from our office, an average of 18 per day, excluding Sundays.

The sum of $6,133.74 in cash was collected through our office, over and above the regular benevolent budget of Presbytery:

For Presbytery's Missions	$ 2,110.54
For Foreign Missions	100.00
For Mountain Orphanage	100.00
For Builders' League	1,091.00
For R. P. Smith Memorial Fund	464.68
For King College	1,660.60
For Assembly's Training School	89.00
For Orphaned Missions	40.78
For Ministers' Annuity Fund	217.48
For Orphanage Boys at King College	259.66
	$ 6,133.74

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Travel		
	Collections from meetings, etc	$867.05
	16,741 miles traveled at 5c per mile	837.05
	Surplus receipts over expenses	30.00
Office		
	Secretary	711.34
	Room Rent	150.00
	Stamps, envelopes, stationery, etc.	95.87

Telephone and telegrams	82.80	
Auditing Treasurer's books	50.00	
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
P. O. Box rent	6.00	
Safety box rent	5.50	
Bank charges	5.89	1,132.40
Publishing Our Mountain Work		457.70
		1,589.70
Less adjustments, Benevolent Budget	600.00	
Other accounts and surplus above	369.52	969.52
Net Travel and Office expenses		$620.18

(Note: Net expenses a year ago were $803.50. The reduction this year is due chiefly to extra sums collected for travel.)

THE R. P. SMITH MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This Fund was established five years ago, with a goal of $25,000. It now shows a net cash sum of $7,848.36. During the past year the Fund produced $321.68 in interests, and $143.00 in contributions were made to it. $225.10 in scholarships and expenses were disbursed, showing a net gain of $239.58. Pledges amounting to $582.00 are outstanding. During the five years $1,087.90 in scholarships have been awarded to ten girls at Montreat College and four boys at King College, and $1,045.49 in loans have been made to eight of them.

We urge that pastors keep this Memorial Fund green in the memories of their congregations, and present the same as opportunity may offer to individuals who might be interested to make substantial additions.

PRESBYTERY'S MISSIONS

Total receipts for this cause were $11,220.21. All obligations were met, and we begin the new year with a small surplus. However, we would have reported a sizable deficit except for the generosity of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in granting us a nice *bonus,* for which the Home Mission Committee has made suitable expression of appreciation.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSION COUNCIL

Mention of the work of this agency is worthy of inclusion in this report because it is vitally related to the home mission work of our Presbytery. Composed of twenty men, four from the Executive

Committee of Home Missions, and one from each of the sixteen Synods of the Assembly, this Council has justified the wisdom of its set-up three years ago. The meeting together of such a body of deeply interested men representing the whole work of home missions has already resulted in the smoothing of difficult and perplexing situations, in coordinating and unifying the work, and in giving a broader and more sympathetic understanding of the work of home missions as a whole. Recently we had a letter from Rev. John Yelton, Supt. of Home Missions in Holston Presbytery. He writes: "We seem to be getting some place with such a unified effort from all over the Assembly. Particularly I feel that this is true in our own Synod and Presbyteries."

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The total receipts through our office were $12,618.08, some $370.00 less than the previous year. However, Mr. Gruver held down expenses, and we closed the year with a tiny surplus. We commend Mr. Gruver most heartily for living within our income.

In addition to the above, a sum of $2,050.00 was added to the permanent funds of the Orphanage through gifts of interested friends.

LOWERED PERCENTAGES

In order to be fairer to Assembly's and Synod's Causes, Presbytery last fall adopted the recommendation of its Stewardship Committee by which the percentage of participation in the Benevolent Budget of $28,000 was lowered from 28% to 25% for Presbytery's Missions, and from 14% to 10% for the Mountain Orphanage. This is a strong challenge to all the churches to meet their budgets, irrespective of specials. If this be done, neither of these causes will suffer, but a long stride forward will be made. If this is not done, then $638.00 additional income must be secured from other sources for Mountain Orphanage, and $1,191.00 for Presbytery's Missions; else drastic cuts in operation must be sustained. We do not believe our beloved Church will permit this!

ANOTHER SELF-SUPPORTING GROUP

A year ago we had the perplexing problem of the Hazelwood Church debt. This has not troubled us since April, 1940. At that time Hazelwood agreed, grouped with White Oak and Bethel, to relinquish the appropriation of $1,100.00 yearly towards pastor's support, pay off a local debt of some $800.00, and complete the Sunday School Annex, on condition that the Home Mission Committee assume the remainder of the indebtedness, amounting to $4,714.19. Our Committee accepted the proposition and in addition paid the back salary of $474.00 which Rev. O. C. Landrum claimed

the Hazelwood Church owed him. This made a total of $5,188.19 assumed by the Committee.

We are happy to report that we have paid off $1,795.08 of our obligation, and also $169.00 interest; and that the original loan of $5,000 from an Asheville bank has been reduced to $3,400, with interest for ninety days paid in advance.

We feel that this settlement of a difficult situation has brought real advantages both to Hazelwood and to the Committee. There is a new group in the Presbytery independent of Presbytery's aid on pastor's support; there is a $12,000.00 new equipment in Hazelwood to meet the challenge of a rapidly growing community; there is the lifting of heavy and disheartening pressure both from the Hazelwood Congregation and the Committee, for the latter can liquidate its remaining obligation within three years by using the annual appropriation formerly given to Hazelwood.

There remain only four groups and a single church, a total of ten churches, now drawing aid from the Home Mission Committee. Each has decreased its askings for the current year in keeping with the progressive policy of the Presbytery. There is a possibility of six more churches reaching a self-supporting status within the new church year.

HOME MISSION CHURCHES

There has been quite a disruption among several of these churches, due to removal of pastors.

Mills River and Etowah. Rev. W. S. Hutchison, for twenty-three years the beloved pastor of this group, was called to his Heavenly Home on May 30, 1940. His presence has been sorely missed. Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford, of Hendersonville, has supplied both churches most acceptably, and will continue at Etowah for another six months. Re.v A. P. Hassell, D. D., missionary to Japan for some thirty years, has accepted a call as Stated Supply for six months at Mills River, and will take charge May 1st. We are happy thus to cooperate with the Foreign Mission Committee in this time of crisis in the Far East. Both churches met their benevolent budgets, their King College and Assembly's Training School Debt Quotas in full.

Etowah raised $300.00 and with a similar sum from the Builders' League made extensive repairs on their church building, greatly improving it as to comfort and usefulness.

Highlands. Rev. R. B. DuPree, after five years, has accepted a call to West Hanover Presbytery. He completed the year at Highlands. An outstanding piece of work by Mr. DuPree and his

congregation was the purchasing of a manse and two lots, near the center of the town. The property is valued at $3,300.00, and has no indebtedness. No help was asked of the Home Mission Committee. Visiting friends aided substantially.

Franklin - Morrison. Rev. J. A. Flanagan, after declining several calls in recent years, accepted a call to the church at Whitmire, South Carolina, leaving Franklin last November. He and Mrs. Flanagan had done splendid service in Macon County and in Asheville Presbytery for some thirteen years. Dr. Geo. Bellingrath, of Rabun Gap, Georgia, and the Superintendent of Home Missions have been the main supplies since November. Franklin met all financial obligations for benevolences, King College and Assembly's Training School.

Mr. Hubert Wardlaw, who graduates next month at Columbia Theological Seminary, has accepted the call of this group, and will take charge July 1st, subject to the action of Presbytery. Morrison met its King College quota, but did not quite reach its benevolent budget.

Andrews - Hayesville - Murphy. The Andrews Church has added two Sunday School rooms, redecorated the interior of the church building, and reroofed the manse at a cost of $600.00, of which the Builders' League provided $200.00. There has been a substantial increase in Sunday School enrollment.

The Hayesville Church has raised $150.00, and has received an additional $150.00 from the Builders' League, with which needed repairs will be made at an early date. A week's meeting resulted in five additions on profession of faith.

All three churches met their benevolent budgets, and their King College and Assembly Training School Debt quotas in full. Dr. H. L. Paisley is the beloved pastor of this group. Having reached the age of retirement for benefit under the Ministers' Annuity Fund, he has seen fit to resign, but has been called to continue as pastor for a period of twelve months.

Dillingham - Ivy Park. Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Nelson continue their excellent work in this field. A meeting was held at Ivy Park in connection with the Vacation Bible School, resulting in nine professions of faith in Christ. Both churches met their benevolent budgets. Dillingham paid off the debt quotas for King College and the Assembly's Training School. Ivy Park paid its quota on the Assembly's School debt. A bathroom and hot water tank were installed in the manse, chiefly by special gifts from interested friends in the First Church, Asheville, and at Dillingham. Mr. Nelson reports that he is greatly encouraged over the results of recent Every Member Canvasses.

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CHALLENGES OF THE PRESENT

It seems to us that we should now, as never before, resurvey and re-evaluate the sustentation work of the Church. New and challenging opportunities are opening up, which for lack of funds our Church is unable to accept. The present world crisis is no longer a distant and uncertain problem for us. In fact, "Our front yard is now the playground of change and disorder. Populations are shifting from the center to the circumference in most of our large cities; the nation's defense program has already altered the established pattern of work in many local churches." The total result is not merely additional duties, but duties of a new kind.

Provision must be made for new and advanced work. We stand in need of an enlarged conception of Home Missions. Church leaders should make known the true dimensions and basic importance of Home Missions. The churches centrally located in the larger areas, having material resources and able leadership, should reach out to the un-churched sections, and there erect, direct and support Sunday Schools, chapels and mission points. The same policy should be followed by smaller churches in smaller communities. Our denominational destiny will be determined by the exercise of this principle.

Asheville Presbytery has been practically static for ten years along this line. Two new churches have been organized; four old ones have been dissolved. New church organizations are springing up all over Western North Carolina, but they are not Presbyterian. What can we do about it? We can, at least, face up to the challenge of new and enlarged opportunities—God grant that we may!

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a budget of $11,690.00 be approved for Presbytery's Missions.

2. That a budget of $13,000.00 be approved for the Mountain Orphanage.

3. That the following appropriations for 1941-1942 be approved: Dillingham - Ivy Park Group, $970.00; Highlands, $775.00; Franklin - Morrison Group, $650.00; Mills River - Etowah Group, $750.00; Murphy - Hayesville - Andrews Group, $360.00.

4. That the last Sunday in June, this year June 29th, be fixed as the special offering to Presbytery's Missions, as recommended by the Stewardship Committee and authorized by the Presbytery last fall; also, that one of the special projects for that day be the raising of approximately $2,000.00 towards the purchasing of a lot in Sylva, North Carolina, on which to erect a church building

as soon as the way be clear.

5. That the Presbytery consider the advisability of issuing One Call per year for the Builders' League, instead of Three as at present, and that all pastors and auxiliaries be called upon to secure as large a number of subscribers as possible.

6. That the Presbytery cooperate with the Woman's Auxiliary in studying and presenting faithfully Synod's and Presbytery's Home Missions during the month of June; and that we pray, and call upon our people to pray, fervently and earnestly for the promotion and extension of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. D. BEDINGER,
Supt. Home Missions.

Commissioners To General Assembly

The following members were elected commissioners to the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, June 24:

Principals	*Alternates*
REV. L. T. WILDS, D. D.	REV. JOS. R. SEVIER, D. D.
REV. J. W. CALDWELL, D. D.	REV. G. F. BELL, D. D.
ELDER R. N. WALKUP	ELDER J. N. JOHNSON
ELDER COUNCIL DILLINGHAM	ELDER S. L. MCCARTY, JR.

Sylva Petition

Rev. R. D. Bedinger and Rev. Paul P. Thrower spoke to Presbytery on the matter of the petition of 21 people of Sylva for the organization of a Presbyterian church. After hearing the prospects of a work there a motion was made and carried that Presbytery approve the organization of the church, and that Dr. Paisley, Dr. Bedinger and Mr. Thrower be a committee to recommend the appointment of the commission to carry out the organization of the church. Following is the petition:

"We the undersigned people of Sylva, N. C., do hereby express our desire to be organized into a Presbyterian Church by Asheville Presbytery. We solemnly pledge our faithfulness and loyalty to Christ and the Church if the said church is organized:

Signed

MRS. R. P. POTTS	MRS. W. M. FOWLER
MRS. JESSIE F. GILES	ALBERTA J. LAWRENCE
	JUANITA F. DAVIS

Mrs. F. L. Hooper
Vernon McHan
Hilliard Revis
Marjorie R. Curtis
E. L. Curtis
Jessie F. Giles
Felix W. Potts
Peggy Bivins
William L. Davis
Bobby Curtis
Mrs. Alice M. Dills
Mrs. Grayson Cope
Beulah Dills Weaver
A. H. Weaver
Mrs. Felix Potts
H. L. Lawrence

Fassifern School

Dr. L. T. Wilds spoke briefly on the important place of Fassifern School at Hendersonville and asked that Presbytery hear the President, Dr. Jos. R. Sevier. Dr. Sevier advised us of the contribution that Fassifern School is making to the Church and to Western North Carolina. Special attention and concessions are being given to worthy daughters of our missionaries and our ministers at home.

Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented the report of his committee, with its recommendations, which was adopted and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Christian Education And Ministerial Relief

1. We have the following interesting figures from the Assembly's committee:

There were 180 candidates for the ministry and missionary services, 6 candidates for medical service, and 21 young women preparing for special church service; these candidates were aided to the amount of $14,564, which is $2,657 more than the preceding year.

Loans were made to 54 women and 52 men in the amount of $10,025. This is 13 less such students than last year. And in this connection, Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, requests that we call Presbytery's attention to the need for additional candidates in view of the many calls for men.

As to Assembly's Ministerial Relief, 564 homes were aided in the amount of $147,828. The annual "Joy Gift" is said to be of great help in meeting the needs of these homes.

We are asked to pray especially for God's blessing upon "The Christian Education Movement" directed by the Assembly of last year and to thank God for His blessing upon the gratifying progress of the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

2. As to our own Presbytery:

For Christian Education and Ministerial Relief $1,498 was received from all sources, being an increase of $279 over last year.

For the Ministers' Annuity Fund, $23,295 has been raised by cash and pledges, the cash amounting to $16,384. Sixteen ministers of Asheville Presbytery are now members of the Annuity Fund.

Last year 4 ministers, 8 widows, and one lay missionary received aid from Ministerial Relief in the sum of $4,121, an average of $317, about the same as last year.

The following candidates remain under our care, and their plans for the school session 1941-42 are:

Jack Bedford Davidson, of Swannanoa, 1st year at Union Seminary.

Benj. H. Evans, Stocksville, second year at Mars Hill Junior College.

J. Clyde Plexico, W. Asheville, 3rd year at King College.

Walter T. Reveley, Canton, 3rd year at Union Seminary.

Edward B. Whitson, Weaverville, 2nd year at Mars Hill.

We recommend:

1. That the same twelve who received aid from Ministerial Relief last year be granted like aid this year.

2. That an adjourned meeting be held at the call of the Moderator, at such a time as may be agreeable to the Moderator, the Commission on the Minister and His Work, and the Committee of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

Joseph R. Sevier.

Dr. R. C. Anderson addressed Presbytery on Montreat College, mentioning the fine character of the student body and high qualifications of the faculty of the college.

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was presented by Dr. J. W. Caldwell. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Assembly's Home Missions

The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions reports a year of encouraging progress both in interest and in results. The budget receipts applicable for appropriation payments were $339,652, a gain of $33,538. The total home mission income, including designated legacies and special gifts, was $357,081, a gain of $27,477 over last year.

Home mission churches as a rule made encouraging reports, and the mission schools without exception had full enrollments with an equal number of eager applicants denied admission. The Executive Committee has definitely fixed the enrollment in the various schools to the capacity of the present equipment. In the future any increase in appropriations for the mission school areas will be devoted to evangelism and church extension.

It is the judgment of many earnest people that the present crisis in world affairs gives new urgency to the cause of missions in America. There is an increasing concern for the safety of the Republic and the preservation of its liberties. The real strength of a nation is the character of its people. In national preparedness a call to religious faith is as important as a call to arms.

The Home Missions Council of North America after surveying the unchurched areas, the disadvantaged and underprivileged groups without the church or religious privileges of any sort, the increasing millions of unevangelized peoples in the United States and the appalling growth of crime and lawlessness, offers this conviction.

"In an age when darkness has settled upon the world and barbarians are again at the gates, it is our duty to make invincible upon this continent a way of life that is sufficient to meet the needs and demands of all the people and to build a commonwealth that invites the souls of men."

To reach the unchurched and unevangelized millions in our own country with the Christian message of faith and hope is the compelling task of Home Missions. It is an undertaking that calls for more workers and larger resources than have ever been provided.

In 59 Presbyteries in the 17 Synods the Assembly's Committee aided in the support of 428 pastors and evangelists, 117 teachers and nurses and community workers, who served 746 churches with 537 outposts, 18 schools and missions and one hospital.

The following recommendations are offered:

(1) That, in view of the enlarging task of the Assembly's Home Missions, Presbytery urge all the churches to recognize the importance of this Committee receiving its full and rightful share of the benevolent contributions.

(2) That the period, October 1 - November 8, be set apart as a special season for home mission study, and that the week of November 2-9, 1941, be designated as the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a generous offering in all churches and organizations for this cause.

(3) That the book "Why Stand Ye Idle?" be commended for use as the study book for the home mission period in all organizations of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Evangelism gave its report through its Chairman, Dr. G. F. Bell. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Evangelism

Our submission of a brief report at this meeting of Presbytery is not intended to indicate a waning interest in Evangelism or any decreased estimate of its vital importance and value. We only wish to avoid wearying Presbytery with a formal repetition of what has already been fully said.

A letter from the chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism has called grateful attention to our Church's having received 25,520 souls on confession of faith during the year 1939-40, —an increase of 20 per cent. over the previous year, decidedly the largest in a number of years, and possibly the largest in our history. Also to the happy decrease in five years in the number of churches reporting no additions on confession of faith from 1,370 to 1,086. These figures offer concrete evidence of the Holy Spirit's blessing on the new emphasis placed on evangelistic effort that church year.

We know relatively little about evangelistic activities in the Presbytery during the year just closed. A request for information that would help in compiling this report was sent out to all our ministers and stated supplies. The eight written and verbal replies received may be summarized somewhat as follows:

Special evangelistic meetings were held at Bryson City, Robbinsville, Canton, Asheville First, West Asheville, Swannanoa, and Black Mountain. The largest ingathering seems to have been the ten received on confession at Swannanoa. Others felt that the Services were definitely stimulating, preparatory, and helpful regardless of the direct results measured in the number of accessions. Sev-

eral speak of evangelistic emphasis in the pastor's regular preaching and by way of personal work. Canton and Montreat were made happy by a number of very promising accessions on confession of faith from time to time in the regular Sunday services. Swannanoa, Hazelwood, Asheville First, Hendersonville, and Black Mountain report communicants' classes. Dr. Wilds conducts such a class annually and considers it the best work a pastor can do. Others seem to feel much the same way. Hazelwood had cottage prayer meetings in a number of homes. As a result of Rev. P. P. Thrower's outpost evangelistic work at Sylva, a petition for the organization of a Presbyterian church there has been presented to this meeting of Presbytery and approved.

We recommend:

1. That in prayer and personal work and evangelistic emphasis in the pastor's regular preaching we "keep on keeping on", ever seeking the presence and aid of the Holy Spirit.

2. That all pastors consider the strong advisability of conducting an annual communicants' class, making careful preparation for it and giving it strong emphasis. Some have found it helpful to hold such a class in connection with a vacation Bible school.

3. That more and more our churches hold special evangelistic services in an effort to reach out aggressively after the unsaved, and that we consider the advisability of holding a number of such meetings this summer and fall. The summer is a leisure time for young people and others, and parts of it for farmers. The prolonged good weather conditions of the autumn make that also a favorable time for such meetings. The Assembly's Committee meets only once a year in the late summer and consequently recommends plans heading up in the late winter and spring. But its chairman suggests that Synods and Presbyteries might well organize such effort for earlier in the church year.

P. P. Thrower
C. Grier Davis
R. D. Bedinger
G. F. Bell, *Chairman.*

Elder R. L. Prevost of the Waynesville Church presented a call by the Waynesville church to Rev. Malcom R. Williamson, of Chattanooga. Motion was made and carried that the call be placed in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

After announcements were made Presbytery recessed until 7:30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING

Popular Meetings

At 7:30 P. M. Presbytery assembled at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for the popular meetings on Home Missions and Religious Education. Rev. C. Grier Davis presided. A most inspiring address on Home Missions was delivered by Dr. R. D. Bedinger. An appreciative congregation then heard Rev. James M. Carr, Director of Religious Education in Appalachia Synod, deliver a most helpful message on the subject: "The Message and the Method of Religious Education", using as his text: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17).

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 9:00 o'clock, the Rev. A. P. Hassell, D. D., missionary to Japan, led Presbytery in an inspiring devotional, with a very serious meditation on "Daniel's Intercessory Prayer", from Daniel 9.

The minutes for Tuesday were read and corrected.

Commission For Organization Of Sylva Church

The report of the committee appointed to announce the personnel of a commission for the organization of a church at Sylva was read, approved, and is as follows: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Chairman, Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. George B. Hammond, Rev. Paul P. Thrower, and Elders, J. T. Bailey, of Canton, and S. W. Black, J. A. Gray and P. E. Brintnall, of Bryson City. The quorum, three ministers and one elder. Date, the first Sunday of June.

It was announced that the following elders would assist with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: W. P. Barnes, Frank Foster, S. L. McCarty, Jr., and C. W. Medler.

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was made by Dr. H. B. Dendy. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

Recommendations From Committee On Religious Education

1. That churches and Sunday schools continue their generous financial support of the benevolent program of the Executive Committee of Religious Education through a larger Rally Day Offering this next October 5, 1941.

2. That we direct more of our church and personal book and literature business to our Presbyterian Book Stores since this directly helps to build up revenue for the support of our Church's educational program.

3. That congregations invite our Regional Director, Rev. J. M. Carr, into their churches giving him opportunity to help in strengthening and improving their church school programs and to solve their problem of better leadership.

4. That every minister be urged to teach definite Bible courses to officers and leaders this year as an effective means of equipping our teachers and leaders more effectively to teach the children and youth of our Church.

5. That each congregation take steps to discover unreached families and neighborhoods within easy distance, using facilities offered by the Executive Committee of Religious Education to make this effective.

6. That the help of our Regional Director be sought in planning and establishing a Vacation Bible School this summer in every community that does not have a Sunday School.

7. That our new Pioneer Sunday School materials be commended to each Sunday School for use in the Intermediate Department, and the new Vacation Bible Course, "How to Use the Bible", be recommended for use in Vacation Schools.

8. That each session be urged to see that the Sessional Report on Religious Education be fully made up this year before sending it to the Committee in Richmond.

9. That steps be taken looking to a Men's Organization in this Presbytery in order to undergird our Presbytery's work and to secure increasing cooperation from our unreached laymen.

10. That pastors be urged to send their Young People to the Conferences held by our Presbytery at Montreat June 9-14, and that pastors hold special conferences with these young people before they come to the conference.

11. That a Leadership Training School be held in Asheville, Hendersonville and Canton October 6-15.

12. That we hold a rally for men in the First Presbyterian

Church of Asheville on July 21 or 28, at 6:30 P. M. and that we have as our guest speakers Rev. J. M. Carr, Director of Religious Education in the Synod, and Mr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., Director of Men's Work for the General Assembly.

The Foreign Missions report was given by Rev. G. B. Hammond. The report, with its recommendation, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Foreign Missions Committee

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

The year just closed has been one of great concern and intense anxiety to all who are mission-minded, hampered by wars, wide spread and Satanic; missionary withdrawals from Japan, Korea and the occupied areas of China; the everincreasing meddling by the State in the affairs of conscience; are only a few of the opposing factors that have intensified the difficulties of world evangelization.

But there are Heartening Features:

From Brazil—"In the entire field there are more opportunities and needs both for preaching salvation to sinners and building up the saints in holiness and comfort than can possibly be used by the small force at work".

From China—"The year 1940 has been one of the most fruitful in the Mid-China Mission. It has been a year of large increase in membership, in giving and in the emergence and training of native Christian leadership".

From Korea—"In spite of all the confusion, the hampering restrictions, and many limitations imposed upon mission work of all kinds, this year, in many ways, has been one of the busiest, most important and most really blessed since the work opened."

From Japan—"The people seem war-weary and we feel that there are many who are hungry for the Bread of Life."

From Mexico—"The past year has been marked by an unusual increase in both missionary and national ranks. There are more than 30 young men of the National Church in different stages of preparation for a part in the great work of evangelizing our field in Mexico. There are also 32 young women who have definitely consecrated themselves to Christian service."

From Africa—"We have received into the Church during this past year a larger number on profession of faith than in any year in the history of our station."

General—"While complete statistics were not available from

three of the missions, because of disturbed conditions, it is clear that well over 6,000 have been added to the rolls of our churches abroad by the confession of their faith in Christ." The 27 new missionaries sent out represent the largest company that have gone to the field in one year since 1925. An equal number will be needed this year." "Receipts For The Year were $794,286.13. The largest amount we have received since 1932! We have cut down our old debt by a little more than $48,000.00."

We regret to state that our Presbytery contributed $801.00 less than we did last year.

We recommend,

That the difficulties, problems, needs, encouragements and opportunities that confront us be accepted as a challenge to unceasing prayer to the Lord of the Harvest to the end that we may be constrained to respond by the dedication of life and possessions to this cause of World Evangelization.

Respectfully,

H. L. Paisley, *Chairman.*
G. B. Hammond
G. F. Bell
E. E. White.

The following recommendation was made by Rev. C. G. Davis, and carried, "That the Presbytery commend to the ministers and laymen of Asheville Presbytery the Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in Montreat in August, and that the men of Asheville Presbytery be urged to make an organized effort to secure a large attendance at this meeting."

The report of the Committee on King College Debt was presented by Dr. R. F. Campbell. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On King College Debt

We are happy to announce that the debt, originally $138,000, has been reduced to $40,000. In Asheville Presbytery we have taken care of one-half of our debt quota of $16,000, including expenses. $15,000 in bonds have been purchased including $10,000 by one of our elders at a savings of nearly $4,000 to the churches of the Presbytery. Fourteen, one-half of the churches, have paid their quotas in full. Nine churches have paid something. Five

churches have paid nothing. Five Churches did not pay their interest quotas during the past year. This has worked a hardship on our treasury, since funds which might have been used for the reduction of the debt had to be diverted to the interest payments. If this condition continues, we shall be faced with an increased obligation, necessitating the raising of new funds.

The fourteen churches which had not completed the payment of their quotas received the advantage of a thirty percent reduction on existing quotas last October. Next September, six months hence, the four-year period set by the Synod for the liquidation of the debt and the raising of an adequate endowment will terminate. 1942 is the dead-line for the completion of these two projects. At that time if we have not met the requirements, King College will be dropped from the list of the Southern Educational Association. This would be a major calamity. Our Synod has ample resources with which to avoid this. Our Presbytery is equal to its part of the task. What we need is teamwork. We need also to see to it that the cause of Christian Education, especially at King College, our Synodical responsibility, becomes deeply enshrined in the minds and hearts of our congregations.

Therefore, we offer the following recommendations:

First: That the Presbytery call upon all churches, pastors, and the leaders of all organizations to endeavor to create a more vital interest in Christian Education and particularly in the work at King College.

Second: That the Presbytery request and urge its churches still behind with their debt quotas to take energetic steps to finish their tasks without delay.

Third: That the Presbytery call the attention of each church to the obvious fact that every failure to meet the interest on the bonded indebtedness tends to depress the market value of the bonds. From the standpoint of honest dealing with the bondholders we cannot afford to do this. This gives emphasis to the importance of meeting each instalment of interest as it becomes due. The Presbytery urges every church that has not been able as yet to pay its quota of this debt to see to it that its share of the interest be promptly met.

Fourth: That the Presbytery approve the adding of the accumulated interest to the existing debt quota of each church that has not paid its interest as a matter of justice to the churches that have paid their interest.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer*
J. T. Bailey.

After a five minutes recess Presbytery assembled at 11:00 A. M. to hear Dr. R. C. Anderson deliver the doctrinal sermon. He used as his text, Eph. 2:4, "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

Following the sermon the Lord's Supper was observed, with Dr. H. L. Paisley and Dr. L. T. Wilds administering the elements.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 1:15 P. M.

The names of ministers and their addresses were read and corrected for use for the Stated Clerk of General Assembly.

Rev. J. H. Gruver presented the report on Woman's Work. It was adopted and is as follows:

Report On Woman's Work

As usual the women of our Presbytery carried their share, a large share of our church work and responsibility. They enter into their work whole heartedly. At the Presbyterial held April 17-18 in Canton, some of the high lights of achievements are as follows:

Of the 22 Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial we find all making special offering to missions, all contributing to Birthday Gift, all contributing to Joy Gift, all observing season of prayer and self-denial for missions, all cooperating in promoting religious education and 17 contributing to all Denominational Benevolences.

Of the 2,006 Auxiliary members we regret that there are enrolled only 385 tithers, 307 family altars. However, there were 630 users of Day by Day, Survey readers 484, and other church paper readers 682.

Total Denominational Benevolences	$6,165.00
Auxiliary special benevolendes	2,244.00
Total of all benevolences	$8,409.00
Grand Total all Contributions	$12,272.00

With a decrease of $1,108.00 compared with last year.
The amount per capita was $6.12.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Gruver.

Dr. T. A. Painter presented the report for the Committee on Stewardship. This report, with recommendations, was

adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Stewardship Committee

I. Observations on results of Every Member Canvass:

1. Of 28 churches, 20 report an Every Member Canvass, 7 report no canvass, 1 reports Volunteer pledges and Tithes's covenant.

2. Twelve churches accepted quota in full, that is, of those reporting. 6 made no comment.

NOTE: Presbytery at last stated meeting instructed the churches to report to the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee whether or not they would accept their quotas. In the case of those not reporting the Committee's apportionments will stand on the Treasurer's books.

Eight churches accepted reduced figures which total $1,650, making a deficit of that amount in the Benevolence budget. However, only the reduced figures go on the Treasurer's books. The unaccepted amount will be left as unapportioned quotas.

3. Eighteen churches report a total of 380 tithers. 10 churches report a total of 977 pledges. 9 churches report pledges totaling $13,614.29.

4. Two churches report pledged amounts in excess of accepted quotas. 1 came within $1.00 of amount.

II. Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery give the Stewardship Committee a special order of the day for its report at the Fall Meeting.

2. That Presbytery urge the churches to make complete returns in response to the questions on the Every Member Canvass blanks.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

The Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges being absent, had an oral report given by Rev. C. Grier Davis. He spoke concerning the Assembly's Training School and Union Seminary. Dr. R. C. Anderson reported orally, as Trustee, on Davidson College.

There was no report on Historical Records.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was given by Rev. T. A. Painter. It is as follows:

Report Of The Commission On The Minister And His Work

Three meetings of the Commission were held. Matters relating to the following churches were considered:

Murphy and Hayesville; Franklin and Morrison; Bethel, Hazelwood and White Oak; Mills River and Etowah; Waynesville; and Highlands.

(A) The Franklin-Morrison group was authorized to call Mr. Hubert Wardlaw, senior of Columbia Seminary on a salary basis of $1,600 and manse.

(B) Permission given to the Mills River-Etowah group to engage Rev. A. P. Hassell, D. D., as stated supply for six months and recommend to Presbytery that this be done.

(C) Authorized Dr. R. D. Bedinger to assume supervision over and act as supply for Bethel Church until provision is made for it after Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin leaves the field.

(D) Recommended Mr. Taylor Bird, of Union Seminary, as summer supply for the Highlands Church.

(E) Authorized the Waynesville church to issue a call to either Rev. William H. Dendy, of Reidsville, S. C., or Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, of Signal Mountain, Tenn.

(F) Met in conference with a committee from Hazelwood, and discussed at length several persons the church was interested in. Authorized the committee to visit the churches of these ministers to hear them with a view of calling.

(G) Gave permission to Highlands church to call Rev. Frank R. Morse, of Bethune, S. C., to the pastorate of that church.

(H) Took under consideration certain matters relating to Murphy and Hayesville churches, but deferred action until adjourned meeting of Presbytery.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
T. A. Painter, *Secretary*.

Red Oak

Motion was made and carried that the matter as to whether or not Red Oak is a church or an outpost be left in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Bills And Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was presented by Rev. J. C. Plexico, was adopted, and is as follows:

"The only matter that came to our attention was a communication from Mr. Tom Glasgow. We recommend that the Presbytery take no action."

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Plexico, *Chairman*.

Overture To General Assembly

The following overture, made by Dr. G. F. Bell, was approved and ordered sent to the General Assembly:

"The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly meeting in Montreat, May 22, 1941, to place Montreat in the Benevolence budget for 5-10 of one percent, that first of all our debt of honor there may be discharged and full payment for the new auditorium may be hastened, and that through the years this great Assembly-wide project in religious and Christian education may be securely undergirded."

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters for action had come before it.

The following report was approved:

"Your Committee on Minutes of Synod has gone through the minutes of Synod, but finds nothing requiring Presbyterial action."

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman*,
C. W. Medler.

Sessional Records

The following report was received and approved:

Asheville First, Andrews, Bethel, Black Mountain, Brevard-Davidson River, Bryson City, Etowah, Hendersonville, Kenilworth, Montreat, Oak Forest, Highlands, Swannanoa, Waynesville, Weaverville, West Asheville, Hayesville, Murphy, Mills River and Robbinsville.

The following churches did not have records:

Franklin, Morrison, Canton, Dillingham, Ivy Park, Hazelwood, White Oak, and Red Oak."

The following amendment was added:

That the clerk write to the churches that did not send their sessional rcecords impressing upon them their obligation to do this and ascertaining their reasons for not sending their records this year.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Ratchford, *Chairman*.

The following report from the Committee on Auditing was approved and its recommendations adopted:

Report Of Committee On Auditing

"We the Auditing Committee have examined the audit of Wm.

H. Zimmerman, C.P.A. of Asheville, the books of R. D. Bedinger, Treasurer, and believe the same to be correct.

We have examined the books, vouchers and financial statement of the Stated Clerk and believe these to be correct.

We recommend:

1. That the Central Treasurer hand in annually to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery a list of all extra funds, placed under the proper causes; and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to include them on a line immediately after the list of churches entitled, "Extra Funds from Other Sources", also adding them to the sum totals of gifts from churches.

2. That the Brevard-Davidson River Church be asked to pay their arrearage in past years' contingent fees as rapidly as possible, at the rate of at least $15 per year in addition to current fees.

3. That the churches in arrears for the past year be urged to pay the amount as early as possible. Franklin, $.90; Hayesville, $5.10; Hazelwood, $20.10; White Oak, $2.85.

4. That the contingent fee be made 16 cents per capita instead of 15 cents.

5. That the Presbytery take care of travel expenses of the Commission on the Minister and His Work at the rate of 2½ cents per mile.

6. That the Stated Clerk's salary be raised to $150 per year."

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman*
O. W. Lancaster.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by Rev. C. Grier Davis. The same was approved and its recommendations adopted.

Report Of Committee On Nominations

A. Nominations:

1. Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chairman for Committee on Bible Cause.

2. Rev. R. C. Anderson, member of Committee on Schools and Colleges.

3. Rev. R. C. Anderson, Trustee for Davidson College for 3 years.

4. Rev. H. L. Paisley, member of sub-committee of Church Government on the Committee on Examination.

5. Rev. Paul P. Thrower, member of sub-committee of the Sacraments on the Committee on Examination.

6. Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, member of Home Missions Committee.

7. Rev. G. B. Hammond, Elder S. R. McCarty, Jr., President of Presbyterial, Secretary of Religious Education in Presbyterial, to be added to the Presbytery's Committee on Religious Education.

8. C. M. Sawyer to replace R. L. Crook on Committee on Evangelism.

9. Rev. P. N. Gresham to preach doctrinal sermon at Fall Meeting, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, alternate.

B. Recommendations:

1. That the committee on Presbytery's Records be changed from a Standing Committee to a Permanent Committee, composed of: Rev. Paul P. Thrower, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, and Rev. Ewell Nelson.

2. That the Historical Committee be abolished.

3. That the duties of the Permanent Committee on Presbytery's Records shall be to examine the printed minutes of the Presbytery before issuance from the printing press, and correct any errors; after which they shall be considered adopted as the official records of the Presbytery.

4. That two copies of the printed Minutes, certified by the Permanent Committee on Presbyterial Records, shall be sent to the Historical Foundation immediately upon publication; and two other thus certified copies shall be sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod. An additional copy shall be kept in the files of Presbytery's Stated Clerk.

C. Grier Davis, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, given by Elder E. E. White, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Leave Of Absence

Your Committee reports that the following ministers sent written requests to be excused from attending the Meeting of Presbytery: K. J. Foreman, E. L. Nelson, W. A. Murray and D. W. Richardson.

The following requested to be excused from certain sessions of the Meeting: R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, Chas. M. Jones, Jos. R. Sevier and E. E. White.

We recommend that all of these be excused as requested.

E. E. White, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Presbytery's Records was presented by Rev. J. H. Gruver for Dr. Jos. R. Sevier.

It was received and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Presbytery's Records

Your Committee on Presbytery's Records reports that it has read the printed minutes of a called meeting on June 20, 1940, and the regular meeting at Hazelwood, October 8-9, 1940, and finds them accurate as corrected.

JOSEPH R. SEVIER, *Chairman.*

The annual Statistical Report of Presbytery for the year was made by the Stated Clerk. The same was adopted, and is appended to back cover of the minutes, with the exception of the following:

Number of Installations	1
Number of Dissolutions	3
Number of Ministers Deceased	1

(Rev. W. S. Hutchison, died May 31, 1940, age 62)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions, given by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Resolutions

We, the members of Asheville Presbytery, would take this means of expressing our gratiude to God that He has appointed us to this service, unworthy though we may be.

And, further, in recognizing the many courtesies which have been shown us, we express our grateful gratitude for them. Particularly would we express our thanks:

1. To Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Gruver and their loyal, efficient co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Griffin, Mrs. Minnie Davis, Miss Evelyn Roberts, Miss Ruth Zeller and Miss Ina Cooke, for their unflagging zeal in rendering us such generous and beautiful hospitality.

2. To the beloved children of this noble institution, who by their happy, bright faces, by their cheerful and efficient service in the kitchen, dining room and on the campus, have endeared them to us, and to whom, together with the able leaders of this home, we pledge our unfailing love and support.

3. To Dr. G. F. Bell, his Session, people and choir, for co-operating with the Mountain Orphanage in our entertainment both here and at Black Mountain.

4. To our visiting speaker, Rev. C. M. Carr and Dr. A. P. Hassell for inspiring and helpful addresses.

5. To Dr. R. C. Anderson and Rev. J. C. Plexico for their inspiring and strengthening sermons.

6. To the Asheville Citizen-Times for its helpful publicity.

7. To our Moderator, Dr. H. L. Paisley, our Stated Clerk, Rev. P. P. Thrower, and our temporary Clerk, Rev. G. B. Hammond, who by their firm, wise and tactful efforts have guided us in one of the most inspiring and helpful Meetings of this Church Court.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. BEDINGER, *Chairman*
C. C. LORD,
S. L. WOODWARD.

Place And Time Of Next Meeting

An invitation from the Bryson City Church for the Fall Meeting came through the Stated Clerk. The invitation was accepted, and Presbytery set the date for September 30 - October 1, 1941. The Moderator, Dr. H. L. Paisley, and the Stated Clerk, Rev. Paul P. Thrower, were appointed the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Motion was made and carried that Presbytery adjourn to meet in an Adjourned meeting at such time as the Moderator and the Stated Clerk may set after conference with certain ones involved. The date was later set for May 20, 1941, 11:30 A. M., Asheville First Church.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Temporary Clerk.*

PAUL P. THROWER, *Stated Clerk.*
H. L. PAISLEY, *Moderator.*

Official Copy
Paul P. Thrower
Stated Clerk

approved -
- except wrong date pg. 5
- no recently prayer pg. 6
- fall minutes not presented
James L. Fowler
Moderator

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1941.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Whole No. Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Total Sabbath School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Religious Education Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
J. F. Anderson' H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																						2400				
R. D. Bedinger, S. H. M., Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																										
" S. S.	Canton, N. C.	Bethel†	3		2	7	54	2			61	46	63	4	14	1	3	3	29	24	110	350		62			10
G. F. Bell, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain*†	4	7	8	15	261	5	1	261	318	157	75	41	34	5	10	10	177	246	194	1540		643	12	465	77
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	5	5	12	10	156	3	2	425	759	382	162	47	27	7	27	27	368	295	442	2500		1230			330
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.	First	7	9	5		96	2	4	106	49	16	25	11	15	1	2	2	39	155	30	991		529		300	37
Chas. B. Chapin, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*†																									
W. F. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
Vernon A. Crawford, F. M.	Nashville, Tenn.																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																										
C. Grier Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	26	34	27	99	1384	9	20	870	2456	1180	2010	196	601	15	171	147	1910	1344	2935	6600		12953		798	1019
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	6	7	2	8	230	2	3	232	57	29	57	44	10	1	1	1	105	30	21	2400		1366	60	1510	119
" " P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak			3		13			35															25		
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																										
F. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	15	19	3	23	368	3	11	254	156	87	151	53	34	2	8	9	198	170	156	2220		2455		1025	99
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	8	6	6	190	6		139	242	98	279	33	73	3	9	8	113	145	187	2057		937		3548	19
Chas. M. Jones, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	6	11	2	7	197		3	85	88	49	29	11	3	2	6	6	90	41	98	1800		797		116	
" In trans.	Chapel Hill, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
Ewell L. Nelson, P.	Stocksville, N. C.	Dillingham*†	4	3		2	102			125	27	12	14	2	14	1	2	2	15	73	30	225	975	192		100	
" " P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park†	2	1	2	3	43	2		80	6	4	2	1	4	1	1	1	10	4	8	150		35			
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	6	8	11	6	206	5		138	166	83	225	40	76	1	9	7	122	208	168	2000		527		1137	132
H. L. Painley, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	3	4		5	56		1	37	27	13	15	2	14	1	1	1	22	57	30	750	447	1035			19
" " P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	2	1	5		37	5	1	35	10	6	8	1	5	1	1	1	5	37	11	120		49			12
" " P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	1			38			53	36	19	11	2		4		3		82		240		119		860	
J. Clyde Plexico, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	15	27	10	12	479	9	2	412	175	123	36	34	4	3	10	10	112	102	196	2600		1707		3170	32
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
Jos. R. Servier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
Paul P. Thrower, P. S. C.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*†	3	3	4	7	61	4	1	68	47	34	23	8	1	1	3	3	275	113	52	900	65	329			98
" " P.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville†	3	3	1		33	1		30	13	7	3	1	2	1	1	1	31	8	17	600		270			25
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	12	16	8	25	517	4	6	229	938	450	246	92	45	15	57	57	1159	848	1072	3000		3324			216
—28	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak, V.	1	1			13	4		15												16		5			
	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah, S. S.†	2	1			51			40	23	12	46	2	11	1	1	1	22	10	20	137	80	21		250	
Candidates—8	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	2	4	2	4	72	2	3	54	62	30	74	27	17	1	4	4	46	30	22	467	467	150		60	77
	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison†	2	1			28			30	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	23	80		15			
	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood, V.*†	3	2	3	4	72	3		120	4	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	23	776		336		1114	
	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River, S. S.*†	6	10	4	5	138	4	1	124	72	33	153	12	36	1	4	4	77	27	73	300	159	360			100
	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	5	7			182		1	75	89	31	16	3	6	6	2	2	107	15	43	1582		448		540	64
	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands, V.*†	6			1	72		1	50	19	13	13	4	1	1	1	9	151	6	12	749	850	1101		542	2
		—28	156	192	121	249	5110	75	61	4128	5874	2917	3758	673	1049	78	336	321	5197	3846	6049	28714		32307	97	15585	2477

MINUTES

OF THE

Presbytery of Asheville

IN ITS

NINETIETH
SEMI-ANNUAL
SESSION

CALLED MEETINGS

December 2, 1940 January 20, 1941
March 20, 1941

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SPRING MEETING

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
APRIL 22-23, 1941

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
December 2, 1941.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 10:00 A.M., with Rev. J. C. Plexico, Moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer was made by Dr. C. B. Chapin.

Rev. G. B. Hammond was asked to serve as Clerk, in the absence of the Stated Clerk.

The following members were present:

Ministers: J. C. Plexico, J. H. Gruver, G. F. Bell, T. A. Painter, R. D. Bedinger, G. B. Hammond, P. N. Gresham, R. F. Campbell, R. P. Walker, C. B. Chapin, Paul P. Thrower.

Elders: H. C. Lindsley and R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; Frank Foster, West Asheville.

The Rev. R. Frederick Brown, D. D., of Winchester Presbytery, was invited to sit as a visiting minister.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet at the church-house of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Monday, December 2, 1940, to transact the following business, if the way be clear: 1. To accept the resignation of Rev. R. P. Walker, D. D., as pastor of the Waynesville church. 2. To grant Dr. Walker a letter of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery. 3. To act upon any other business resulting from the moving of Dr. Walker.

Asheville, N. C.
November 19, 1940.

Signed:
J. C. Plexico, *Moderator.*"

A letter from the Waynesville church was then read by Mr. Lindsley, clerk of session, stating the church had held a duly called meeting of the congregation, December 1, 1940, with Rev. W. M. Fairley, D. D., visiting minister,

and that the church concurred with Dr. Walker's request that his resignation be accepted and that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation. The following resolution was adopted by the congregation: "Our congregation, having been requested by our Pastor, Dr. R. P. Walker, to join him in a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, does so; and in doing thus, the Presbyterian Church of Waynesville wishes to express its deep appreciation for the service its pastor has rendered. He has been faithful in word and deed, in pulpit ministration and in our homes. Our best wishes and prayers go with him to his new field of labor."

The resignation was accepted and Dr. Walker granted a letter of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A motion was made and carried that the vacancies on committees made by Dr. Walker's leaving be put into the hands of the Nominating Committee with power to act upon the same.

After words of appreciation for the fine Christian character of Dr. Walker and his good work, and regret of his leaving by the Revs. Hammond, Bell, Campbell and Gresham, Presbytery voted to send a special letter stating the same to the session and the Presbytery to which he went.

Presbytery voted to adjourn. The closing prayer was led by Rev. P. N. Gresham.

J. C. Plexico, *Moderator.*
Paul P. Thrower, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
January 20, 1941.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in a called meeting, at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Monday, January 20, 1941, 2:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D. D., last moderator present. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

The following members were present:

Ministers: Chas. B. Chapin, R. F. Campbell, C. Grier Davis, R. D. Bedinger, H. B. Dendy, Geo. B. Hammond, P. N. Gresham and Paul P. Thrower.

Elders: S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. T. Bailey, Canton; B. H. Evans, Weaverville; R. N. Walkup and D. M. Tate, West Asheville; W. H. McMurray and O. L. Merchant, visitors from the Swannanoa Church.

The following visiting ministers were present: Dr. T. P. Johnston, President of King College, and member of Holston Presbytery; and Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin, of Montgomery Presbytery. These were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The call was read and found in order, and is as follows: "The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet at 2:00 P. M., Monday, January 20, in the church-house of the First Church, Asheville. The purpose is to consider the King College debt and any matters pertaining thereto.

Jan. 10, 1941.

Clyde Plexico, *Moderator.*"

Dr. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of King College Campaign Committee, was asked to present Dr. Johnston to the Presbytery. Dr. Johnston gave a very encouraging report of the present year of King College. He then presented the debt situation of the college. Dr. Johnston presented a plan of refinancing the debt whereby the college could be saved $6,000.

The following motion was made by Dr. H. B. Dendy and seconded: "That the balance, approximately $8,000, of the unpaid indebtedness on the bonds of King College, purchased by Mr. J. T. Bailey, be refinanced in the same manner as the other outstanding bonds of King College, if the way be clear."

After considerable discussion on the question of King College and its indebtedness, the motion was carried.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Chas. B. Chapin, *Moderator.*
Paul P. Thrower, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
March 20, 1941.

The Asheville Presbytery met in a called meeting in the West Asheville Church at 11 A. M., March 20, 1941, with the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Plexico in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. L. Nelson.

Ministers: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. B. DuPree, Rev. E. L. Nelson, and Rev. J. C. Plexico.

Elders: F. S. Foster, S. L. McCarty, Jr., and C. Dillingham.

In the absence of the stated clerk, Rev. R. D. Bedinger was elected to act for him. The call was read and found in order. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was, First: To accept the resignation of Rev. R. B. DuPree and to dissolve the relation between him and the Highlands Presbyterian Church. Second: To grant Rev. R. B. DuPree a letter of dismissal to the West Hanover Presbytery in Virginia. Elder S. L. McCarty, Jr., stated that a congregational meeting had been held and that the congregation had regretfully concurred with Mr. DuPree in asking for the dismissal.

The following motions were made and carried, First: That Presbytery accept the resignation of Rev. R. B. DuPree and that the pastoral relation between him and the Highlands Church be dissolved. Second: That a letter of dismissal to West Hanover Presbytery in Virginia be granted and the same sent to the stated clerk of the Presbytery.

The Moderator and Revs. R. D. Bedinger, H. B. Dendy, and E. L. Nelson expressed their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. DuPree and their hopes for their work in Virginia.

The motion to adjourn was made and carried and the Moderator called on Rev. H. B. Dendy to dismiss the meeting with prayer.

Signed:
J. C. Plexico, *Moderator.*
R. D. Bedinger, *Clerk Pro-Tem.*

SPRING STATED MEETING

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.
APRIL 22-23, 1941

The Presbytery of Asheville met at Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain, N. C., Tuesday, April 22, at 11 A. M. in its stated spring meeting.

The Moderator, Rev. J. C. Plexico, with Dr. H. B. Dendy and Dr. A. P. Hassell, conducted the opening worship.

Following this an inspiring sermon was delivered by the retiring moderator, Mr. Plexico, on the subject, "The Standards of Christianity," basing his message on the text, Ps. 92:12, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree."

After the sermon, Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Chas. M. Jones.

The roll was called, later was amended, and is as follows:

Ministers: R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Geo. B. Hammond, Chas. M. Jones, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, Jos. R. Sevier, Paul P. Thrower, and L. T. Wilds.

Elders: Asheville First, Allen Morrison; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Brevard-Davidson River, Sam McCullough; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerrow; Highlands, S. L. McCarty, Jr.; Kenilworth, H. E. Johnson; Mills River, O. W. Lancaster; Montreat, C. C. Lord; Swannanoa, C. H. Alexander; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, C. W. Medler; West Asheville, Frank Foster; Hendersonville, S. L. Woodard, J. F. Goodman (2); Kenilworth, C. M. Sawyer (2); Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray (2).

The Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., was elected Moderator, and the Rev. George B. Hammond, Temporary Clerk.

The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Rev. John R. Williams, of the Presbytery of Atlanta; Rev. H. T. Bridgeman, of

the Presbytery of E. Hanover; Rev. O. V. Armstrong, of the Presbytery of Kings Mountain; Rev. J. K. Coit, of the Presbytery of Athens; Rev. W. M. Fairley, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville; Rev. A. P. Hassell, of the Presbytery of East Hanover; and Rev. J. H. Merrin, of the Presbytery of Guerrant.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

"Your Committee suggests the following arrangements for the meeting of Presbytery.

That the hours for Tuesday be: Lunch, 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.; Afternoon Session, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.; Popular, 7:30 P.M. Adjourn at will.

Wednesday: Morning: 9:00-9:30, devotional by Dr. A. P. Hassell. Doctrinal sermon, by Dr. R. C. Anderson, 11:00 o'clock. Followed with the Communion service conducted by Dr. Paisley and Dr. Wilds.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Gruver."

The minutes of the called meetings were read and approved.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 2 P. M. by the Moderator.

Announcement of the following Standing Committees was made:

1. **Bills and Overtures:** Rev. J. C. Plexico, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Dr. T. A. Painter, J. L. Gash.
2. **Judiciary:** Dr. G. F. Bell, Dr. C. B. Chapin, Rev. W. P. Chedester, G. C. Summerrow.
3. **Minutes of Synod:** Dr. J. W. Caldwell, C. W. Medler.
4. **Records of Sessions:** Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Dr. L. T. Wilds, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. C. M. Jones, Allen T. Morrison, Frank Foster, O. W. Lancaster.
5. **Auditing:** Dr. H. B. Dendy, H. E. Johnson, O. W. Lancaster.
6. **Nominations:** Rev. C. Grier Davis, W. P. Barnes, R. L. Prevost, Sam McCullough.
7. **Leave of Absence:** E. E. White, C. H. Alexander.
8. **Records of Presbytery:** J. R. Sevier, J. H. Gruver.
9. **Resolutions:** Dr. R. D. Bedinger, C. C. Lord, S. L. Woodard.

Communications in the hands of the Stated Clerk were read and ordered given to the respective committees.

Another communication was read by Dr. R. D. Bedinger and ordered placed in the hands of the Nominations Committee.

Communications from Dr. K. J. Foreman, Dr. D. W. Richardson and Rev. W. A. Murray were presented and ordered given to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Report Of Stated Clerk—1940-41

The following report was read by the Stated Clerk and turned over to the Auditing Committee:

RECEIPTS

Received from Rev. J. A. Flanagan	$150.28
Received from the Churches	460.45
Total	$610.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Check No. 1, To Biltmore Press	$ 75.46
Check No. 2, To Stated Clerk	25.37
Check No. 3, To Pres. Com. Pub.	4.96
Check No. 4, To G. F. Bell	3.20
Check No. 5, To The Bryson City Times	4.00
Check No. 6, To S. C. Jan.-Mar. Salary	25.00
Check No. 7, To E. C. Scott, S. C. 1940-41 dues to G. A.	385.42
Check No. 8, To Bryson City Times, printing of Spring dockets	2.00
Total	$525.41
Balance, April 21, 1941	$ 85.32

The following churches have not paid their contingent fees:

Franklin	1940-41	balance of $ .90
Red Oak	"	2.70
Weaverville	"	34.50
Hayesville	"	5.10
Hazelwood	"	20.10
Highlands		12.45
White Oak	"	2.85
Morrison	"	4.20
Brevard-D. R.	"	28.65

(Also the years, 1933-34, 1936-37, 1937-38).

Recommendations:

1. That the Brevard-Davidson River Church through its repre-

sentatives to Presbytery give the cause for not paying its contingent fee for these several years. And since this is the only church behind more than for the past year that some adjustment be made if reasons justify it.

2. That the churches in arrears for the past year be urged to pay the amount due as early as possible.

3. That the contingent fee be made 16 cents per capita, instead of 15, so as to enable the Presbytery to take care of its obligations promptly and to be able to help defray the travel expenses of the members of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Respectfully Submitted,
PAUL P. THROWER, S. C.

Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Central Treasurer, then made his report with a recommendation concerning extra funds. The report with its recommendation was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Annual Report Of Superintendent Of Home Missions

The year just closed was filled with many opportunities for service. We are grateful to God for His blessings and for the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the churches of the Presbytery, their pastors and organizations.

Fifty-nine visits were made to the twenty-eight churches of the Presbytery, and nine visits to churches outside the Presbytery.

Six evangelistic meetings were held, resulting in 29 professions of faith in Christ, 12 by letter, and 75 reconsecrations.

One hundred twenty-five sermons, and addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, Stewardship and Evangelism were delivered.

It was our privilege to engage in the following activities:

1. Teaching a class in Stewardship at the five-day Y. P. Conference, Montreat.
2. Leading a conference on Stewardship at Andrews, N. C.; and a conference on Evangelism at Synod, Bristol, Tenn.

Attending: Three meetings Stewardship Committee, Asheville Presbytery.

Two meetings Committee on Evangelism, Asheville Presbytery.

A two-day conference of Synod's Home Mission Workers and leading a discussion at Tusculum, Tenn.

One meeting Assembly's Home Mission Council, Atlanta, Ga.

One meeting Youths' Convention Com. on Missions, Atlanta, Ga.

Two meetings Board of Trustees, King College.

Five meetings Commission on Minister and His Work, Asheville Presbytery.

One meeting Assembly's Committee on Evangelism.

One meeting Synod's Committee on Evangelism.

One meeting of Synod of Appalachia.

Four meetings of Asheville Presbytery.

Four visits into Holston Presbytery, King College Campaign.

Eleven regular meetings each of Mountain Orphanage and Home Mission Committees.

Eleven issues of *Our Mountain Work* were edited and mailed to over two thousand families and individuals at a cost of $457.30.

Three calls for the Builders' League were issued, and receipts of $1,091.00 were distributed to the Andrews, Hayesville and Etowah Churches.

5,360 pieces of mail—letters, postals and special appeals—were sent out from our office, an average of 18 per day, excluding Sundays.

The sum of $6,133.74 in cash was collected through our office, over and above the regular benevolent budget of Presbytery:

For Presbytery's Missions	$ 2,110.54
For Foreign Missions	100.00
For Mountain Orphanage	100.00
For Builders' League	1,091.00
For R. P. Smith Memorial Fund	464.68
For King College	1,660.60
For Assembly's Training School	89.00
For Orphaned Missions	40.78
For Ministers' Annuity Fund	217.48
For Orphanage Boys at King College	259.66
	$ 6,133.74

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Travel		
	Collections from meetings, etc	$867.05
	16,741 miles traveled at 5c per mile	837.05
	Surplus receipts over expenses	30.00
Office		
	Secretary	711.34
	Room Rent	150.00
	Stamps, envelopes, stationery, etc.	95.87

Telephone and telegrams	82.80	
Auditing Treasurer's books	50.00	
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
P. O. Box rent	6.00	
Safety box rent	5.50	
Bank charges	5.89	1,132.40
Publishing Our Mountain Work		457.70
		1,589.70
Less adjustments, Benevolent Budget	600.00	
Other accounts and surplus above	369.52	969.52
Net Travel and Office expenses		$620.18

(Note: Net expenses a year ago were $803.50. The reduction this year is due chiefly to extra sums collected for travel.)

THE R. P. SMITH MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This Fund was established five years ago, with a goal of $25,000. It now shows a net cash sum of $7,848.36. During the past year the Fund produced $321.68 in interests, and $143.00 in contributions were made to it. $225.10 in scholarships and expenses were disbursed, showing a net gain of $239.58. Pledges amounting to $582.00 are outstanding. During the five years $1,087.90 in scholarships have been awarded to ten girls at Montreat College and four boys at King College, and $1,045.49 in loans have been made to eight of them.

We urge that pastors keep this Memorial Fund green in the memories of their congregations, and present the same as opportunity may offer to individuals who might be interested to make substantial additions.

PRESBYTERY'S MISSIONS

Total receipts for this cause were $11,220.21. All obligations were met, and we begin the new year with a small surplus. However, we would have reported a sizable deficit except for the generosity of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in granting us a nice *bonus,* for which the Home Mission Committee has made suitable expression of appreciation.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSION COUNCIL

Mention of the work of this agency is worthy of inclusion in this report because it is vitally related to the home mission work of our Presbytery. Composed of twenty men, four from the Executive

Committee of Home Missions, and one from each of the sixteen Synods of the Assembly, this Council has justified the wisdom of its set-up three years ago. The meeting together of such a body of deeply interested men representing the whole work of home missions has already resulted in the smoothing of difficult and perplexing situations, in coordinating and unifying the work, and in giving a broader and more sympathetic understanding of the work of home missions as a whole. Recently we had a letter from Rev. John Yelton, Supt. of Home Missions in Holston Presbytery. He writes: "We seem to be getting some place with such a unified effort from all over the Assembly. Particularly I feel that this is true in our own Synod and Presbyteries."

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The total receipts through our office were $12,618.08, some $370.00 less than the previous year. However, Mr. Gruver held down expenses, and we closed the year with a tiny surplus. We commend Mr. Gruver most heartily for living within our income.

In addition to the above, a sum of $2,050.00 was added to the permanent funds of the Orphanage through gifts of interested friends.

LOWERED PERCENTAGES

In order to be fairer to Assembly's and Synod's Causes, Presbytery last fall adopted the recommendation of its Stewardship Committee by which the percentage of participation in the Benevolent Budget of $28,000 was lowered from 28% to 25% for Presbytery's Missions, and from 14% to 10% for the Mountain Orphanage. This is a strong challenge to all the churches to meet their budgets, irrespective of specials. If this be done, neither of these causes will suffer, but a long stride forward will be made. If this is not done, then $638.00 additional income must be secured from other sources for Mountain Orphanage, and $1,191.00 for Presbytery's Missions; else drastic cuts in operation must be sustained. We do not believe our beloved Church will permit this!

ANOTHER SELF-SUPPORTING GROUP

A year ago we had the perplexing problem of the Hazelwood Church debt. This has not troubled us since April, 1940. At that time Hazelwood agreed, grouped with White Oak and Bethel, to relinquish the appropriation of $1,100.00 yearly towards pastor's support, pay off a local debt of some $800.00, and complete the Sunday School Annex, on condition that the Home Mission Committee assume the remainder of the indebtedness, amounting to $4,714.19. Our Committee accepted the proposition and in addition paid the back salary of $474.00 which Rev. O. C. Landrum claimed

the Hazelwood Church owed him. This made a total of $5,188.19 assumed by the Committee.

We are happy to report that we have paid off $1,795.08 of our obligation, and also $169.00 interest; and that the original loan of $5,000 from an Asheville bank has been reduced to $3,400, with interest for ninety days paid in advance.

We feel that this settlement of a difficult situation has brought real advantages both to Hazelwood and to the Committee. There is a new group in the Presbytery independent of Presbytery's aid on pastor's support; there is a $12,000.00 new equipment in Hazelwood to meet the challenge of a rapidly growing community; there is the lifting of heavy and disheartening pressure both from the Hazelwood Congregation and the Committee, for the latter can liquidate its remaining obligation within three years by using the annual appropriation formerly given to Hazelwood.

There remain only four groups and a single church, a total of ten churches, now drawing aid from the Home Mission Committee. Each has decreased its askings for the current year in keeping with the progressive policy of the Presbytery. There is a possibility of six more churches reaching a self-supporting status within the new church year.

HOME MISSION CHURCHES

There has been quite a disruption among several of these churches, due to removal of pastors.

Mills River and Etowah. Rev. W. S. Hutchison, for twenty-three years the beloved pastor of this group, was called to his Heavenly Home on May 30, 1940. His presence has been sorely missed. Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford, of Hendersonville, has supplied both churches most acceptably, and will continue at Etowah for another six months. Re.v A. P. Hassell, D. D., missionary to Japan for some thirty years, has accepted a call as Stated Supply for six months at Mills River, and will take charge May 1st. We are happy thus to cooperate with the Foreign Mission Committee in this time of crisis in the Far East. Both churches met their benevolent budgets, their King College and Assembly's Training School Debt Quotas in full.

Etowah raised $300.00 and with a similar sum from the Builders' League made extensive repairs on their church building, greatly improving it as to comfort and usefulness.

Highlands. Rev. R. B. DuPree, after five years, has accepted a call to West Hanover Presbytery. He completed the year at Highlands. An outstanding piece of work by Mr. DuPree and his

congregation was the purchasing of a manse and two lots, near the center of the town. The property is valued at $3,300.00, and has no indebtedness. No help was asked of the Home Mission Committee. Visiting friends aided substantially.

Franklin - Morrison. Rev. J. A. Flanagan, after declining several calls in recent years, accepted a call to the church at Whitmire, South Carolina, leaving Franklin last November. He and Mrs. Flanagan had done splendid service in Macon County and in Asheville Presbytery for some thirteen years. Dr. Geo. Bellingrath, of Rabun Gap, Georgia, and the Superintendent of Home Missions have been the main supplies since November. Franklin met all financial obligations for benevolences, King College and Assembly's Training School.

Mr. Hubert Wardlaw, who graduates next month at Columbia Theological Seminary, has accepted the call of this group, and will take charge July 1st, subject to the action of Presbytery. Morrison met its King College quota, but did not quite reach its benevolent budget.

Andrews - Hayesville - Murphy. The Andrews Church has added two Sunday School rooms, redecorated the interior of the church building, and reroofed the manse at a cost of $600.00, of which the Builders' League provided $200.00. There has been a substantial increase in Sunday School enrollment.

The Hayesville Church has raised $150.00, and has received an additional $150.00 from the Builders' League, with which needed repairs will be made at an early date. A week's meeting resulted in five additions on profession of faith.

All three churches met their benevolent budgets, and their King College and Assembly Training School Debt quotas in full. Dr. H. L. Paisley is the beloved pastor of this group. Having reached the age of retirement for benefit under the Ministers' Annuity Fund, he has seen fit to resign, but has been called to continue as pastor for a period of twelve months.

Dillingham - Ivy Park. Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Nelson continue their excellent work in this field. A meeting was held at Ivy Park in connection with the Vacation Bible School, resulting in nine professions of faith in Christ. Both churches met their benevolent budgets. Dillingham paid off the debt quotas for King College and the Assembly's Training School. Ivy Park paid its quota on the Assembly's School debt. A bathroom and hot water tank were installed in the manse, chiefly by special gifts from interested friends in the First Church, Asheville, and at Dillingham. Mr. Nelson reports that he is greatly encouraged over the results of recent Every Member Canvasses.

CHALLENGES OF THE PRESENT

It seems to us that we should now, as never before, resurvey and re-evaluate the sustentation work of the Church. New and challenging opportunities are opening up, which for lack of funds our Church is unable to accept. The present world crisis is no longer a distant and uncertain problem for us. In fact, "Our front yard is now the playground of change and disorder. Populations are shifting from the center to the circumference in most of our large cities; the nation's defense program has already altered the established pattern of work in many local churches." The total result is not merely additional duties, but duties of a new kind.

Provision must be made for new and advanced work. We stand in need of an enlarged conception of Home Missions. Church leaders should make known the true dimensions and basic importance of Home Missions. The churches centrally located in the larger areas, having material resources and able leadership, should reach out to the un-churched sections, and there erect, direct and support Sunday Schools, chapels and mission points. The same policy should be followed by smaller churches in smaller communities. Our denominational destiny will be determined by the exercise of this principle.

Asheville Presbytery has been practically static for ten years along this line. Two new churches have been organized; four old ones have been dissolved. New church organizations are springing up all over Western North Carolina, but they are not Presbyterian. What can we do about it? We can, at least, face up to the challenge of new and enlarged opportunities—God grant that we may!

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a budget of $11,690.00 be approved for Presbytery's Missions.

2. That a budget of $13,000.00 be approved for the Mountain Orphanage.

3. That the following appropriations for 1941-1942 be approved: Dillingham - Ivy Park Group, $970.00; Highlands, $775.00; Franklin - Morrison Group, $650.00; Mills River - Etowah Group, $750.00; Murphy - Hayesville - Andrews Group, $360.00.

4. That the last Sunday in June, this year June 29th, be fixed as the special offering to Presbytery's Missions, as recommended by the Stewardship Committee and authorized by the Presbytery last fall; also, that one of the special projects for that day be the raising of approximately $2,000.00 towards the purchasing of a lot in Sylva, North Carolina, on which to erect a church building as soon as the way be clear.

5. That the Presbytery consider the advisability of issuing One Call per year for the Builders' League, instead of Three as at present, and that all pastors and auxiliaries be called upon to secure as large a number of subscribers as possible.

6. That the Presbytery cooperate with the Woman's Auxiliary in studying and presenting faithfully Synod's and Presbytery's Home Missions during the month of June; and that we pray, and call upon our people to pray, fervently and earnestly for the promotion and extension of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. D. BEDINGER,
Supt. Home Missions.

Commissioners To General Assembly

The following members were elected commissioners to the General Assembly, meeting in Montreat, June 24:

Principals	*Alternates*
REV. L. T. WILDS, D. D.	REV. JOS. R. SEVIER, D. D.
REV. J. W. CALDWELL, D. D.	REV. G. F. BELL, D. D.
ELDER R. N. WALKUP	ELDER J. N. JOHNSON
ELDER COUNCIL DILLINGHAM	ELDER S. L. MCCARTY, JR.

Sylva Petition

Rev. R. D. Bedinger and Rev. Paul P. Thrower spoke to Presbytery on the matter of the petition of 21 people of Sylva for the organization of a Presbyterian church. After hearing the prospects of a work there a motion was made and carried that Presbytery approve the organization of the church, and that Dr. Paisley, Dr. Bedinger and Mr. Thrower be a committee to recommend the appointment of the commission to carry out the organization of the church. Following is the petition:

"We the undersigned people of Sylva, N. C., do hereby express our desire to be organized into a Presbyterian Church by Asheville Presbytery. We solemnly pledge our faithfulness and loyalty to Christ and the Church if the said church is organized:

Signed	
MRS. R. P. POTTS	MRS. W. M. FOWLER
MRS. JESSIE F. GILES	ALBERTA J. LAWRENCE
	JUANITA F. DAVIS

Mrs. F. L. Hooper
Vernon McHan
Hilliard Revis
Marjorie R. Curtis
E. L. Curtis
Jessie F. Giles
Felix W. Potts
Peggy Bivins
William L. Davis
Bobby Curtis
Mrs. Alice M. Dills
Mrs. Grayson Cope
Beulah Dills Weaver
A. H. Weaver
Mrs. Felix Potts
H. L. Lawrence

Fassifern School

Dr. L. T. Wilds spoke briefly on the important place of Fassifern School at Hendersonville and asked that Presbytery hear the President, Dr. Jos. R. Sevier. Dr. Sevier advised us of the contribution that Fassifern School is making to the Church and to Western North Carolina. Special attention and concessions are being given to worthy daughters of our missionaries and our ministers at home.

Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented the report of his committee, with its recommendations, which was adopted and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Christian Education And Ministerial Relief

1. We have the following interesting figures from the Assembly's committee:

There were 180 candidates for the ministry and missionary services, 6 candidates for medical service, and 21 young women preparing for special church service; these candidates were aided to the amount of $14,564, which is $2,657 more than the preceding year.

Loans were made to 54 women and 52 men in the amount of $10,025. This is 13 less such students than last year. And in this connection, Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, requests that we call Presbytery's attention to the need for additional candidates in view of the many calls for men.

As to Assembly's Ministerial Relief, 564 homes were aided in the amount of $147,828. The annual "Joy Gift" is said to be of great help in meeting the needs of these homes.

We are asked to pray especially for God's blessing upon "The Christian Education Movement" directed by the Assembly of last year and to thank God for His blessing upon the gratifying progress of the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

2. As to our own Presbytery:

For Christian Education and Ministerial Relief $1,498 was received from all sources, being an increase of $279 over last year.

For the Ministers' Annuity Fund, $23,295 has been raised by cash and pledges, the cash amounting to $16,384. Sixteen ministers of Asheville Presbytery are now members of the Annuity Fund.

Last year 4 ministers, 8 widows, and one lay missionary received aid from Ministerial Relief in the sum of $4,121, an average of $317, about the same as last year.

The following candidates remain under our care, and their plans for the school session 1941-42 are:

Jack Bedford Davidson, of Swannanoa, 1st year at Union Seminary.

Benj. H. Evans, Stocksville, second year at Mars Hill Junior College.

J. Clyde Plexico, W. Asheville, 3rd year at King College.

Walter T. Reveley, Canton, 3rd year at Union Seminary.

Edward B. Whitson, Weaverville, 2nd year at Mars Hill.

We recommend:

1. That the same twelve who received aid from Ministerial Relief last year be granted like aid this year.

2. That an adjourned meeting be held at the call of the Moderator, at such a time as may be agreeable to the Moderator, the Commission on the Minister and His Work, and the Committee of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

Joseph R. Sevier.

Dr. R. C. Anderson addressed Presbytery on Montreat College, mentioning the fine character of the student body and high qualifications of the faculty of the college.

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was presented by Dr. J. W. Caldwell. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Assembly's Home Missions

The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions reports a year of encouraging progress both in interest and in results. The budget receipts applicable for appropriation payments were $339,652, a gain of $33,538. The total home mission income, including designated legacies and special gifts, was $357,081, a gain of $27,477 over last year.

Home mission churches as a rule made encouraging reports, and the mission schools without exception had full enrollments with an equal number of eager applicants denied admission. The Executive Committee has definitely fixed the enrollment in the various schools to the capacity of the present equipment. In the future any increase in appropriations for the mission school areas will be devoted to evangelism and church extension.

It is the judgment of many earnest people that the present crisis in world affairs gives new urgency to the cause of missions in America. There is an increasing concern for the safety of the Republic and the preservation of its liberties. The real strength of a nation is the character of its people. In national preparedness a call to religious faith is as important as a call to arms.

The Home Missions Council of North America after surveying the unchurched areas, the disadvantaged and underprivileged groups without the church or religious privileges of any sort, the increasing millions of unevangelized peoples in the United States and the appalling growth of crime and lawlessness, offers this conviction.

"In an age when darkness has settled upon the world and barbarians are again at the gates, it is our duty to make invincible upon this continent a way of life that is sufficient to meet the needs and demands of all the people and to build a commonwealth that invites the souls of men."

To reach the unchurched and unevangelized millions in our own country with the Christian message of faith and hope is the compelling task of Home Missions. It is an undertaking that calls for more workers and larger resources than have ever been provided.

In 59 Presbyteries in the 17 Synods the Assembly's Committee aided in the support of 428 pastors and evangelists, 117 teachers and nurses and community workers, who served 746 churches with 537 outposts, 18 schools and missions and one hospital.

The following recommendations are offered:

(1) That, in view of the enlarging task of the Assembly's Home Missions, Presbytery urge all the churches to recognize the importance of this Committee receiving its full and rightful share of the benevolent contributions.

(2) That the period, October 1 - November 8, be set apart as a special season for home mission study, and that the week of November 2-9, 1941, be designated as the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a generous offering in all churches and organizations for this cause.

(3) That the book "Why Stand Ye Idle?" be commended for use as the study book for the home mission period in all organizations of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Evangelism gave its report through its Chairman, Dr. G. F. Bell. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Evangelism

Our submission of a brief report at this meeting of Presbytery is not intended to indicate a waning interest in Evangelism or any decreased estimate of its vital importance and value. We only wish to avoid wearying Presbytery with a formal repetition of what has already been fully said.

A letter from the chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism has called grateful attention to our Church's having received 25,520 souls on confession of faith during the year 1939-40, —an increase of 20 per cent. over the previous year, decidedly the largest in a number of years, and possibly the largest in our history. Also to the happy decrease in five years in the number of churches reporting no additions on confession of faith from 1,370 to 1,086. These figures offer concrete evidence of the Holy Spirit's blessing on the new emphasis placed on evangelistic effort that church year.

We know relatively little about evangelistic activities in the Presbytery during the year just closed. A request for information that would help in compiling this report was sent out to all our ministers and stated supplies. The eight written and verbal replies received may be summarized somewhat as follows:

Special evangelistic meetings were held at Bryson City, Robbinsville, Canton, Asheville First, West Asheville, Swannanoa, and Black Mountain. The largest ingathering seems to have been the ten received on confession at Swannanoa. Others felt that the Services were definitely stimulating, preparatory, and helpful regardless of the direct results measured in the number of accessions. Sev-

eral speak of evangelistic emphasis in the pastor's regular preaching and by way of personal work. Canton and Montreat were made happy by a number of very promising accessions on confession of faith from time to time in the regular Sunday services. Swannanoa, Hazelwood, Asheville First, Hendersonville, and Black Mountain report communicants' classes. Dr. Wilds conducts such a class annually and considers it the best work a pastor can do. Others seem to feel much the same way. Hazelwood had cottage prayer meetings in a number of homes. As a result of Rev. P. P. Thrower's outpost evangelistic work at Sylva, a petition for the organization of a Presbyterian church there has been presented to this meeting of Presbytery and approved.

We recommend:

1. That in prayer and personal work and evangelistic emphasis in the pastor's regular preaching we "keep on keeping on", ever seeking the presence and aid of the Holy Spirit.

2. That all pastors consider the strong advisability of conducting an annual communicants' class, making careful preparation for it and giving it strong emphasis. Some have found it helpful to hold such a class in connection with a vacation Bible school.

3. That more and more our churches hold special evangelistic services in an effort to reach out aggressively after the unsaved, and that we consider the advisability of holding a number of such meetings this summer and fall. The summer is a leisure time for young people and others, and parts of it for farmers. The prolonged good weather conditions of the autumn make that also a favorable time for such meetings. The Assembly's Committee meets only once a year in the late summer and consequently recommends plans heading up in the late winter and spring. But its chairman suggests that Synods and Presbyteries might well organize such effort for earlier in the church year.

P. P. Thrower
C. Grier Davis
R. D. Bedinger
G. F. Bell, *Chairman.*

Elder R. L. Prevost of the Waynesville Church presented a call by the Waynesville church to Rev. Malcom R. Williamson, of Chattanooga. Motion was made and carried that the call be placed in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

After announcements were made Presbytery recessed until 7:30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING

Popular Meetings

At 7:30 P. M. Presbytery assembled at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church for the popular meetings on Home Missions and Religious Education. Rev. C. Grier Davis presided. A most inspiring address on Home Missions was delivered by Dr. R. D. Bedinger. An appreciative congregation then heard Rev. James M. Carr, Director of Religious Education in Appalachia Synod, deliver a most helpful message on the subject: "The Message and the Method of Religious Education", using as his text: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17).

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 9:00 o'clock, the Rev. A. P. Hassell, D. D., missionary to Japan, led Presbytery in an inspiring devotional, with a very serious meditation on "Daniel's Intercessory Prayer", from Daniel 9.

The minutes for Tuesday were read and corrected.

Commission For Organization Of Sylva Church

The report of the committee appointed to announce the personnel of a commission for the organization of a church at Sylva was read, approved, and is as follows: Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Chairman, Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. George B. Hammond, Rev. Paul P. Thrower, and Elders, J. T. Bailey, of Canton, and S. W. Black, J. A. Gray and P. E. Brintnall, of Bryson City. The quorum, three ministers and one elder. Date, the first Sunday of June.

It was announced that the following elders would assist with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: W. P. Barnes, Frank Foster, S. L. McCarty, Jr., and C. W. Medler.

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was made by Dr. H. B. Dendy. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

Recommendations From Committee On Religious Education

1. That churches and Sunday schools continue their generous financial support of the benevolent program of the Executive Committee of Religious Education through a larger Rally Day Offering this next October 5, 1941.

2. That we direct more of our church and personal book and literature business to our Presbyterian Book Stores since this directly helps to build up revenue for the support of our Church's educational program.

3. That congregations invite our Regional Director, Rev. J. M. Carr, into their churches giving him opportunity to help in strengthening and improving their church school programs and to solve their problem of better leadership.

4. That every minister be urged to teach definite Bible courses to officers and leaders this year as an effective means of equipping our teachers and leaders more effectively to teach the children and youth of our Church.

5. That each congregation take steps to discover unreached families and neighborhoods within easy distance, using facilities offered by the Executive Committee of Religious Education to make this effective.

6. That the help of our Regional Director be sought in planning and establishing a Vacation Bible School this summer in every community that does not have a Sunday School.

7. That our new Pioneer Sunday School materials be commended to each Sunday School for use in the Intermediate Department, and the new Vacation Bible Course, "How to Use the Bible", be recommended for use in Vacation Schools.

8. That each session be urged to see that the Sessional Report on Religious Education be fully made up this year before sending it to the Committee in Richmond.

9. That steps be taken looking to a Men's Organization in this Presbytery in order to undergird our Presbytery's work and to secure increasing cooperation from our unreached laymen.

10. That pastors be urged to send their Young People to the Conferences held by our Presbytery at Montreat June 9-14, and that pastors hold special conferences with these young people before they come to the conference.

11. That a Leadership Training School be held in Asheville, Hendersonville and Canton October 6-15.

12. That we hold a rally for men in the First Presbyterian

Church of Asheville on July 21 or 28, at 6:30 P. M. and that we have as our guest speakers Rev. J. M. Carr, Director of Religious Education in the Synod, and Mr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., Director of Men's Work for the General Assembly.

The Foreign Missions report was given by Rev. G. B. Hammond. The report, with its recommendation, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Foreign Missions Committee

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

The year just closed has been one of great concern and intense anxiety to all who are mission-minded, hampered by wars, wide spread and Satanic; missionary withdrawals from Japan, Korea and the occupied areas of China; the everincreasing meddling by the State in the affairs of conscience; are only a few of the opposing factors that have intensified the difficulties of world evangelization.

But there are Heartening Features:

From Brazil—"In the entire field there are more opportunities and needs both for preaching salvation to sinners and building up the saints in holiness and comfort than can possibly be used by the small force at work".

From China—"The year 1940 has been one of the most fruitful in the Mid-China Mission. It has been a year of large increase in membership, in giving and in the emergence and training of native Christian leadership".

From Korea—"In spite of all the confusion, the hampering restrictions, and many limitations imposed upon mission work of all kinds, this year, in many ways, has been one of the busiest, most important and most really blessed since the work opened."

From Japan—"The people seem war-weary and we feel that there are many who are hungry for the Bread of Life."

From Mexico—"The past year has been marked by an unusual increase in both missionary and national ranks. There are more than 30 young men of the National Church in different stages of preparation for a part in the great work of evangelizing our field in Mexico. There are also 32 young women who have definitely consecrated themselves to Christian service."

From Africa—"We have received into the Church during this past year a larger number on profession of faith than in any year in the history of our station."

General—"While complete statistics were not available from

three of the missions, because of disturbed conditions, it is clear that well over 6,000 have been added to the rolls of our churches abroad by the confession of their faith in Christ." The 27 new missionaries sent out represent the largest company that have gone to the field in one year since 1925. An equal number will be needed this year." "Receipts For The Year were $794,286.13. The largest amount we have received since 1932! We have cut down our old debt by a little more than $48,000.00."

We regret to state that our Presbytery contributed $801.00 less than we did last year.

We recommend,

That the difficulties, problems, needs, encouragements and opportunities that confront us be accepted as a challenge to unceasing prayer to the Lord of the Harvest to the end that we may be constrained to respond by the dedication of life and possessions to this cause of World Evangelization.

Respectfully,

H. L. Paisley, *Chairman.*
G. B. Hammond
G. F. Bell
E. E. White.

The following recommendation was made by Rev. C. G. Davis, and carried, "That the Presbytery commend to the ministers and laymen of Asheville Presbytery the Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in Montreat in August, and that the men of Asheville Presbytery be urged to make an organized effort to secure a large attendance at this meeting."

The report of the Committee on King College Debt was presented by Dr. R. F. Campbell. The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On King College Debt

We are happy to announce that the debt, originally $138,000, has been reduced to $40,000. In Asheville Presbytery we have taken care of one-half of our debt quota of $16,000, including expenses. $15,000 in bonds have been purchased including $10,000 by one of our elders at a savings of nearly $4,000 to the churches of the Presbytery. Fourteen, one-half of the churches, have paid their quotas in full. Nine churches have paid something. Five

churches have paid nothing. Five Churches did not pay their interest quotas during the past year. This has worked a hardship on our treasury, since funds which might have been used for the reduction of the debt had to be diverted to the interest payments. If this condition continues, we shall be faced with an increased obligation, necessitating the raising of new funds.

The fourteen churches which had not completed the payment of their quotas received the advantage of a thirty percent reduction on existing quotas last October. Next September, six months hence, the four-year period set by the Synod for the liquidation of the debt and the raising of an adequate endowment will terminate. 1942 is the dead-line for the completion of these two projects. At that time if we have not met the requirements, King College will be dropped from the list of the Southern Educational Association. This would be a major calamity. Our Synod has ample resources with which to avoid this. Our Presbytery is equal to its part of the task. What we need is teamwork. We need also to see to it that the cause of Christian Education, especially at King College, our Synodical responsibility, becomes deeply enshrined in the minds and hearts of our congregations.

Therefore, we offer the following recommendations:

First: That the Presbytery call upon all churches, pastors, and the leaders of all organizations to endeavor to create a more vital interest in Christian Education and particularly in the work at King College.

Second: That the Presbytery request and urge its churches still behind with their debt quotas to take energetic steps to finish their tasks without delay.

Third: That the Presbytery call the attention of each church to the obvious fact that every failure to meet the interest on the bonded indebtedness tends to depress the market value of the bonds. From the standpoint of honest dealing with the bondholders we cannot afford to do this. This gives emphasis to the importance of meeting each instalment of interest as it becomes due. The Presbytery urges every church that has not been able as yet to pay its quota of this debt to see to it that its share of the interest be promptly met.

Fourth: That the Presbytery approve the adding of the accumulated interest to the existing debt quota of each church that has not paid its interest as a matter of justice to the churches that have paid their interest.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
R. D. Bedinger, *Treasurer*
J. T. Bailey.

After a five minutes recess Presbytery assembled at 11:00 A. M. to hear Dr. R. C. Anderson deliver the doctrinal sermon. He used as his text, Eph. 2:4, "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

Following the sermon the Lord's Supper was observed, with Dr. H. L. Paisley and Dr. L. T. Wilds administering the elements.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presbytery was called to order at 1:15 P. M.

The names of ministers and their addresses were read and corrected for use for the Stated Clerk of General Assembly.

Rev. J. H. Gruver presented the report on Woman's Work. It was adopted and is as follows:

Report On Woman's Work

As usual the women of our Presbytery carried their share, a large share of our church work and responsibility. They enter into their work whole heartedly. At the Presbyterial held April 17-18 in Canton, some of the high lights of achievements are as follows:

Of the 22 Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial we find all making special offering to missions, all contributing to Birthday Gift, all contributing to Joy Gift, all observing season of prayer and self-denial for missions, all cooperating in promoting religious education and 17 contributing to all Denominational Benevolences.

Of the 2,006 Auxiliary members we regret that there are enrolled only 385 tithers, 307 family altars. However, there were 630 users of Day by Day, Survey readers 484, and other church paper readers 682.

Total Denominational Benevolences	$6,165.00
Auxiliary special benevolendes	2,244.00
Total of all benevolences	$8,409.00
Grand Total all Contributions	$12,272.00

With a decrease of $1,108.00 compared with last year.
The amount per capita was $6.12.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Gruver.

Dr. T. A. Painter presented the report for the Committee on Stewardship. This report, with recommendations, was

adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Stewardship Committee

I. Observations on results of Every Member Canvass:

1. Of 28 churches, 20 report an Every Member Canvass, 7 report no canvass, 1 reports Volunteer pledges and Tither's covenant.

2. Twelve churches accepted quota in full, that is, of those reporting. 6 made no comment.

NOTE: Presbytery at last stated meeting instructed the churches to report to the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee whether or not they would accept their quotas. In the case of those not reporting the Committee's apportionments will stand on the Treasurer's books.

Eight churches accepted reduced figures which total $1,650, making a deficit of that amount in the Benevolence budget. However, only the reduced figures go on the Treasurer's books. The unaccepted amount will be left as unapportioned quotas.

3. Eighteen churches report a total of 380 tithers. 10 churches report a total of 977 pledges. 9 churches report pledges totaling $13,614.29.

4. Two churches report pledged amounts in excess of accepted quotas. 1 came within $1.00 of amount.

II. Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery give the Stewardship Committee a special order of the day for its report at the Fall Meeting.

2. That Presbytery urge the churches to make complete returns in response to the questions on the Every Member Canvass blanks.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

The Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges being absent, had an oral report given by Rev. C. Grier Davis. He spoke concerning the Assembly's Training School and Union Seminary. Dr. R. C. Anderson reported orally, as Trustee, on Davidson College.

There was no report on Historical Records.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was given by Rev. T. A. Painter. It is as follows:

Report Of The Commission On The Minister And His Work

Three meetings of the Commission were held. Matters relating to the following churches were considered:

Murphy and Hayesville; Franklin and Morrison; Bethel, Hazelwood and White Oak; Mills River and Etowah; Waynesville; and Highlands.

(A) The Franklin-Morrison group was authorized to call Mr. Hubert Wardlaw, senior of Columbia Seminary on a salary basis of $1,600 and manse.

(B) Permission given to the Mills River-Etowah group to engage Rev. A. P. Hassell, D. D., as stated supply for six months and recommend to Presbytery that this be done.

(C) Authorized Dr. R. D. Bedinger to assume supervision over and act as supply for Bethel Church until provision is made for it after Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin leaves the field.

(D) Recommended Mr. Taylor Bird, of Union Seminary, as summer supply for the Highlands Church.

(E) Authorized the Waynesville church to issue a call to either Rev. William H. Dendy, of Reidsville, S. C., or Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, of Signal Mountain, Tenn.

(F) Met in conference with a committee from Hazelwood, and discussed at length several persons the church was interested in. Authorized the committee to visit the churches of these ministers to hear them with a view of calling.

(G) Gave permission to Highlands church to call Rev. Frank R. Morse, of Bethune, S. C., to the pastorate of that church.

(H) Took under consideration certain matters relating to Murphy and Hayesville churches, but deferred action until adjourned meeting of Presbytery.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman*
T. A. Painter, *Secretary.*

Red Oak

Motion was made and carried that the matter as to whether or not Red Oak is a church or an outpost be left in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Bills And Overtures

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was presented by Rev. J. C. Plexico, was adopted, and is as follows:

"The only matter that came to our attention was a communication from Mr. Tom Glasgow. We recommend that the Presbytery take no action."

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Plexico, *Chairman.*

Overture To General Assembly

The following overture, made by Dr. G. F. Bell, was approved and ordered sent to the General Assembly:

"The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly meeting in Montreat, May 22, 1941, to place Montreat in the Benevolence budget for 5-10 of one percent, that first of all our debt of honor there may be discharged and full payment for the new auditorium may be hastened, and that through the years this great Assembly-wide project in religious and Christian education may be securely undergirded."

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters for action had come before it.

The following report was approved:

"Your Committee on Minutes of Synod has gone through the minutes of Synod, but finds nothing requiring Presbyterial action."

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman,*
C. W. Medler.

Sessional Records

The following report was received and approved:

Asheville First, Andrews, Bethel, Black Mountain, Brevard-Davidson River, Bryson City, Etowah, Hendersonville, Kenilworth, Montreat, Oak Forest, Highlands, Swannanoa, Waynesville, Weaverville, West Asheville, Hayesville, Murphy, Mills River and Robbinsville.

The following churches did not have records:

Franklin, Morrison, Canton, Dillingham, Ivy Park, Hazelwood, White Oak, and Red Oak."

The following amendment was added:

That the clerk write to the churches that did not send their sessional rceords impressing upon them their obligation to do this and ascertaining their reasons for not sending their records this year.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Ratchford, *Chairman.*

The following report from the Committee on Auditing was approved and its recommendations adopted:

Report Of Committee On Auditing

"We the Auditing Committee have examined the audit of Wm.

H. Zimmerman, C.P.A. of Asheville, the books of R. D. Bedinger, Treasurer, and believe the same to be correct.

We have examined the books, vouchers and financial statement of the Stated Clerk and believe these to be correct.

We recommend:

1. That the Central Treasurer hand in annually to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery a list of all extra funds, placed under the proper causes; and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to include them on a line immediately after the list of churches entitled, "Extra Funds from Other Sources", also adding them to the sum totals of gifts from churches.

2. That the Brevard-Davidson River Church be asked to pay their arrearage in past years' contingent fees as rapidly as possible, at the rate of at least $15 per year in addition to current fees.

3. That the churches in arrears for the past year be urged to pay the amount as early as possible. Franklin, $.90; Hayesville, $5.10; Hazelwood, $20.10; White Oak, $2.85.

4. That the contingent fee be made 16 cents per capita instead of 15 cents.

5. That the Presbytery take care of travel expenses of the Commission on the Minister and His Work at the rate of 2½ cents per mile.

6. That the Stated Clerk's salary be raised to $150 per year."

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman*
O. W. Lancaster.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by Rev. C. Grier Davis. The same was approved and its recommendations adopted.

Report Of Committee On Nominations

A. Nominations:

1. Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chairman for Committee on Bible Cause.

2. Rev. R. C. Anderson, member of Committee on Schools and Colleges.

3. Rev. R. C. Anderson, Trustee for Davidson College for 3 years.

4. Rev. H. L. Paisley, member of sub-committee of Church Government on the Committee on Examination.

5. Rev. Paul P. Thrower, member of sub-committee of the Sacraments on the Committee on Examination.

6. Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, member of Home Missions Committee.

7. Rev. G. B. Hammond, Elder S. R. McCarty, Jr., President of Presbyterial, Secretary of Religious Education in Presbyterial, to be added to the Presbytery's Committee on Religious Education.

8. C. M. Sawyer to replace R. L. Crook on Committee on Evangelism.

9. Rev. P. N. Gresham to preach doctrinal sermon at Fall Meeting, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, alternate.

B. Recommendations:

1. That the committee on Presbytery's Records be changed from a Standing Committee to a Permanent Committee, composed of: Rev. Paul P. Thrower, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, and Rev. Ewell Nelson.

2. That the Historical Committee be abolished.

3. That the duties of the Permanent Committee on Presbytery's Records shall be to examine the printed minutes of the Presbytery before issuance from the printing press, and correct any errors; after which they shall be considered adopted as the official records of the Presbytery.

4. That two copies of the printed Minutes, certified by the Permanent Committee on Presbyterial Records, shall be sent to the Historical Foundation immediately upon publication; and two other thus certified copies shall be sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod. An additional copy shall be kept in the files of Presbytery's Stated Clerk.

C. Grier Davis, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, given by Elder E. E. White, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Leave Of Absence

Your Committee reports that the following ministers sent written requests to be excused from attending the Meeting of Presbytery: K. J. Foreman, E. L. Nelson, W. A. Murray and D. W. Richardson.

The following requested to be excused from certain sessions of the Meeting: R. F. Campbell, Chas. B. Chapin, Chas. M. Jones, Jos. R. Sevier and E. E. White.

We recommend that all of these be excused as requested.

E. E. White, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Presbytery's Records was presented by Rev. J. H. Gruver for Dr. Jos. R. Sevier.

SAFETY FILM

It was received and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Presbytery's Records

Your Committee on Presbytery's Records reports that it has read the printed minutes of a called meeting on June 20, 1940, and the regular meeting at Hazelwood, October 8-9, 1940, and finds them accurate as corrected.

JOSEPH R. SEVIER, *Chairman.*

The annual Statistical Report of Presbytery for the year was made by the Stated Clerk. The same was adopted, and is appended to back cover of the minutes, with the exception of the following:

Number of Installations	1
Number of Dissolutions	3
Number of Ministers Deceased	1

(Rev. W. S. Hutchison, died May 31, 1940, age 62)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions, given by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of Committee On Resolutions

We, the members of Asheville Presbytery, would take this means of expressing our gratiude to God that He has appointed us to this service, unworthy though we may be.

And, further, in recognizing the many courtesies which have been shown us, we express our grateful gratitude for them. Particularly would we express our thanks:

1. To Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Gruver and their loyal, efficient co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Griffin, Mrs. Minnie Davis, Miss Evelyn Roberts, Miss Ruth Zeller and Miss Ina Cooke, for their unflagging zeal in rendering us such generous and beautiful hospitality.

2. To the beloved children of this noble institution, who by their happy, bright faces, by their cheerful and efficient service in the kitchen, dining room and on the campus, have endeared them to us, and to whom, together with the able leaders of this home, we pledge our unfailing love and support.

3. To Dr. G. F. Bell, his Session, people and choir, for co-operating with the Mountain Orphanage in our entertainment both here and at Black Mountain.

4. To our visiting speaker, Rev. C. M. Carr and Dr. A. P. Hassell for inspiring and helpful addresses.

5. To Dr. R. C. Anderson and Rev. J. C. Plexico for their inspiring and strengthening sermons.

6. To the Asheville Citizen-Times for its helpful publicity.

7. To our Moderator, Dr. H. L. Paisley, our Stated Clerk, Rev. P. P. Thrower, and our temporary Clerk, Rev. G. B. Hammond, who by their firm, wise and tactful efforts have guided us in one of the most inspiring and helpful Meetings of this Church Court.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. BEDINGER, *Chairman*
C. C. LORD,
S. L. WOODWARD.

Place And Time Of Next Meeting

An invitation from the Bryson City Church for the Fall Meeting came through the Stated Clerk. The invitation was accepted, and Presbytery set the date for September 30 - October 1, 1941. The Moderator, Dr. H. L. Paisley, and the Stated Clerk, Rev. Paul P. Thrower, were appointed the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Motion was made and carried that Presbytery adjourn to meet in an Adjourned meeting at such time as the Moderator and the Stated Clerk may set after conference with certain ones involved. The date was later set for May 20, 1941, 11:30 A. M., Asheville First Church.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Temporary Clerk.*

PAUL P. THROWER, *Stated Clerk.*
H. L. PAISLEY, *Moderator.*

I certify that this is a true record of the meeting of Asheville Presbytery, of April 22-23, 1941.

Paul P. Thrower
Stated Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1941.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms		Total Sabbath School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED											Pastors' Salaries		Other Funds Contributed			
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Confession	Added on Certificate	Whole No. Communicants	Adult	Infant		Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Paid Direct	Paid Indirect	Current Expenses	Congregational Missions	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
J. P. Anderson' H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																						2400				
R. D. Bedinger, S. H. M., Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																										
" S. S.	Canton, N. C.	Bethel†	3		2	7	54	2			61	46	63	4	14	1	3	3	29	24	110	359		62			10
G. F. Bell, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain*†	4	7	8	15	261	5	1	261	318	157	75	41	34	5	10	10	177	249	194	1800		643	12	485	77
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	5	5	12	10	156	3	2	425	759	382	162	47	27	7	27	27	368	295	442	2500		1230			330
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.	First																									
Chas. B. Chapin, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*†	7	9	5		96	2	4	106	49	16	25	11	15	1	2	2	39	155	30	991		529		300	27
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
Vernon A. Crawford, F. M.	Nashville, Tenn.																										
S. R. Crockett	Franklin, N. C.																										
C. Grier Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	26	34	27	99	1354	9	20	870	2456	1180	2010	196	601	15	171	147	1910	1344	2938	6600		13963		798	1019
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	6	7	3	8	230	2	3	232	57	29	57	44	10	1	1	1	105	30	21	2400		1366	60	1810	119
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak			3		13			35															25		
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																										
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	15	19	3	23	368	3	11	254	156	87	151	53	34	2	8	9	198	170	156	2220		2455		1025	99
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	8	6	6	190	6		139	242	98	279	33	73	3	9	8	113	145	187	2057		937		3348	19
Chas. M. Jones, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	6	11	2	7	197		3	85	88	49	29	11	3	2	6	6	90	41	98	1800		797		116	
" In trans.	Chapel Hill, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
Ewell L. Nelson, P.	Stocksville, N. C.	Dillingham*†	4	3		2	102			125	27	13	14	2	14	1	2	2	15	73	30	525	975	192		100	
" P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park†	2	1	2	3	43	2		80	6	4	2	1	4	1	1	1	10	4	8	150		35			
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	6	8	11	6	206	5		138	166	83	225	40	76	1	9	7	123	208	163	2000		827		1137	132
H. L. Painley, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	3	4		5	56		1	37	27	13	15	2	14	1	1	1	22	87	30	750	447	1035			19
" P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	2	1	5		37	5	1	35	10	6	8	1	5	1	1	1	5	37	11	120		49			12
" P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	1			26			53	36	19	11	2		4		3		82		240		119		860	
J. Clyde Plexico, P.	West Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	15	27	10	12	479	9	2	412	175	123	36	34	4	3	10	10	113	103	196	2600		1707		3170	32
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																										
Jos. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
Paul P. Thrower, P., S. C.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*†	3	3	4	7	61	4	1	68	47	24	23	8	1	1	3	3	275	113	52	900	65	329			98
" P.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville†	2	2	1		32	1		30	13	7	3	1	2	1	1	1	31	8	17	600		270			25
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	12	16	8	25	517	4	6	229	938	450	246	92	45	15	57	57	1159	545	1072	3000		3324			216
	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak, V.	1	1			13	4		15												16		5			
—28	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah, S. S.†	2	1			51			40	23	12	46	2	11	1	1	1	22	10	26	132	50	21		250	
	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	2	4	2	4	72	2	3	54	62	30	74	27	17	1	4	4	48	39	92	467	467	150		60	77
	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison†	2	1			28			30	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	23	80		15			
Candidates—8	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood, V.*†	3	2	3	4	73	3		120	4	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	23	776		336		1114	
	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River, S. S.*†	6	10	4	5	138	4	1	124	72	33	163	12	36	1	4	4	77	27	75	300	150	380			100
	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	5	7			182		1	78	59	31	15	3	6	6	2	2	107	15	43	1582		448		540	64
	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands, V.*†	6			1	73		1	50	19	13	13	4	1	1	1	9	151	6	12	749	850	1101		842	2
		—28	156	192	121	249	5110	75	61	4125	5874	2917	3758	673	1049	78	336	321	5197	3846	6049	35714		32307	97	15655	2477

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May 20, 1941.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in an adjourned meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, Tuesday, May 20, 1941, at 11:00 A. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D. The opening prayer was made by the Rev. T. A. Painter, D. D. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The following members were present:

Ministers: R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, P. N. Gresham, George B. Hammond, C. M. Jones, E. L. Nelson, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, Paul P. Thrower, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson.

Elders: Allen T. Morrison, Asheville First; E. E. White, Black Mountain; Ralph Wedge, Brevard - Davidson River; W. P. Barnes, Canton; G. S. Stone, Dillingham; C. H. Alexander, Swannanoa; H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; and Frank Foster, West Asheville.

WILLIAMSON RECEIVED

A letter of dismission for the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, from Knoxville Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery, was read by the Clerk. Presbytery proceeded with the examination as required by the Book of Church Order. The examinations were as follows:

1. Experimental Religion, led by the Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D.
2. Theology, led by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D.
3. Church Government, by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

Each of these was found satisfactory. A motion was made and carried that the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson be received as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

A call from the Waynesville Church was read, found in order, and ordered placed in the hands of the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, who signified his willingness to accept the call.

Upon request of Mr. Williamson Presbytery appointed the following members of a commission to install him as pastor:

Rev. G. B. Hammond, to preside and preach.
Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., to charge the pastor.
Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D.
Elder R. J. Revely, to charge the congregation.
Elder J. T. Bailey, alternate.
Time: June 1, 1941, 11:00 A.M.
The quorum set was any two of the commission.

JONES DISMISSED

A communication was read concerning the Brevard-Davidson River Church concurring with the wish of the Rev. Charles M. Jones, pastor, resigned.

At the request of Mr. Jones, Presbytery voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship and to grant him a letter of dismission to Orange Presbytery so that he might accept the pastorate of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church.

Correction Of Irregularity In Call

After the matter of the pastoral relationship of the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., and his group of churches was brought before Presbytery by the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the following motion, by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., was made and carried:

"That the Clerk of Presbytery write to Dr. Paisley and the group of churches of which he is the pastor, informing them that the Presbytery has discovered an irregularity in the original call—the irregularity of stating a definite or limited number of years, in this instance three years—and therefore that Dr. Paisley is and continues to be the pastor of these churches until the pastoral relationship is dissolved in accord with our 'Book of Church Order'." (This was later done.)

LETTER TO DR. CHAPIN

A motion was made and carried that a letter of interest and best wishes be sent from the Presbytery by the Stated Clerk to the Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D. D., who is in the hospital ill. (This was done and a letter of appreciation received from Mrs. Chapin.)

Upon motion Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet in the regular stated meeting, September 30, 1941, at Bryson City, N. C.

H. L. Paisley, *Moderator.*
Paul P. Thrower, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Montreat, N. C.
June 13, 1941.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in Gaither Hall, Montreat, N. C., June 13, 1941, 1:30 P. M. The Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., being absent, the last moderator present, the Rev. J. C. Plexico, called the meeting to order. The Rev. W. P. Chedester led in the opening prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Ministers: R. D. Bedinger, G. F. Bell, J. W. Caldwell, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. L. Nelson, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, D. W. Richardson, Paul P. Thrower, and Malcolm R. Williamson.

Elders: E. E. White, Black Mountain; Dr. I. J. Archer, Montreat.

The following call was read and found in order:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called to meet at Montreat, N. C., Friday, June 13, 1941, 1:30 P.M., for the purpose of taking necessary actions in the following matters:

1. The dismission of Candidate Taylor Bird to Lexington Presbytery.
2. The reception, ordination, and installation of Licentiate Hubert

Wardlaw.
3. The disposal of the old Hazelwood Church property.

H. L. PAISLEY, *Moderator.*
PAUL P. THROWER, *Stated Clerk.*"

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, was invited to sit as a visiting Brother.

Candidate Taylor Bird Dismissed

Upon motion Candidate Taylor Bird was granted a letter of dismission to Lexington Presbytery.

Reception Of Licentiate H. G. Wardlaw

A letter of dismission of Licentiate Hubert G. Wardlaw from Cherokee Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery was presented. Presbytery proceeded with the customary examination. The Rev. J. C. Plexico led the examination in Experimental Religion; the Rev. T. A. Painter, D. D., in Theology; the Rev. P. N. Gresham, on the Sacraments; the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D., in English Bible; and the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, in Church Government. The examinations were found satisfactory and were sustained.

Mr. Wardlaw then delivered a sermon to Presbytery, using the subject: "The Power of Sin." His text was Gen. 13:12, "So Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom, but Abram dwelt in Hebron."

A motion was made and carried that the entire examination be found satisfactory.

A call from the Franklin-Morrison Churches was read, found in order, and placed in the hands of Mr. Wardlaw, who accepted it.

The following commission was appointed for his ordination and installation:

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Chairman,
Rev. H. L. Paisley,
Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson,
Rev. Paul P. Thrower,
Elders: S. W. Black and J. S. Gray.

The date was left to be set by the Commission, June 29 later being set.

The quorum was set as three ministers and one elder.

Permission Given For The Sale Of Hazelwood Property

Presbytery took the following actions in regard to the [illegible] of the old property of the Hazelwood Church:

First, that the Trustees of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church be permitted to sell the old frame church building and lot on which it stands for whatever price it may bring;

Second, that the Trustees of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church are instructed by the Presbytery to use as much of the sale price as may be needed to pay off the debt owing to Mr. Liner, of the Junaluska Supply Company;

Third, that the Presbytery hereby instructs the Trustees of Asheville Presbytery to sign the deed transferring this property to the party purchasing it.

The minutes were read for correction.

Upon motion Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Mr. Hubert G. Wardlaw.

J. C. PLEXICO, *Moderator.*
PAUL P. THROWER, *Stated Clerk.*

CALLED MEETING

Banner Elk, N. C.
September 10, 1941.

The Presbytery of Asheville has been instructed by the Synod of Appalacia, meeting in Banner Elk, to meet for the purpose of:

1. Authorizing the Trustees of Asheville Presbytery to sign a warranty deed to the Trustees of the Hazelwood Methodist Church, which is buying the old church property and lot of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church, and,

2. To act on the request of the Rev. Vernon A. Crawford for a letter of dismission.

The meeting was held at noon, Tuesday, September 10, 1941.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D.

The following members were present:

Ministers: H. L. Paisley, P. N. Gresham, H. G. Wardlaw, Paul P. Thrower, L. T. Wilds, C. Grier Davis, E. L. Nelson, M. R. Williamson, J. C. Plexico, H. B. Dendy, R. D. Bedinger.

Elders: H. C. Lindsley, Waynesville; Walter Abernethy, Asheville First; J. T. Bailey, Canton; Ben Evans, Weaverville.

A motion was made and carried that the Presbytery give authority to the Trustees of Asheville Presbytery to give a warranty deed to such people as the Hazelwood Methodist Church may designate.

The following motion was also carried, namely, "That Presbytery request the Hazelwood Church to actively cooperate with the Commission on the Minister and His Work and the Home Missions Committee of our Presbytery, and to proceed immediately to get a pastor for this group of churches, Hazelwood-Bethel and White Oak."

Upon motion, the request by the Rev. Vernon A. Crawford for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Macon was granted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, led by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson.

H. L. Paisley, *Moderator.*
Paul P. Thrower, *Stated Clerk.*

STATED MEETING

Bryson City, North Carolina
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1941

The members of Asheville Presbytery and friends met in the Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, September 30, 1941, 11:00 A. M., in a worship service, during which the Retiring Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., preached the sermon, his text being Acts 10:29, "I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?"

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

The Roll was called, was later amended, and is as follows:

Ministers: R. C. Anderson (first day), R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown (first day), R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham (second day), J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, Ewell L. Nelson, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, Paul P. Thrower, Hubert G. Wardlaw, M. R. Williamson. 19.

Elders: L. B. Nichols, Andrews; S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. O. Williams, E. E. White (2), Black Mountain; J. A. Gray, S. W. Black (2), Bryson City; W. P. Barnes, J. T. Bailey (2), Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. S. Gray, Franklin; L. C. Davis (first day), Hazelwood; H. M. Wright, Highlands; E. C. Dickinson (second day), Kenilworth; O. W. Lancaster, Mills River; J. J. Gray, Morrison; M. W. Bell, Murphy; Candler Morgan, Oak Forest; W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa; Vernon McHan, Sylva; R. L. Prevost, L. C. Lindsley (2), Waynesville; R. A. Burton (first day), Weaverville. 22.

The Rev. Ewell L. Nelson was elected Moderator, and the Rev. George B. Hammond, Temporary Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was read by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower. The following recommendations were adopted:

"That 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, be a special order of the day for the Committee on Stewardship.

That 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, be a special order of the day to hear the Rev. James M. Carr, our Regional Director of Religious Education.

That 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, be a special order of the day for the Committee on Foreign Missions.

That the 7:30 P.M. hour be given to the Evangelism Committee for a popular meeting, that this service be followed with the reading of memorials and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, being administered by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson and the Rev. Ewell L. Nelson.

That 9:00 - 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, be given for a devotional service led by the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw.

That the doctrinal sermon by the Rev. P. N. Gresham be preached at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday."

The unprinted minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting Brethren:

The Rev. T. J. McConnell, D.D., of Abingdon Presbytery.
The Rev. H. T. Bridgman, of East Hanover Presbytery.
The Rev. Joseph Hopper, D.D., of Lexington-Ebenezer Presbytery.
The Rev. James M. Carr, of Knoxville Presbytery.
The Rev. J. C. Shive, of East Hanover Presbytery.
The Rev. Walter Johnson, of the Baptist denomination.
The Rev. Wm. H. Covert, Baptist minister of Bryson City.
The Rev. H. E. Jones, Methodist minister of Bryson City.

The Presbytery recessed at 12:30 P. M., to reconvene after luncheon.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. Prayer was made by the Rev. M. R. Williamson.

The appointment of Standing Committees was made, as follows:

Bills and Overtures: H. L. Paisley, R. D. Bedinger, W. H. McMurray, J. A. Gray.
Judiciary: R. F. Campbell, J. H. Gruver, P. N. Gresham, S. R. McKee.
Minutes of General Assembly: M. R. Williamson, S. R. Crockett, W. C. Dillingham.
Nominations: H. B. Dendy, G. B. Hammond, T. A. Painter, L. C. Davis, Candler Morgan.
Leave of Absence: Hubert G. Wardlaw, Paul P. Thrower, W. P. Chedester, J. S. Gray.
Resolutions: C. Grier Davis, C. B. Ratchford, J. O. Williams.

Motion was made and carried that the Presbytery have printed on the back fly-leaf of the minutes the names of Moderators and the Places of Meetings for the last 20 years.

Communications were received and ordered placed into the hands of the respective committees.

Rev. Robert Frederick Brown Received

A letter of dismission for the Rev. Robert Frederick Brown from the Presbytery of Winchester to Asheville Presbytery was read. The customary examination was given Mr. Brown. He was examined on Experimental Religion by the Moderator, the Rev. Ewell L. Nelson, on Church Government by the Rev. J. C. Plexico, and the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., led the examination on Theology. Upon motion the Rev. R. F. Brown was received as a member of Asheville Presbytery.

Report Of The King College Debt

Campaign Committee

Your Committee calls the Presbytery's attention to the two-year Christian Education Movement inaugurated by our General Assembly, and which began April 1, 1941. It has a two-fold purpose: First, to educate our people concerning the value of Christian Education, with particular emphasis on that offered by our own Presbyterian institutions. Second, the securing of adequate funds for their equipment and endowment. A special committee of our Synod will promote this Christian Education Movement.

Your Committee also reminds the Presbytery of the Five-Year Plan adopted by our Synod four years ago, with these objectives:

1. A debt-free college.
2. An income-bearing endowment of at least $300,000.
3. A fixed income from the Synod of Appalachia of $12,000 a year.
4. An adequate Administration Building.
5. Full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

None of these objectives is complete at this time, though some are nearer than four years ago. Under the impetus of a Synod-wide and an Assembly-wide Christian Education Movement these objectives can be and ought to be attained within the two-year period ending March 31, 1943. To this end your Committee recommends:

1. Hearty co-operation with Synod's Committee in the promotion of the Christian Education Movement.

2. A determined effort on the part of those churches which have not yet done so to complete the debt quotas, both as to principal and interest, assigned them by this Presbytery.

3. That our pastors present to their congregations the Living Endowment Plan recently started at King College.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman,*
R. D. BEDINGER, *Treasurer,*
J. T. BAILEY.

At 2:00 P. M. Presbytery heard the report of the Committee on Stewardship by the Rev. T. A. Painter, D. D., Chairman. The report was received and its recommendations adopted.

Report Of The Stewardship Committee

Your Committee would report as follows:

I. General Recommendations:

1. We wish to call the attention of the Presbytery to the following recommendations of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Stewardship and Finance:

a. That the General Assembly call our people in these troublous times to a new observance of God's ownership of all things.

b. That the Assembly adopt as a brief guide for stewardship thought and action the following: (1) God owns all people and all things; (2) Man owes acknowledgement of ownership in the dedication of time, talents, and material resources.

c. That Sunday, March 15, 1942, be observed as Every Member Canvass Sunday when every church shall endeavor to help each member to give earnest and prayerful consideration to his plans for giving in the light of God's blessing in Christ, of the need of people for Christ and His message and of God's invitation to fellowship in His work.

d. That pastors and church officers be urged to help people make their planning for giving and their giving itself an act of worship when the human life wrapped up in the offering shall be dedicated as sacred to the purposes of God.

e. That Sunday, March 29, 1942, be designated as "Pay-Up Day" when all members are challenged to complete the fulfillment of the covenant concerning giving made with Christ and the Church.

2. We would call to the attention of the various churches the calendar of seasons suggested by the General Assembly.

3. Special attention is called to the fact that the last Sunday in June is the regular time for a special offering for Presbytery's Home Missions.

4. We recommend that our Presbytery accept a quota of $125.00 towards the expenses of a Secretary of Evangelism for the General Assembly, and that the raising of this money be referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

5. We desire to give especial emphasis to the fact that for five months of this year the churches have given only $7,348, and that there is lacking on the total budget $20,652, which must be raised in seven months. Accordingly, we urge each church to consider this fact, and make every effort to raise our budgets this year.

6. The Stewardship Committee is asked to assume the responsibility to follow up the matter of the Defense Service Council Fund through the appointment of a sub-committee.

II. King College Debt and Interest Fund:

In view of the urgent need to complete the liquidation of the King College Debt, we ask that the churches whose quotas have not been reached be requested to expend every energy to finish with their obligations, and that the interest on the unpaid balance be apportioned among the churches as follows:

Asheville First Church	$ 235.00
Brevard Church	11.00
Canton Church	6.00
Hazelwood Church	2.00
Hendersonville Church	42.00
Highlands Church	9.00
Ivy Park Church	1.00
Kenilworth Church	9.00
Montreat Church	18.00
Waynesville Church	12.00
Weaverville Church	8.00
West Asheville Church	15.00
White Oak Church	1.00
	$ 379.00

III. Percentages and Quotas:

1. We recommend that the percentages for the benevolent causes remain the same, as follows:

Assembly's Causes:	
Foreign Missions	26.0%
Assembly's Home Missions	14.0%

Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	6.5%	
Religious Education & Publication	2.4%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.5%	— 50%
Synod's Causes:		
King College	7.0%	
Synod's Home Missions	1.0%	
Religious Edu. (Synod or Presbytery)	1.0%	
Union Theological Seminary	.7%	
Louisville Seminary	.3%	— 10%
Presbytery's Causes:		
Presbytery's Home Missions	25.0%	
Mountain Orphanage	10.0%	
Montreat College	5.0%	— 40%
		100%

2. We recommend the adoption of a budget of $29,000 for the church year, beginning April 1, 1942, representing an increase of $1,000, to Assembly's Causes $500.00, and to Synod's and Presbytery's Causes $500.00, and that this sum be prorated to the churches on the basis of 3½% increase to each church budget, as follows:

Asheville First Church	$13,465.00
Hendersonville Church	4,140.00
Montreat Church	2,072.00
Kenilworth Church	1,244.00
West Asheville Church	1,035.00
Canton Church	932.00
Black Mountain Church	780.00
Weaverville Church	777.00
Brevard-Davidson Churches	776.00
Swannanoa Church	674.00
Waynesville Church	621.00
Franklin Church	310.00
Mills River Church	310.00
Bryson City Church	259.00
Hazelwood Church	207.00
Oak Forest Church	207.00
Murphy Church	181.00
Bethel Church	145.00
Andrews Church	155.00

Highlands Church	130.00
Dillingham Church	129.00
Etowah Church	129.00
Robbinsville Church	104.00
Morrison Church	93.00
Ivy Park Church	47.00
Hayesville Church	47.00
White Oak Church	31.00
	$29,000.00

Unless word is received by the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee from the church sessions, it will be understood that these quotas have been accepted.

By action of the Committee, Mr. W. H. McMurray was requested to address the Presbytery on the subject of Stewardship as part of the Order of the Day.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter, *Chairman*,
R. D. Bedinger,
P. N. Gresham,
I. J. Archer,
W. H. McMurray.

In connection with this report Presbytery heard Elder W. H. McMurray, of Swannanoa, on the subject of Stewardship and the Tithe.

At 3:00 P. M. the Presbytery heard an address by the Rev. J. M. Carr, our Synodical Director of Religious Education, on the subject: "Our Place In A Common Task."

The Committee on Religious Education made its report through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D. The report and recommendations were adopted, and are as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Religious Education

This has been a good year for the work of Religious Education in Asheville Presbytery.

Sixteen Vacation Bible Schools were held for white children

and two for colored children, the latter being sponsored by Asheville First and Kenilworth Churches.

This year two conferences were held at Montreat for our Senior-Fellowship and Intermediate Groups. These were the largest ever held in our Presbytery. The Young People's Rally, held July 24 in the Kenilworth Church, was the largest in the history of the Presbytery.

An Adult Conference for Men was held in the Asheville First Church on the night of July 21. Some twelve of our Churches were represented at this meeting by some seventy-odd men. At this conference we had the Secretary of Men's Work of our Assembly, Mr. S. J. Patterson, and Rev. James M. Carr, Director of Religious Education for our Synod. This meeting resulted in a subsequent meeting at which an organization of the Men of our Presbytery was perfected, with Walter Abernethy as Chairman. Another Presbytery-wide Rally for our Men is being planned for Oct. 28, at 6:30 P.M., at the West Asheville Church, with R. G. LeTourneau as guest speaker.

Leadership Schools are being planned for Asheville and nearby Churches in the First Church, Asheville; for Canton and nearby Churches in the Canton Presbyterian Church; and for Hendersonville and nearby Churches in the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church for Oct. 5-15.

Recommendations:

1. That our Presbytery through its Home Mission Committee employ a man to develop outpost Sunday School work in the Asheville area, taking into account especially suburban districts and industrial areas.

2. That Pastors and Sessions encourage their people to attend the Leadership Training School nearest them during the period Oct. 5-15.

3. That Pastors and Sessions make every effort to have a large delegation of their men at the West Asheville Meeting on Oct. 28, 1941, at 6:30 P.M.

4. That Churches be urged to avail themselves of the opportunity of procuring the services of our Director of Religious Education, Rev. James M. Carr.

5. That both self-supporting and Home Mission Churches be urged to make a definite effort to establish outpost Sunday Schools in the neglected areas nearest to them, availing themselves of the services of our Home Mission Superintendent and Evangelist, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D.

6. That we encourage our Churches to send their Older Young People to attend the Second Quadrennial Presbyterian Youth Convention on World Missions, in Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30, 1941, to Jan. 1, 1942.

7. That Presbytery hear Rev. J. M. Carr, Synod's Director of Religious Education, in connection with this report.

8. That the Chairman of the Men of Presbytery be made an ex-officio member of Presbytery's Religious Education Committee.

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

A ten-minute recess was held.

At 4:00 P. M. Presbytery heard the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. In connection with this report our foreign missionary, the Rev. Joseph Hopper, D. D., delivered a most interesting address on, "Our Work in Korea". The report was received and it and the recommendations were adopted, and are as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Foreign Missions

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

Says Dr. C. Darby Fulton: "Never in all the history of our Church has the Foreign Mission enterprise been hedged about by so many difficulties and problems. Even during the World War, the situation was not as universally difficult. Then we had trouble in Europe and to some extent in Africa, but now the countries of the Far East are equally, if not more involved. We are confronted by hazards of the seas, by hostile governments, by the widespread fear of fifth columnists, by the estrangement of relation between missionaries and native leaders, by the threat of war between our country and some of the very lands where we are working, by new pagan philosophies, by nationalism run wild, by the precautions of our own Government, the difficulty of obtaining passports, the scarcity of ships for travel, the fears and misgivings of the Church at home, by the temporary withdrawal of almost a third of our missionary force from the countries where they have been working, by the problem of finding employment for those who are waiting the reopening of the doors, and by the task of keeping the missionary vision of the Church alive in the face of these circumstances. Yet, in spite of all this, it is the testimony of our missionaries from Africa, Brazil, China and Mexico that the opportunities for mis-

sionary work were never brighter, the attitude of the people never more friendly, their heart hunger never more evident, their response to the Gospel never more hearty and spontaneous."

Africa:

Our work here has not been affected by the capitulation of Belgium to Germany. The Congo remaining under the free Belgian Government in London. This, of course, is pending the final outcome of the present World War. Additions upon profession of faith reached almost maximum proportions last year. Communication and transportation to Africa are of course greatly disturbed by present unsettled conditions of ocean travel.

Brazil:

Here is the land of supreme missionary challenge today: (a) Of unhindered opportunity. (b) Of new importance because of our South American relations. (c) Of their fear of totalitarianism and recognition that democracy finds its strongest sanctions in the Christian faith. (d) The vastness of the unfinished task. (e) Their deep spiritual unrest and dissatisfaction.

Some missionaries are being transferred from the Orient to Brazil. The growth of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil has been rapid and will be greatly increased with the application of the Birthday Offering from the Woman's Auxiliary to the extension work in this field. The only obstacle of consequence is a new regulation of the Brazilian Government denying visas for permanent residence to missionaries. It is thought that this matter will soon be cleared.

China:

Inasmuch as all of our work in China lies within the territory occupied by Japan there have been many restrictions exacted by the military authorities. Despite these things the work has shown remarkable fruitfulness. We still have 42 missionaries left in China out of a normal force of 125 and they report an amazing responsiveness by the people. Churches are full; inquiries are coming in overwhelming numbers and the promise of the work seems to be in direct ratio to the difficulty of doing it. The development of American-Japanese relations from day to day has direct bearing upon such practical matters as transportation across the Pacific as well as conditions within Japan-controlled areas.

Japan and Korea:

These two mission fields have borne the brunt of the animosity that has sprung up between Japan and the U.S.A. The interference

with the work of the missionaries and the persecution of the native Christians have resulted in the withdrawal of all but four of our missionaries in Korea and all but six from Japan. However the native Christians are going ahead with the work in a remarkable way. The newly formed Church of Christ in Japan has united all except the Episcopalians and Seventh Day Adventists. The two groups within the union that have taken the strongest stand on matters of conviction and doctrine are the Presbyterians and Lutherans. Mr. Tomita, a graduate of our Theological Seminary at Kobe and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Japan, has been designated the "Torisha," official head of this united Church. The future of our work in both these fields and in occupied China hinges, humanly speaking, upon our relations with the Japanese Government.

Mexico:

Dr. H. Kerr Taylor has recently visited this field and gives us his impressions as follows:

1. "The results of the wonderful service of our pioneer missionaries in Northern Mexico are most noteworthy.

2. Growing out of this live work begun is the large and active Synod composed of five Presbyteries; two of our Church, two of the U.S.A. Church.

3. The opportunity for Christian service that Mexico offers to the people.

4. The folly and mockery in the name of a Church that Spanish priests from the days of Cortez have made.

5. The brave spirit of independence and courage with which the Mexican people are facing their problems. Mexico is on the way out of the thralldom of ignorance and lethargy that for centuries she has known."

Missionaries on Furlough:

The total number detained in this country and unable to get back to their fields immediately is 103, made up of the following groups:

Holding for transfer to other fields	9
Holding for probable early returns to fields	14
Employed temporarily in the United States	49
Wives of men still on the field	10
Number unemployed	21

All are holding themselves in readiness to return when it is thought feasible.

Finances:

Through July the receipts are almost the same as last year for the corresponding period. An increase of $2,123.24.

We Recommend:

1. That this be a time for unceasing prayer by the people for missions.

2. That the Church marshal her resources of men and money and spiritual power for the great days of opportunity and challenge that our missionaries tell us must surely follow in the wake of this war.

3. That the Churches of this Presbytery plan to make the best possible use of the period for Mission Study, Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 1942, and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Feb. 1-8.

4. That we express to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions our hearty thanks for the services of their Senior Secretary, the Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D.D., in the itinerary made in our Presbytery last June 8-29, and for sending to us as the speaker on our program at this meeting of Presbytery Dr. Joseph Hopper.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman.*

Presbytery recessed at 5:00 P. M. so as to allow Committees to meet.

TUESDAY EVENING

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. A popular hour was held in behalf of Evangelism, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Acting Chairman, presiding. The Rev. C. Grier Davis read the report of the Committee on Evangelism.

Motion was made and carried that the recommendations of the Committee be acted upon later in the evening, after hearing the speaker, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., and after the Communion Service and the Memorials.

Dr. Bedinger spoke on the work of Evangelism in the World and especially in our Church and Presbytery. The

necessary personal characteristics for Evangelism were vividly pictured. All were challenged to be the "Spark-plug of Fire" for the cause of a revival and evangelism.

Later in the hour Presbytery continued its discussion on the question of Evangelism.

The report and recommendations were adopted, and are as follows:

Report Of The Permanent Committee On Evangelism

Your Committee on Evangelism, along with the Presbytery and the Church at Black Mountain, has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. G. Fisher Bell. He served efficiently as the Chairman of this Committee for the past three years. We also note that Elder R. L. Crook, a member of this Committee, has gone to Guerrant, Ky. The Presbytery should elect at least two additional members to this Committee.

With no constituted chairman, your Committee has held no meeting prior to this session of Presbytery. It is to be noted with sorrow that our Presbytery, along with the Synod and with the General Assembly, suffered a slump during the past church year. We reported to the General Assembly only 121 persons added on confession of faith, as compared with 258 the year before, a loss of 137. We reported also only 249 received on certificate as compared with 368 the previous year, a loss of 119. The total number of communicants in Asheville Presbytery in 1940 was 5,139. In 1941, the number was 5,110. Thus, we show a net loss of 29 in the number of communicants. Eight of our twenty-eight churches reported no additions on profession of faith. Half of the remaining churches show less than five received on profession of faith.

However we may attempt to explain these losses, the fact remains that we have displayed a distressing decline in fruitfulness. We should humble ourselves before God in prayer and confession of sin, and gird up our loins for a renewed crusade for souls. To this end, your Committee recommends:

1. That we call upon pastors, officers and laymembers to join in a covenant to pray each day for a revival of interest in the work of Evangelism, for the quickening of the spiritual life of the church, and for a larger effort to bring people into the church on profession of faith in Christ.

2. That our churches join with other Christian bodies in the

united observance of a Worldwide Holy Communion Service on Sunday, October 5, 1941.

3. That sustained efforts be made throughout the Presbytery to carry out faithfully and enthusiastically the recommendations of the Assembly's Permanent and Standing Committees on Evangelism.

4. That we urge the Men's Organization in each church of the Presbytery to stress Evangelism.

5. That wherever possible such Men's Organizations in co-operation with the Presbyteries' Committees on Evangelism and on Home Missions, undertake a Preaching Mission, for the purpose of holding a series of services in pastor-less churchess, and in other places where there is need for pressing the claims of Christ upon those who are not reached by the regular services of the church.

6. That in keeping with the action of the General Assembly, and also that of our Synod, we cooperate in an effort "to mobilize our churches in conferences for prayer and deepening of spiritual life; and that in these conferences consideration of budgets and church programs as such be eliminated, and the whole emphasis be placed on such subjects as 'The Home and the Family,' 'Personal Religious Experience,' 'The Sabbath and Church Attendance,' 'The Service of the Church to our Generation,' and 'The Present Evangelistic Responsibility and Opportunity of the Presbytery.'"

7. That we approve the securing of a Secretary of Evangelism for the General Assembly, and to this end, the raising of our pro rata share, $125.00.

8. That each pastor be strongly urged to adopt the following three-fold objectives: (1) An evangelistic meeting at every preaching point; (2) A family altar in every home; (3) A type of personal workers group in every Church.

9. That this Presbytery favors obedience to the injunction of the Synod that the Standing Committee on Evangelism shall select an evangelist but we instruct the members of that committee from this Presbytery to seek the employment of a man who might later be changed from evangelist to secretary of Evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Acting Chairman,*
C. Grier Davis,
E. L. Nelson,
Paul P. Thrower,
H. G. Love,
R. J. Reveley.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, with the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson and the Rev. Ewell L. Nelson administering the elements, being assisted by

Elders W. P. Barnes, O. W. Lancaster, Candler Morgan, and W. C. Dillingham.

Memorials were read for the Rev. Charles Brookes Chapin, D. D., and the Rev. George Fisher Bell, D. D. Mention was also made of the deaths of the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, a former member of the Presbytery, and of the Rev. A. P. Hassell, D. D., who died while supplying the Mills River - Etowah Churches. A motion was made and carried that the memorials be printed in the minutes and that the families of these four men be remembered in a special prayer. This prayer was made by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

Memorial Of The Rev. Charles Brookes Chapin, D.D.

Charles Brookes Chapin, son of Rev. Henry Chapin, D.D., and Harriet Smith Chapin, was born in New York City on May 20, 1855. He was born and educated in a Christian home, having a devout Christian mother, and a father who was a Presbyterian minister, who also preached into his 86th year.

Dr. Chapin was a graduate of Princeton College of the Class of 1876, standing among the first ten in his class and was given the Phi Beta Kappa award. In his college life he was outstanding as a Christian leader among men, and as an athlete of ability as a tennis player and track man.

Dr. Chapin held important pastorates in New York City, in Rochester. N. Y., in Medina, N. Y., and in Bethlehem, Pa. New York University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Dr. Chapin in 1895. He came South as a Chaplain in the first World War, being located at Camp Wadsworth, near Spartanburg, S. C. Here it is recorded that he led 2,274 young men to a confession of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The next few years of his life were devoted to teaching, first in Converse College, at Spartanburg, later one year at Southwestern University, and at Chicora College, at Columbia, S. C. For several years he was Presbyterian chaplain at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Oteen. After a brief period of rest, he began a three-year pastorate at the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, where he completed 61 years in the ministry. His was a marvelous length of devoted, sacrificial, fruitful Christian service.

Dr. Chapin was a remarkable preacher of the Gospel of Christ, a faithful teacher, who led minds and hearts into the truth of God, a Christian gentleman who showed his religion in a life that in-

spired others. His transparent sincerity, his saintly character, his singular consecration to Christ and the faithfulness with which he devoted the qualities of his mind and spirit to the advancement of God's Kingdom, make him a precious gift of God to our time.

Let us all glorify God in him and magnify the grace which wrought such triumph in him; and let us all hear the call to a like consecration in order to our own growth unto a like Christian maturity and power.

We express our love and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Mary Pemberton Chapin, his devoted helpmeet, and his son, Dr. Stuart Chapin, who survive Dr. Chapin, in addition to several brothers and three grandchildren.

(Signed) PAUL NESBITT GRESHAM.

Memorial Of The Rev. George Fisher Bell, D.D.

Sorrow and thanksgiving fill our hearts as we think of the gallant men of our Presbytery who have recently been called up higher to serve in a wider sphere. We are indeed bereaved and their loss is truly mourned, but we are grateful that we had the privilege of knowing them here and for the hope of renewing our fellowship beyond the veil.

On the morning of August 11, 1941, Dr. G. Fisher Bell, beloved pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, was suddenly called from earth to his eternal reward in heaven. He died in a hospital in Pikeville, Ky., as the result of an automobile accident.

Dr. Bell was born July 21, 1877, at Shelbyville, Ky. He was graduated from Centre College, Danville, Ky., with the degree of A. B. in 1898. The following year he attended Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, but took the remaining two years of his theological course in Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. D. in 1902. During the nearly forty years of his active ministry Dr. Bell served as pastor of the following churches: Greenville and Central City, Ky., 1902-05; Anchorage, 1905-08; Dothan, Ala., 1909-12; First Church, Florence, Ala., 1912-17; Caldwell Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C., 1917-27; Crescent Hill Church, Louisville, Ky., 1927 to 1936.

After a brief period in evangelistic work, he became pastor of the Black Mountain Church, in Asheville Presbytery in 1936. Davidson College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Dr. Bell in 1923. He was a member of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and for a number of years was chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod of Kentucky. He was the author of several tracts,

among them, "Why I Am Not a Christian Scientist," and "Religion and Science: A Protest Against Dogmatism in Both." He also wrote frequently for the columns of "The Christian Observer" and for other church papers. Dr. Bell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Savage Bell; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Woods, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Dorothy Bell, of Black Mountain; and two sons, Lieut. Lockland Bell and Paul Bell, of Black Mountain. Interment was at Swannanoa, N. C.

Though not physically robust Dr. Bell was a man of great energy and devoted his exceptional talents with complete abandon to the work to which he had been divinely called. Gifted in speech, a profound student, a lover of people, a true friend, he was an unusually able combination of uniformly excellent preacher and consecrated pastor. Sympathetic, courteous, kind, and friendly to young and old, to all classes and conditions of people, the true friend and gallant gentleman, it was natural that he won the respect and admiration not only of his own congregation, but of the community in general. The church gladly followed this gracious leader and made much progress spiritually and materially during his ministry.

Asheville Presbytery has sustained a great loss. As a presbyter Dr. Bell was faithful in attendance upon meetings, active in every phase of the work, a wise counselor and guide. As an evangelist, as a home and foreign missionary, his heart had an outreach to the ends of the earth. He served for two years as Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism and was the leading and moving spirit in the recently organized Layman's Missionary Movement.

Dr. Bell will be greatly missed, but his influence will continue in the lives of those he blessed while here. He will come no more to Asheville Presbytery for he has been called "unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the General Assembly of the firstborn—and to the spirits of just men made perfect." —J. H. Gruver.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, made the following report which was adopted:

Report Of Committee On Nominations

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw replace the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D., on the Committee of Foreign Missions.

2. That the Rev. Geo. B. Hammond replace the Rev. G. F. Bell,

D. D., on the Committee on Stewardship, and that Elder R. E. Burton replace the Rev. C. B. Chapin, D. D.

3. That the Rev. Ewell L. Nelson be made Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, and that also the names of the Rev. M. R. Williamson and Elders J. O. Williams and Ben H. Evans be added.

4. That the name of the Rev. S. R. Crockett replace that of the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D., on the Committee on English Bible in the Committees on Examination.

5. That the Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., replace the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., as Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, and that the Rev. C. Grier Davis replace the Rev. G. F. Bell, D. D.

6. That the Rev. D. W. Richardson, D. D., preach the doctrinal sermon at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, with the Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D. D., alternate.

At 10:00 P. M. Presbytery adjourned to meet Wednesday at 9:00 A. M., being led in prayer by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

October 1, 1941.

At 9:00 A. M. the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw led the Presbytery in a devotional service, using the subject: "The Touch of the Master's Hand". His text was, "I will, be thou clean", Matt. 8:3. Prayer was made by the Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Reports of the following Commissions were presented and adopted:

Report Of Commission On Installation Of Rev. M. R. Williamson

The Commission met in the Presbyterian Church of Waynesville, N. C., Sunday, June 1, 1941, at the regular Sunday morning service at 11:00 o'clock. The following members were present: The Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., the Rev. George B. Hammond, Chairman, and Elder R. J. Revely. The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson conducted the usual worship, at the close of which the sermon was preached by Mr. Hammond. The Commission was then constituted with prayer and the constitutional questions were given by the Chairman and answered in

the affirmative by Mr. Williamson and the congregation. The Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., gave the charge to the minister, and Mr. Revely the charge to the congregation. After the installation the Commission adjourned with the benediction.

GEORGE B. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

Report Of Commission On The Organization Of The Sylva Church

The Commission met at the Sylva Community House, Sylva, N. C., Sunday, June 1, 1941, 4:00 P. M. The following members were present: The Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., the Rev. George B. Hammond, the Rev. Paul P. Thrower, and Elders J. T. Bailey, S. W. Black and J. A. Gray. Among the visitors present were the Rev. M. R. Williamson, of Waynesville, and Dr. P. R. Bennett, of Bryson City.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Chairman. Elder S. W. Black was asked to serve as Clerk. In connection with the worship service the Rev. George B. Hammond preached the sermon.

The following people were received into the new church with the customary questions being asked:

1. Mr. William Davis, by profession and baptism.
2. Mrs. William Davis, by profession and baptism.
3. Mrs. R. P. Potts, by certificate from West Asheville Presbyterian Church.
4. Miss Peggy Lou Bivins, by certificate from Bryson City Presbyterian Church.
5. Mrs. W. M. Fowler, by certificate from the Methodist Conference.
6. Mrs. Grayson Cope, by restatement, had not time to get letter from Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church.
7. Mr. Harry Lawrence, by restatement.
8. Mrs. Harry Lawrence, by restatement.
9. Mr. Vernon McHan, by restatement.
10. Mr. Felix Potts, by restatement.
11. Mrs. Felix Potts, by restatement.
12. Mrs. Fred Hooper, by restatement.

The questions were asked and the baptisms were made by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower who had been instrumental in the bringing of these people together for the organization, having made Sylva an outpost from the Bryson City Church during the past year or so.

These new members accepted the questions laid down in the

Book of Church Government. The constitutional questions having been answered in the affirmative, the Chairman, Dr. Bedinger, declared the Sylva Church duly organized. Mr. Thrower was appointed Stated Supply for the congregation, and was granted evangelistic powers until the next stated meeting of Presbytery. The prayer was made by Dr. R. F. Campbell. Upon motion the Commission adjourned. The benediction was given.

S. W. Black, *Clerk.*

Report Of Commission On The Ordination And Installation Of The Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw

The Commission met in the Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, N. C., Sunday, 8:00 P. M., June 29, 1941. The Commission was constituted with prayer. The following members were present: The Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Chairman, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, the Rev. Paul P. Thrower, and Elders S. W. Black and J. S. Gray. Elder S. W. Black served as Clerk. The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson preached the sermon. Dr. Bedinger asked the prescribed questions to Mr. Wardlaw and the congregation. Affirmative answers were given. Dr. Bedinger led in the ordination prayer, and he also gave the charge to the minister, while Mr. Thrower gave the charge to the congregation. After Mr. Wardlaw was duly ordained and installed the Commission adjourned with the benediction.

S. W. Black, *Clerk.*

The following report was read by the Rev. S. R. Crockett, in the absence of the Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., Chairman. The report and recommendations were adopted.

Report Of Committee On Assembly's Home Missions

The present crisis in world affairs gives new urgency to the missionary cause in the United States. Everywhere there is increasing concern for the safety of the Republic and the preservation of the liberties of the people. The increasing neglect of the church and the growing forces of evil; threatening dangers within and without and the substitution of pagan practices for Christian conscience in business and public affairs are matters of grave concern for every Christian and patriot.

The place of Assembly's Home Missions in the life of the church is revealed in the fact that the Executive Committee aids in the support of 428 pastors and evangelists, 117 teachers, nurses and community workers, who serve 746 churches with 536 outposts, 18 schools and missions and one hospital in 59 presbyteries in the 17 synods.

It is said that the measure of any institution can be determined by the gap it would leave, if it were discontinued. If this is true, the withdrawal of the Assembly's Home Missions would take the Presbyterian Church and the religious privileges it seeks to provide from about 1,400 communities that are now reached by the missionaries aided by the Executive Committee.

It was the unanimous conviction of the 1941 General Assembly that a larger support for Assembly's Home Missions must be provided, if this primary agency of the church is to meet its evangelistic responsibility for the unreached millions in our land. There is urgent need for increased income, that better salaries may be paid the workers on whom the burden bears most heavily; for the enlargement and better equipment of the mission schools serving the multitudes of underprivileged who live in disadvantaged areas; and for new church projects in the fast growing population centers of the Assembly. These important things cannot be accomplished without greatly increased home mission income.

The latest report of the Executive Committee to the General Assembly offered much encouragement to the church both in membership gains and in contributions to the work. With the vast increase in business activities and the unparalleled expenditures for industrial expansion, bringing increased material prosperity to many sections, is not this the time for the Southern Presbyterian Church to do many things in its home mission work that lack of funds have prevented in the past? The following recommendations are offered:

1. That in view of the unevangelized and unchurched millions in our own land and the growing importance of the home mission service, that all our churches be urged to recognize the claims of this basic work for its rightful share of their benevolent contributions.

2. That the period, October 1 - November 9, be set apart as a special season for home mission study, and that the week of November 2-9, 1941, be designated as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Mission with a generous offering in all churches and organizations for this cause.

3. That the book "Why Stand Ye Idle?" be commended for use as the study book for the home mission period in all organizations of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Records of Presbytery through the Stated Clerk reported that one typographical error, namely, that at the top of Page 5 in the printed minutes of the

Spring Meeting the date is 1940 rather than 1941 as printed. Synod observed that prayer had not been mentioned at the opening of one meeting. The records were approved as corrected.

Brief verbal reports were made by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., on Home Missions, and the Rev. C. B. Ratchford, on Bible Cause.

A brief report from the Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, was read and received as information.

The Rev. E. L. Nelson gave an oral report on Schools and Colleges.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis read a report for the Rev. R. C. Anderson, who was absent, on Montreat College and Davidson College. The report was received as information.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was given by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of The Commission On The Minister And His Work

Two meetings of the Commission have been held since the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and certain matters relating to placing ministers on the Commission's approved list were carried on by correspondence. The names of the Rev. H. T. Bridgman, the Rev. D. R. Freeman, and the Rev. Charles H. Gibboney were placed on the approved list.

1. We recommend that the calls of the Mills River-Etowah Churches, previously authorized, be placed in the hands of the Rev. D. R. Freeman.

2. Highlands Church was granted permission to employ the Rev. H. T. Bridgman as Stated Supply until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

3. The request of Bethel Church that the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., be continued as Stated Supply of that Church until the group secures a pastor was granted.

4. The Brevard-Davidson River Church was authorized to issue a call to the Rev. Charles H. Gibboney, of Farmville, Va.

5. The Hazelwood Church, through its representatives, was authorized to confer with the other churches of the group with a view to calling the Rev. S. R. Crockett as pastor.

6. The Rev. Paul P. Thrower was continued Stated Supply of the Sylva Church.

7. The Oak Forest Church was granted permission to continue the Rev. J. C. Shive as Temporary Supply until the Church, with the aid of the Commission, is able to secure a pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Report Of The Committee On Bills And Overtures

The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended the approval of the Amendments, one to the Confession of Faith adopted by the General Assembly in May, 1941, consisting of two chapters, IX and X, Of the Holy Spirit, and Of the Gospel. These recommendations were approved. The Committee also recommended the approval of the two amendments to the Book of Church Order, addition to Paragraph 142, and to Paragraph 149, but the Presbytery voted to approve the action with the exception of deferring action on Paragraph 142 until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and the present Committee on Bills and Overtures was made an ad-interim committee to report on this matter at the Spring Meeting.

Report Of Committee On Minutes Of General Assembly

Your Committee reports that the matters of proposed changes in the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith have been reported on and action taken in the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

Report Of The Committee On Leave Of Absence

Communications from the following persons were received and we recommend that they be excused for not having attended the meeting of Presbytery: The Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., the Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Ph.D., the Rev. Joseph R. Sevier, D.D., the Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., and Elder J. H. Flanagan.

We also recommend that the following be excused:
Marshall Bell, Tuesday night after service.
Dr. H. B. Dendy, Tuesday night after service.

E. E. White, Tuesday night after service.
J. O. Williams, Tuesday night after service.
W. H. McMurray, Tuesday night after service.
Dr. R. C. Anderson, Tuesday afternoon.
R. E. Burton, Tuesday night after service.
Dr. R. F. Brown, Tuesday night after service.
L. B. Nichols, Tuesday night after service.

HUBERT G. WARDLAW, *Chairman.*

This report was adopted.

Report Of Commissioners To The General Assembly

Only one of the four Commissioners, Elder W. C. Dillingham, was present to report. Mr. Dillingham reported and was commended by Presbytery for his faithfulness.

Motion was made and carried that the Stated Clerk write the other Commissioners calling attention to the fact that they had failed to make or send a report to the Presbytery and that they be prepared to give their report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Motion was made and carried that the Stated Clerk write the Trustees of Presbytery to send a written report to the Stated Clerk to be included in the minutes. Following is the report.

Report Of The Trustees Of The Asheville Presbytery

The Trustees of the Asheville Presbytery report that the deed to the Hazelwood Church property has been duly executed and forwarded to the Trustees of the Hazelwood Methodist Church.

W. H. MCMURRAY,
GEORGE WRIGHT.
THEODORE MORRISON.

Motion was made and carried that the Stated Clerk send marked copies of the docket in advance to all on the program for Presbytery.

An invitation for the Spring Meeting, April 21, 1942, from the Weaverville Presbyterian Church came to Presbytery through the pastor, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D. A motion was made and carried that the Presbytery accept the invitation.

The following were appointed members of the Committee

on Devotional Exercises for the Spring Meeting: The Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D., the Moderator, the Rev. E. L. Nelson, and the Stated Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions by the Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Resolutions

Asheville Presbytery expresses its deep gratitude to the Bryson City Presbyterian Church, its pastor, Rev. Paul P. Thrower, its officers, congregation, and other Christians of Bryson City for the gracious hospitality we have enjoyed in their homes, and particularly to the women of the Bryson City Church for the delicious meals served. We also extend our heartiest congratulations to the Church on its sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Church.

We express our gratitude to Mr. W. H. McMurray for his message on Stewardship; to Rev. James Carr for his address on Religious Education; to Rev. Joseph Hopper, of our Korean Mission, for his message on Our Mission Enterprise.

We recommend that the Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Religious Education write a letter to Dr. Edward Grant, Executive Secretary of Religious Education of the General Assembly, commending the Rev. James M. Carr for his excellent work in our Synod.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Chairman.*

Presbytery recessed a few minutes before 11:00 A.M., after which it heard the Rev. P. N. Gresham deliver the doctrinal sermon on the subject of Salvation.

The minutes were read for corrections, and were approved.

Upon motion Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

EWELL L. NELSON, *Moderator.*
PAUL P. THROWER, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	Place or Church	Moderator
9-18-23	Slagle Memorial	Rev. H. B. Dendy
4-22-24	Bryson City	Rev. J. Q. Wallace
9-23-24	Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
4-13-25	Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
10-13-25	Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
4-13-26	Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
10-12-26	Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
4-12-27	Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
10-11-27	Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
4-10-28	Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodard
10- 2-28	Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
4-16-29	Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D.
10-15-29	Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
4-14-31	Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
10-13-31	Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker, D.D.
4-12-32	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
10-11-32	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
4-11-33	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D.
10-16-34	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
4-23-35	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D.
10-15-35	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D.
4-21-36	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
10-12-37	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
4-19-38	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
10-11-38	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D.
4-11-39	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
10-10-39	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman, Ph.D.
4-23-40	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, D.D.
10- 8-40	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
4-22-41	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D.
9-30-41	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson

Examined by Synod Sept. 16, 1942, and approved with following exceptions:

1. Ministers have been received from other Presbyteries without examination on the Sacraments. §§ 5 & 13. (Par. 74, 1939 Amendment B.C.O.)
2. In the called meeting of Sept. 10, 1941, business was transacted not in the call. § 10.
3. The Commission on the Minister and his Work is treated only as a reporting committee. § 32 (B.C.O., Par. 92)

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November 24, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.
February 27, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.
June 11, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. George B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Presbytery's Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; R. D. Bedinger, L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico. Elders: J. J. Conyers, I. J. Archer, J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: H. L. Paisley, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, H. G. Wardlaw. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Assembly's Home Missions—Ministers: J. W. Caldwell, Chairman; S. R. Crockett. Elder: S. L. Woodward.

Bible Cause—Minister: P. N. Gresham, Chairman. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; J. R. Sevier. Elder: G. C. Summerrow.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, L. N. Edmunds. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, S. L. McCarty, Jr., the President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery, Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: C. B. Ratchford, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: C. G. Grey.

Church Societies—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; R. D. Bedinger, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond. Elders: I. J. Archer, W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton.

Schools and Colleges—Ministers: K. J. Foreman, Chairman; R. C. Anderson. Elder: O. E. Starnes.

Presbytery's Records—Ministers: Stated Clerk, Chairman; R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Plexico, R. F. Brown.

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman. Class of 1942: Rev. P. N. Gresham, Mr. R. L. Prevost. Class of 1943: Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. S. L. Woodward. Class of 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. C. G. Davis.

Evangelism—Ministers: R. D. Bedinger, Chairman; C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, R. J. Reveley, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Class of 1943: Rev. R. C. Anderson. Class of 1944: Rev. C. G. Davis.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages . Thesis . Popular Lecture—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Science—Rev. H. L. Paisley.
Philosophy—Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. G. B. Hammond.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. H. L. Paisley.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.

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ADJOURNED AND CALLED MEETINGS

November 24, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.
February 27, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.
June 11, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville.

ADJOURNED MEETING

First Presbyterian Church,
Asheville, N. C.
November 24, 1942.

At 11 A. M. Asheville Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., in the absence of the Rev. E. L. Nelson, Moderator.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G B. Hammond, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, P. P. Thrower, L. T. Wilds, Jr., H. G. Wardlaw, M. R. Williamson.

Elders—S. R. McKee, Asheville First; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; S. W. Black, Bryson City; H. G. Love, Hendersonville; Vernon McHan, Sylva; F. A. Bailey, Mills River; C. C. Lord, Montreat; Frank Foster, West Asheville.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Upon the resignation of the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Jr., D. D., as Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, a motion was made and carried that his resignation be accepted.

A motion was made by Dr. L. T. Wilds, Jr., that our standing rule concerning the length of term or terms for members on the Commission on the Ministers and His Work be changed to conform with that of the Book of Church Order.

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., was elected Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work to serve for another term of three years (Fall 1944).

RESIGNATION OF REV. PAUL P. THROWER

The Rev. Paul P. Thrower announced his resignation as Stated-Clerk and as a member of various committees, and also asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of the Bryson City and Robbinsville Churches and for a certificate of dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery in order that he might accept calls to the Camp Greene - McGee Churches of that Presbytery. Minutes of congregational meetings were read, the churches concurring with the request. After words of appreciation and commendation for the services of Mr. and Mrs. Thrower in the Presbytery by Dr. R. D. Bedinger, he made the motion that the requests be granted. It was granted.

STATED CLERK AND OTHER OFFICES FILLED

The Rev. Geo. B. Hammond was elected Stated Clerk to succeed Mr. Thrower.

The Rev. M. R. Williamson was elected a member of the Committee on Religious Education, to succeed the Rev. Paul P. Thrower. The Rev. P. N. Gresham was elected to succeed Mr. Thrower as a member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, filling the unexpired term until the Fall of 1942. Elder L. B. Nichols, of Andrews, was elected to succeed Mr. Thrower on the Committee on Evangelism. The Rev. H. T. Bridgman was asked to serve with the Committee on Evangelism as it so desired.

At the request of the Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D., Chairman of the Committee of Religious Education, the Rev. C. Grier Davis was appointed to serve as Chairman of this Committee until February.

CANDIDATE CLYDE LANDRUM DROPPED FROM ROLL

After hearing a communication from Dr. H. H. Sweets through Dr. L. T. Wilds, Jr., concerning Mr. Clyde Landrum of Winchester, Ky., Presbytery voted to drop his

name from the roll of candidates for the Ministry. Dr. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was instructed to inform the Executive Committee in Louisville and Mr. Landrum of the action of Presbytery.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Upon the recommendation of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Presbytery granted the Black Mountain Church the privilege of calling the Rev. Leland Edmunds.

REV. D. R. FREEMAN RECEIVED—CALLED MILLS RIVER AND ETOWAH

Upon hearing read the certificate of dismission to the Rev. D. R. Freeman from Abingdon Presbytery the Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Freeman. The Moderator, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., led the examination in Personal Experience in Religion and Motives for Entering the Ministry; the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., led the examination in Theology; and the Rev. J. C. Plexico, that on Church Government. The examination was approved and Mr. Freeman enrolled a member of Asheville Presbytery.

Calls from the Mills River - Etowah Churches were read and placed in the hands of Mr. Freeman who signified his willingness to accept the same. The calls provided for a salary of $1,650 per year and a manse with Annuity payments of 7½%, the salary divided as follows: Presbytery's Home Mission Committee $750.00, Mills River Church $700.00, Etowah Church $200.00.

The following Commission for the installation of the Rev. Mr. Freeman was approved: Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Chairman, to Preach; Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., to Charge the Congregation; Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford, to Charge the Pastor; Elder H. G. Love; Elder F. A. Bailey;

Elder J. L. Gash. Quorum: 2 ministers and 1 elder. Date: To be set by the Commission.

The Minutes were read for corrections and were approved.

Upon motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at the next Stated Meeting, in Weaverville, April 21, 1942.

The closing prayer was made by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

PAUL P. THROWER, *Stated Clerk.*
H. L. PAISLEY, *Moderator.*

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.
Feb. 27, 1942.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Church House of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, N. C., at 11:25 A. M. with the Rev. J. C. Plexico, last Moderator present, presiding.

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. R. F. Brown.

ROLL

The following members were present:

Ministers—R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, G. B. Hammond, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico. *Elder:* Frank Foster, West Asheville.

The call was read, found in order as to the first three items, as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville is called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 11 A. M., Friday, February 27, 1942, for the following purposes:

(1) To receive the Rev. Leland Edmunds into Asheville Presbytery, and to place a call from the Black Mountain Church in his hands if the way be clear.

(2) To act upon the resignation of the Rev. E. L. Nelson, and his request for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Savannah.

(3) To act upon any matters related to the above.

E. L. NELSON, *Moderator.*

REV. LELAND EDMUNDS RECEIVED—CALLED TO BLACK MOUNTAIN

Upon presentation of Certificate of Dismission from the Presbytery of Congaree and after examination the Rev. Leland Edmunds was received into the Presbytery of Asheville.

The following Commission was appointed to examine the Call from the Black Mountain Church and if in order to install the Rev. Leland Edmunds as Pastor of that church

in a service at 5 P. M. on Sunday, March 8, 1942.—Ministers: C. G. Davis, J. W. Caldwell, T. A. Painter. Elder: Paul Ringer. Alternates; Ministers: P. N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico. Elder; E. E. White.

RESIGNATION OF REV. E. L. NELSON

Letters of resignation as Pastor from the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches, with statements from those churches concurring, together with a request from the Rev. E. L. Nelson for dimission to the Presbytery of Savannah were presented. The resignations were accepted and the dismissal granted. The Stated Clerk was asked to write Mr. Nelson expressing the deep appreciation of the members of Presbytery for the work done by him in our midst, their sincere regret at his leaving, and their hearty good wishes for the blessing of God upon his new work.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Leland Edmunds was appointed to the Committee on Religious Education.

The Rev. R. D. Bedinger was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism to replace Mr. Nelson.

Upon the reading and approval of the Minutes the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mr. Edmunds.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*
J. CLYDE PLEXICO, *Moderator.*

STATED SPRING MEETING

Weaverville, N. C.
April 21, 1942.

The Presbytery of Asheville met at the Weaverville Presbyterian Church on April 21, 1942 at 11 A. M. The opening prayer was made by the Rev. H. L. Paisley and the meeting was called to order by him as the last Moderator present, Moderator E. L. Nelson having transferred to Savannah Presbytery. Dr. Paisley had asked the Rev. Donald W. Richardson to preach the sermon. Dr. Richardson read from the ninth chapter of the Gospel of John for the scripture lesson, and the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. Dr. Richardson preached with his usual ability a timely and helpful sermon on "Faith," using as a text, John 9:25.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated with the Rev. H. L. Paisley and the Rev. T. A. Painter administering the elements, assisted by Elders M. W. Bell, C. C. Lord, D. E. Penland, and G. A. Stone.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. J. W. Caldwell.

ROLL

The Roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, Leland Edmunds, K. J. Foreman, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, J. R. Sevier, H. G. Wardlaw, L. T. Wilds, Jr., M. R. Williamson.

Elders—Asheville First, Geo. H. Wright; Asheville, Kenilworth, O. L. Norment (1), H. M. Hinkle (2); Asheville, West Asheville, Ed. G. Roberts; Bethel, W. P. Whitesides; Black Mountain, W. C. Green; Canton, James E. Henderson; Dillingham, C. A. Stone; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hendersonville, H. G. Love; Mills River, Frank A. Bailey; Montreat, C. C. Lord; Murphy, M. W. Bell; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan (1), H. E. Lamb (2); Swanna-

noa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, D. E. Penland.

ELECTION MODERATOR AND CLERK

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson was elected Moderator by acclamation and the Rev. Leland Edmunds Temporary Clerk.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Devotional Committee was adopted and is as follows:

TUESDAY

11:00 A.M.—Moderator's Sermon by the Rev. Donald W. Richardson, followed by the Communion.
12:30 P.M.—Recess.
12:45 P.M.—Lunch.
2:00 P.M.—Appointment of Standing Committees, Reading of Communications and Reference to Committees. Meeting of Such Committees.
3:30 P.M.—General Business Session of Presbytery.
6:00 P.M.—Recess.
8:00 P.M.—Popular Meeting under the Joint Auspices of the Committees on Religious Education and Home Missions.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M.—Devotional Exercises under the direction of the Rev. Kenneth Foreman followed by Business Session.
10:50 A.M.—Recess.
11:00 A.M.—General Business Session.
12:30 P.M.—Recess.
12:45 P.M.—Lunch.
1:45 P.M.—Business Session to Adjourn at Will.

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Ray Howland, Pastor of the Marshall Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. W. M. Hyde, Jr., Pastor of the Reems Creek and other churches, both of the French Broad Presbytery, U. S. A. Church, and the Rev. F. O. Dryman, Pastor of the Weaverville Methodist Church,

were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

CANDIDATE W. T. REVELEY DISMISSED

Candidate W. Taylor Reveley was transferred to Lexington Presbytery.

CANDIDATE E. K. BROWN RECEIVED

Candidate Everett Kennedy Brown of Kings Mountain Presbytery was received into the Presbytery and introduced.

Candidate Hoyt Evans was introduced to the Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed until 2 P. M. after prayer by the Rev. C. G. Davis.

Afternoon Session—First Day

Presbytery reconvened in the Chapel of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church at 2 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. M. R. Williamson.

The unprinted Minutes were read by the Stated Clerk and approved by the Presbytery.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—H. L. Paisley, K. J. Foreman, H. G. Love.
Judiciary—D. W. Richardson, R. D. Bedinger, G. W. Wright.
Minutes of Synod—J. C. Plexico, J. E. Henderson.
Records of Sessions—W. P. Chedester, D. R. Freeman, C. B. Ratchford, H. G. Wardlaw, S. R. Crockett, W. P. Whitesides, E. G. Roberts, J. L. Gash, F. A. Bailey.
Auditing—R. L. Prevost, M. W. Bell.
Nominations—J. W. Caldwell, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, W. C. Green.
Leave of Absence—L. T. Wilds, Jr.
Resolutions—J. R. Sevier, C. C. Lord, R. F. Brown.

Communications were read by the Stated Clerk and referred to the various committees.

SALARY INCREASES CANTON AND SWANNANOA

Moved and carried that permission be granted to the Canton Church to increase its Pastor's salary by 10%, the church also to pay the full 10% participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

Moved and carried that permission be granted to the Swannanoa Church to increase its Pastor's salary by 10%, the church also to pay 7½% participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

KERLEE CHAPEL MATTER

An oral communication was made to the Presbytery on the Kerlee Chapel by the Rev. Leland Edmunds of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. It was moved and carried that the Kerlee Chapel matter be referred to the Home Mission Committee to take up with the Session of the Black Mountain Church with power to act.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report of the Treasurer of Asheville Presbytery was presented by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger and referred to the Auditing Committee.

AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES REPORT

The Ad-interim Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley as follows, the recommendation was adopted:

Your Ad-interim Committee, to whom was referred Paragraph 142, Book of Church Order, with changes in same approved by the General Assembly of 1941 and sent to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, would respectfully report: We have given this matter further consideration and recommend that the Presbytery of Asheville give its consent to the enactment of this paragraph as amended.

Signed:

H. L. Paisley.
R. D. Bedinger.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL D. R. FREEMAN REPORT

The Commission to install the Rev. D. R. Freeman reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Rev. D. R. Freeman in the Mills River-Etowah Group reports that it has discharged its duty. Dr. R. F. Campbell presided, preached and propounded the constitutional questions at the Etowah Church, Sunday morning, December 7, 1941. Dr. R. D. Bedinger delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford delivered the charge to the congregation. Elders H. G. Love, F. A. Bailey, and J. L. Gash were present. At 2:30 P. M. of the same day at Mills River Dr. R. D. Bedinger presided, preached the sermon, propounded the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the pastor. The Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford delivered the charge to the congregation. Elders H. G. Love, F. A. Bailey and J. L. Gash were present.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION TO INSTALL LELAND EDMUNDS REPORT

The Commission to install the Rev. Leland Edmunds reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis. It was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission met in the Black Mountain Church at 2:45 P. M. March 8, 1942 at the call of the Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis. Present, besides the Chairman, Dr. J. W. Caldwell, Dr. T. A. Painter and Dr. Paul Ringer. Rev. Leland Edmunds, Pastor Elect of the Black Mountain Church was also present. The Commission was constituted with prayer by Dr. Caldwell. The call of the Black Mountain Church was read by the chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Edmunds who signified his acceptance of the call. The Call provided for a salary of $2100.00, use of a manse, and participation by the church in the Ministers' Annuity Fund at the rate of 7½%. The Commission then met with the congregation of the Black Mountain Church at 3:00 P. M. and proceeded with the installation service. The Rev. C. Grier Davis preached the sermon; the Rev. T. A. Painter presided, propounded the constitutional questions and led in the installation prayer; Dr. J. W. Caldwell charged the pastor;

Dr. Paul Ringer charged the congregation and closed with prayer.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Moderator.*
T. A. PAINTER, *Clerk.*

After a recess for Committee Meetings the Presbytery reconvened at 3:50 P. M. and the meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The report of the Stated Clerk was read by the Rev. G. B. Hammond and was adopted as follows:

Received from the Rev. Paul P. Thrower	$199.41
Received from the churches	211.68
Total	$411.09
Disbursed as per canceled checks	$ 47.10
Balance in bank	363.99
Total	$411.09

In accord with the Standing Rules of Presbytery the following churches are reported as delinquent as of this meeting of Presbytery:

Bervard-Davidson River	$31.52*

*Plus the years 1933-34, 1936-37, 1937-38.

Dillingham	$16.32
Ivy Park	6.88
Mills River	22.08
Morrison	4.48
White Oak	2.08†

†Plus $2.85 due 1940-41.

In submitting this report the Stated Clerk would like to make the following requests:

1. That the Presbytery take some action to clear up the matter of the long overdue account of the Brevard-Davidson River Church.

2. That the individual pastors remind their church treasurers that the contingent fee is due by March 31st each year. This in view of the fact that the above balance was not sufficient to pay Presbytery's assessment to General Assembly but had to wait the payment of 1942-43 dues before there was sufficient balance.

3. That the individual pastors call attention of the clerks of session to the statement printed on the statistical blanks that they are to be in the hands of the stated clerk ten days before he meeting of Presbytery. Only two churches in the Presbytery complied with this.

The Stated Clerk would like to commend the churches, clerks of session, and pastors at Swannanoa and Black Mountain for returning the statistical blanks on time; and would also like to commend the church, treasurer, and pastor at West Asheville for sending the contingent fee at the beginning of the fiscal year, having now paid in full for the year 1942-43.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

It was moved and carried that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the Brevard-Davidson River Church to ask them in the name of the Presbytery to pay up.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Presbytery engaged in a session of Prayer with regard to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, the prayer being closed by the Rev. R. C. Anderson.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, Mr. Edward G. Roberts (West Asheville), Mr. Geo. H. Wright (Asheville First).

Alternates: Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw, Mr. F. A. Bailey (Mills River), Mr. M. W. Bell (Murphy).

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was made through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, the recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. That our Presbytery affirm anew our unswerving faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as the one hope of the world; our deep sense of the unparalleled need for the preaching of this Gospel to a world at war; and our purpose, by word and work and prayer, to foster a more vital missionary conviction and participation among all the churches of the Presbytery during the year ahead.

2. That the attention of all our congregations be called to the Foreign Mission Conference at Montreat, August 13-19; and particularly that our laymen be urged to attend the inspirational Laymen's Missionary Convention over the week-end August 14-16.

3. That every effort be made to inform the membership of our churches of the great new opportunities that confront us in our Foreign Fields and to encourage their enthusiastic support of the plans for enlargement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery engaged in Prayer for Foreign Missions being led by the Rev. H. L. Paisley.

COMMITTEE ON REV. R. D. BEDINGER RESIGNATION REPORT

The report of the Sub-Committee on Home Missions was made by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was received and the recommendation adopted as follows:

Resolutions of the Home Mission Committee relative to Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D.

Whereas, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., who has so faithfully served our Presbytery as Superintendent of Home Missions and Treasurer for the past eight years, has received a call from the General Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions to become the Superintendent of the Negro Work of our entire General Assembly, and

Whereas, Dr. Bedinger feels that this call is also a call from the Lord to this work, and

Whereas, Dr. Bedinger has tendered his resignation as our Superintendent of Home Missions and Treasurer, in order that he may accept this call,

Therefore, we, the members of the Home Mission Committee, recommend that Dr. Bedinger's resignation be accepted, and that we express our deep appreciation to Dr. Bedinger for the faithful work he has done for our Presbytery during these years.

We praise God for Dr. Bedinger's life among us, for his consecration to the Lord, and to the work to which He has called him, and for his untiring efforts in the behalf of every work that has been committed to him.

We pray earnestly for God's richest blessing upon him in the new work to which he has been called.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GRIER DAVIS,
H. B. DENDY,
R. R. WILLIAMS.

There were several oral tributes made to the work of the Rev. R. D. Bedinger who resigned as Superintendent of Home Missions to accept another part of the Lord's Work.

It was further recommended that the Presbytery consider the advisability of securing an Executive Secretary in lieu of a Superintendent of Home Missions to succeed the Rev. R. D. Bedinger. It was moved and carried that this matter be placed in the hands of the combined Home Mission and Religious Education Committees, the Rev. R. F. Campbell to act as Chairman, with power to act.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

The Committee on Religious Education presented a report through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was received and the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That our Presbytery pause to give thanks to God for the outpouring of His blessing upon our Church's Program of Religious Education during the past twelve months, and earnestly plead for His leadership in the emergency days ahead.

2. That in this critical hour every session be reminded of the urgency of the priority of the claims of Christ for a consecrated and intelligent congregational leadership to replace men now in the service, and to complete fully the increasing local and national defense demands now being made upon Presbyterian men and women.

3. That every effort be put forth to maintain the high level of Presbyterian leadership already established, be seeing that our superintendents, leaders, elders, deacons, teachers, young people and others attend summer conferences and gatherings especially arranged for them during 1942, so that there may be no flagging

of their interest or effectiveness in our Church's teaching program.

4. That men's groups and young people's groups be urged to consider especially the increasing need of their services in newly organized or congested industrial centers, camp areas, and defense localities where demands for a constructive Christian leadership are so pressing.

5. That every congregation be asked to hold at least one Vacation Bible School this summer, making a supreme effort to find unchurched children who may be brought into a church relationship in these days of increasing spiritual peril.

6. That congregations be urged to pray for and cooperate fully with our Executive Committee of Religious Education as it tries to meet our emergency needs in these days of chaotic business changes, and that our people be asked to direct all business possible to the Agency, remembering that all profits earned are turned back immediately into our Church's program of Christian teaching, and form the only source of income for this work.

7. That recognizing the growing number of church groups that must be helped with free materials or supplies at greatly reduced prices, every church write into its benevolent budget the full opportionment assigned by Presbytery to the Executive Committee of Religious Education and Publication, and that a substantial Rally Day Offering be secured in connection with the Rally Day Program October 4, 1942.

8. That this Presbytery take the following steps to enlist itself in the United Religious Education Advance and empower its Committee of Religious Education to take such additional steps as may be necessary to keep our Presbytery in the forefront of this great Christian Movement:

a. Arouse every Presbyterian to the immediate necessity in this war-torn world of re-establishing and strengthening the spiritual defenses of our individual lives, our homes, our churches and our nation.

b. Confront every Presbyterian with a more adequate and vital conception of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Church as they relate to the problems of living in our time.

c. Root all teaching in the great Christian realities so that we may utilize more fully the available spiritual resources, thereby ministering more adequately to the religious needs of our people.

d. Awaken Presbyterians to the urgent necessity of establishing truly Christian homes and providing in the home more adequate opportunity of Christian nurture.

e. Summon all church members, teachers, leaders and officers to a more complete loyalty to the Church of Christ through a more active and intelligent participation in the program and organizations of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

f. Banish spiritual illiteracy from every community through closer cooperation with other churches and other Christian agencies in discovering and serving unreached areas so that every person in every community may be brought under the influence of continuous Christian teaching.

g. Glorify God through Christ-like living in home, church, and community that His will may be done through us, and that in fellowship with all other Christians we may help bring about the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

9. That pastors be urged to send their young people to the conference held by our Presbytery at Montreat June 15-20, and that pastors hold special conferences with these young people before they come to the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

The Minutes to date were read and approved.

Recess was taken by Presbytery at 5:55 P.M. Closed with prayer by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Jr.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:15 P. M. for a popular meeting in the church auditorium, and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

POPULAR MEETING ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND HOME MISSIONS

The Scripture was read by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, who introduced the Rev. James M. Carr, Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia, who addressed the Presbytery on the subject: "The United Religious Education Advance", using as a text Ex. 14:15, "Speak unto the children of Israel that the go forward".

After the singing of a hymn the Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Committee on Presbytery's Home Missions

took charge and, after giving a summary of the Presbytery's history, introduced the Rev. R. D. Bedinger who gave his annual report as Superintendent of Home Missions, closing with an explanation of his resignation and a personal expression of his hopes and desires.

The report was received, the superintendent commended, and the recommendations left for consideration in the morning.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY

The meeting was opened at 9 A. M. in the Chapel with a Devotional led by the Rev. K. J. Foreman on "Selected Unanswered Prayers of the Bible". The devotional was helpful, original, unique and highly spiritual.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS REPORT

The recommendations of the report of the Superintendent of Presbytery's Home Missions were considered seriatum, the report was ordered printed and the recommendations adopted as follows:

(The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures as presented through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, approving Recommendation No. 5, having been heard and adopted during the consideration of this report).

The past year, which turns out the last for me as your Superintendent, was filled with many usual, and some extra, activities. Again we thank God for good health and for the active, helpful support of the churches of the Presbytery.

Fifty-six visits were made to the churches within, and seven to churches without, the Presbytery.

Five evangelistic meetings were held, resulting in 19 professions of faith, and 65 reconsecrations; and 10 uniting with the church by letter. In the eight years, 352 professions, an average of 44 per year.

One hundred twenty-three sermons, and addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, Stewardship and Evangelism, were delivered. It was our privilege to address on Home Missions or Evangelism the

Presbyteries of Asheville, Abingdon and Holston; the Kings Mountain Presbyterial; the Synods of Appalachia and Virginia; and the Synodicals of Appalachia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

We report attendance upon the following:

Two meetings of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism.

Five meetings of the Synod's Permanent Committee on Evangelism.

Three meetings of the Presbytery's Permanent Committee on Evangelism.

Three meetings of the Presbytery's Permanent Committee on Stewardship.

One meeting of the Assembly's Home Mission Council.

A five-day meeting of the Senior and Intermediate Y. P. Conference of Asheville Presbytery, teaching two classes in Stewardship.

A Conference of Home Mission Superintendents, and teaching a class in home mission problems, at Montreat.

A two-day Conference of Home Mission Workers at Tusculum, Tennessee.

Two meetings of the Board of Trustees of King College.

Four meetings of Asheville Presbytery.

Eleven regular meetings of the Mountain Orphanage and Home Mission Committees.

Twelve issues of Our Mountain Work were edited and mailed to over two thousand families and individuals at a cost of $526.00.

Three calls for the Builders League were issued, and receipts of $282.78 were given to the Hayesville Church for repairs. Most of th members of the League have cancelled their subscriptions. A reorganization should be effected at once, or the League will soon cease to function.

4,395 pieces of mail went out from our office, an average of 13 per day, excluding Sundays.

The sum of $6,064.48 in cash was collected through our office, over and above the regular benevolent budget of Presbytery:

For Presbytery's Missions	$2,664.67
For Builders League	282.78
For King College Debt	1,257.15
For Foreign Missions	546.00
For R. P. Smith Sch. Fund	263.00
For Mountain Orphanage	560.00
For Ass. Com. on Evangelism	62.00

For Defense Service Council	72.29	
For Misc. Benevolences	221.99	
For Kings College Boys	60.60	
For M. A. F.	25.00	
For Assembly's Training School	49.00	
		$6,064.48

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Travel

Collections from meetings, etc.	$1,053.16		
17,588 miles traveled at 5c	879.40		
Surplus receipts over expenses	173.76		
(Note: Due but uncollected $35.40)			

Office

Secretary		$723.25	
Room Rent		150.00	
Stamps, Envelopes, Stationery		76.99	
Telephone and telegrams		84.79	
Auditing Treasurer's Books		50.00	
Treasurer's Bond		25.00	
P. O. Box Rent		6.00	
Safety Deposit Box Rent		5.50	
Bank Charges		12.13	
Notary Public		1.00	
			$1,134.66
Less Adjustments:			
Benevolent Budget	$ 600.00		
Other Accounts	360.38		1,134.14
Net Travel and Office Expenses			.52
Expense Publishing Our Mountain Work			526.50
Total Net Expenses			$ 527.02

(Note: Net expenses a year ago were $620.18. Reduction this year is due to extra travel collections.)

PRESBYTERY'S MISSIONS

Total receipts for this cause were $12,128.47, the Assembly's Home Mission Committee providing $4,000, which included a bonus, without which we would have failed to make the grade. As it was, all obligations were met, and we begin the new year with

a small surplus. Our grateful thanks are hereby accorded the Atlanta Committee.

We still owe at a local bank the sum of $1,300.00. Two years ago we borrowed $5,000.00 with which to pay off the larger part of the indebtedness on the Hazelwood Church building. Another year should see this entirely wiped out.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The total receipts through our office were $12,646.30 for operating expenses, with disbursements of $13,250.06, creating a deficit of $613.76, due to increased cost of supplies, and decreased income from investments.

In addition to the above, $2,301.51 was contributed by five individuals for needed repairs. The sum of $157.36 remains in this fund.

THE R. P. SMITH MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

At the end of the sixth year, this Fund shows a net cash sum of $8,563.20. Last year it produced $551.84 in interest and $273.00 was added from contributions. $110.00 was granted in scholarships. There was a net gain of $714.84. During this period of six years, $1,147.90 in Scholarships has been awarded to ten girls at Montreat College and four boys at King College, and $1,212.24 in loans has been made to eight of them. We are happy to report that one of the girls has paid back to the Fund in full the loan made to her; and that one boy and two girls have begun repaying their loans.

It is hoped that this useful Memorial Fund will continue to be built up, so that larger scholarships may be granted.

A NEW CHURCH ORGANIZATION

The Sylva Presbyterian Church was organized in June, 1941, with twelve members, two of them on profession of faith. Strictly speaking, this is not a home mission church, but was sponsored by our Committee, a summer worker being financed by us. The sum of $389.73 was collected by us, and is now held by us, towards the purchase, eventually, of a lot for a church building. At present the services are being held in the Episcopal Church building, through the gracious courtesy of the Episcopalians. The membership is now 20.

HOME MISSION CHURCHES

Andrews - Hayesville - Murphy. These churches, under the leadership of Rev. H. L. Paisley, D. D., have had a good year. For

six months the Supt. of Home Missions gave one service per month to Andrews. Hayesville has raised an additional $100, to which the Builders League has added $200.00 for needed repairs on the church building. As soon as practicable one of these churches should be grouped elsewhere. It is difficult for one pastor to handle effectively three churches.

Dillingham - Ivy Park. Rev. E. L. Nelson was the pastor of this group for eleven months. Early in March we lost him to the Presbytery of Savannah. His going is greatly regretted not only by the churches, but by the Presbytery as well. He had made a fine place for himself. Steps have been taken to secure a new man in this field.

Franklin - Morrison. These two churches were fortunate to secure as pastor Rev. Hubert Wardlaw, who graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary last May. He had supplied the field for several months, and in May brought his bride to reside at Franklin. Mr. Wardlaw is a preacher of unusual ability, and has quickly won a high standing in the community.

Highlands. This church was vacant until October, when Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Bridgman, missionaries to China stranded in this country, took up their residence here. Mr. Bridgman was made Stated Supply by the Presbytery. The church has since called him as supply for another period. In the brief span of six months, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman have done an outstanding piece of work. The gifts to benevolences were over $300; two Sunday school outposts have been opened, and a new interest has been quickened throughout the community. Our foreign missionaries are proving themselves excellent *home* mission workers.

Mills River and Etowah. This field has been sorely beset. A year ago last May Rev. W. S. Hutchison died. Last May after one month's residence Rev. A. P. Hassell died very suddenly. He had made an indelible impression in a few days. Rev. Chas. Ratchford of Hendersonville returned to continue the supply work he had effectively done the previous year. On October 1st, Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Freeman came from the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church in Abingdon Presbytery. They have become well established, are already much beloved, and the work of the two churches again looks up.

Oak Forest. This church has been self-supporting for years. The officers have requested sustentation funds in order to enable them to call a new pastor. Our Committee has agreed to appropriate $700.00 the first year and thereafter a substantially decreased amount until the church goes back to self-support. The hope is

expressed by them that this will occur within three years. Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D., pastor for the past eleven years of the Green Springs Church near Abingdon, Virginia, has accepted the call to Oak Forest and will begin work soon after May first. Our Presbytery is fortunate in securing a man of his ability and standing in the Synod.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a budget of $12,000 be approved for Presbytery's Missions.

2. That a budget of $13,613 be approved for Mountain Orphanage.

3. That the following appropriations for home mission fields be approved:

Dillingham - Ivy Park Group	$1,065
Franklin - Morrison Group	725
Highlands Church	720
Mills River - Etowah Group	775
Murphy-Hayesville-Andrews Group	395
Oak Forest Church	700

In addition, that the 7½% M. A. payments be met on each of these appropriations.

4. That Sunday, June 28th, be designated as Home Mission Day in the Presbytery, at which time a special offering be taken for Presbytery's Missions.

5. That this Committee request the Presbytery to approve and send to the General Assembly, meeting in May, the following Overture.

That the Presbytery of Asheville, deeply conscious of the tremendous emergency now upon our beloved Church for a great extension program for Home Missions throughout our eighty-eight Presbyteries, hereby overtures the General Assembly to give favorable response to the Overture from the Assembly's Home Mission Council requesting "authorization for an Emergency Home Mission Advance to raise a minimum of $250,000 a year for five years, the same to be used for investment in additional workers and equipment to meet the immediate Home Mission Emergency, and to undergird the whole work of our Church."

6. That we gird ourselves as a Presbytery for such an Advance, realizing that "the increase in population, the upsurge in business, the critical nature of the times, the confusion and bewilderment in

the minds and hearts of men, the longing desire in the lives of men for something which is really secure, are factors which challenge us to go forward in missions.

"Our nation is going all-out in preparing for the defense of our liberties and freedom. Our nation is determined to make our country a great arsenal of democracy. Our Church must go all-out in making this land of ours a Christian land. We must resolve to make our country a great arsenal of Christianity. The defense preparations carried on by our nation within the bounds of every Synod have brought into our midst a great concourse of new people. We must share with them the joys of our salvation. Our churches must be manned. Our programs must be enlarged. We must reach out until all have been reached. People are realizing their need today. They are being driven to see their helplessness without God. We must not fail them. We must take Christ to them."

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger,
Supt. of Home Missions.

COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS REPORT

The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions presented a report through its Chairman, the Rev. J. W. Caldwell. The report was received and recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That all presbyteries and sessions be urged when determining their benevolent budgets to consider the responsibility of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to provide adequate salaries for the home mission workers in this time of increasing living costs and its obligation to pay its share of the dues of the home mission pastors who participate in the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

2. That the period, October 5-November 8, 1942, be set apart by the Presbytery as a special season for home mission study, and the week of November 1-8 be designated as the week of prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions with a general offering in all churches and organizations for this cause.

3. That the book "While It Is Day" be commended for use as the study book for the home mission period in all organizations of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Caldwell.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF REPORT

The Committee on Christian Education reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was received and recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That the Presbytery adopt the recommendation of this committee as to the amount of aid to be given to the 13 of our Presbytery on Ministerial Relief; and that our churches be urged to do their best in the way of gifts to this cause, especially through its "Joy Gift" at Christmas.

2. That we give our interest and study and prayers and service to promoting the Christian Education Movement of the Assembly and its Synods.

3. That we do all that we can to encourage our young people to enlist for full-time service in the cause of Christ and His church, especially in view of the fact that many of our ministers are going into the army as chaplains and many of our candidates are being drafted for military service.

4. That Presbytery have an adjourned meeting on Thursday, June 11, 1942, at 11 A. M. in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville to consider certain matters pertaining to candidates for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE TO DRAFT OVERTURE ON MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES AND MILITARY DUTY

It was moved and carried:—that a special committee consisting of the Rev. R. F. Campbell, the Rev. D. W. Richardson, the Rev. K. J. Foreman and Mr. Geo. H. Wright be appointed to draft an overture to the General Assembly with regard to candidates for the Ministry and military duty.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM REPORT

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger. The report was adopted

with its recommendations as follows:

Our Committee has suffered during the past twelve months two severe losses—one in the death of its Chairman, Rev. G. F. Bell, in the summer; the other, the removal of Rev. E. L. Nelson, successor to Dr. Bell, to Savannah Presbytery. The present Chairman was elected at a call meeting of Presbytery in February. Several meetings of the Committee and its sub-committees were held during the year.

Rather than attempt to carry through all of the suggestions of the Assembly's Permanent Committee and of the Synod's Permanent Committee, it was felt that we might accomplish more if our efforts were concentrated along one general theme—namely, the Family. It was decided, therefore, that the Presbytery be divided into five districts, with a minister and an elder charged with promoting the work of Evangelism in each district. The one purpose which we asked those in charge to promote was as follows:

OUR FAMILY FOR CHRIST

a. Every member of the family praying and reading the bible;
b. Every member of the family attending church;
c. Every member of the family a professing Christian;
e. Every member of the family striving to win souls;
f. Every member of the family repenting of and confessing to God his sins.

With the above purpose emphasized and promoted, our Committee expressed the hope that in each church a Communicants' Class would be formed, and that an evangelistic meeting would be held in every church before April 1, 1942. The success of this program can only be known as the pastors of the various churches may report in the discussion period which follows this report. We do know that earnest efforts on the part of those in charge of promotion were made to carry out their duties.

Our Committee also approved the securing of a Secretary of Evangelism for the General Assembly, and the raising of our pro rata share, $125.00. We regret to inform the Presbytery that only sixteen churches responded to the appeal, with a friend giving an extra gift of $10.00. We sent in to Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the Assembly, $64.00, which is just about one-half of our quota. The record of the Presbytery along this line will be found on page five of the April issue of Our Mountain Work. The year preceeding, our Presbytery gave $10.00 to this cause, and its record the first year was little better than that of this year.

Synod's Permanent Committee on Evangelism was instructed to secure a Synodical Evangelist. This Committee has made an earnest endeavor, offering the position to three successive men, each of whom has declined. Synod's Committee then decided to put the matter squarely up to the Presbyteries, asking information along two lines—First, Does the Presbytery really want a Synodical Evangelist, or would it prefer a Secretary of Evangelism? Second, Will the Presbytery provide immediately upon call its pro rata share of the expenses of such a new agent? For Asheville Presbytery, it will be 16% of a maximum of $4,000. Your Presbytery's Committee requests an answer to these two questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, in answer to the request of the Synod's Permanent Committee on Evangelism as to whether this Presbytery will support a Synodical Evangelist, we reply in the affirmative. Further, that Presbytery's Home Mission Committee be requested to underwrite the Presbytery's pro rata share, approximately $320.00.

2. That we urge the churches which have not paid their quotas for the Assembly's Permanent Committee of Evangelism to make every effort to do this before the meeting of the Assembly in May.

3. That each church make every effort to put on a real revival meeting during the coming year, beginning now.

4. That Presbytery give at least thirty minutes to a general discussion of the work of evangelism in our Presbytery.

5. That we pray and work earnestly for a great spiritual uplift and advance during these tragic times.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Chairman.*

In accordance with Recommendation four as above the Presbytery carried on a discussion of evangelism.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SOCIETIES REPORT

The report of the Committee on Church Societies was read by the Temporary Clerk on behalf of the Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chairman. The report was adopted and it was moved and carried that a vote of gratitude be given to the Women's Auxiliary and to God for their splendid work and report to Presbytery. The report is as follows:

Year in and year out the faithful women of our church carry on their Auxiliary work, often under very difficult conditions.

Their aim is to get every women in the church into active service.

The 24 Auxiliaries have a membership of 2027, all local auxiliaries have sent in reports. 1267 women are engaged in some service or study, 783 daily Bible readers and 649 in some class, and 621 are members of a prayer group.

About 500 are users of Day by Day and readers of the Survey and church papers and have read the mission study book for the year.

Gifts to Denominational Benevolences include donations to all causes of the church:

Foreign Missions	$1,617
Birthday Gifts (For Foreign Missions)	686
Assembly's Home Missions	1,101
Homes	1,442

Additional gifts to various other causes brings the total for all Benevolences to $9,362.

This plus local church work $3,368, and miscellaneous contributions of $752.00 brings the year's gifts to a grand total of $13,482, which is an increase over last year of $1,210.

Amount per capita—$6.56.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Gruver.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Stewardship Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee would report as follows:

I. Quotation from Dr. B. K. Tenney:

"It seems to me that because of the present world turmoil we of the present generation can now, more than at any other time in our lives, see clearly the need of the truth of Christ in the hearts of men. This evident need calls us to see that the work of the church goes on. We must plan for this work definitely and in a spirit of sacrifice.

Because of this situation, we as leaders, pastors and officers must help people along three lines as follows:

1. To increasingly catch the meaning of the sovereign ownership of God with all the implications of reverence, worship, and privilege that it carries.

2. To see the program of the church not as a list of troublesome bills that must be paid, but as a series of opportunities to share with our Master in work done for people through people for the advancement of His kingdom and for the salvation of souls.

3. To help people to make definite decisions and to act on and presevere in those decisions."

II. Matter Of The Communication From R. A. Gaddis And G. C. Summerow Concerning The Benevolence Quota Of The Hazelwood Church:

The Stewardship Committee refers the Session of the Hazelwood Church to the action of Presbytery taken at Hazelwood at its fall meeting in 1940 concerning reduced quotas, and urges that the Session set for the Church, for the year 1942-43, a Benevolence goal of $100.

III. Defense Service Council:

We recommend:

1. That the Presbytery adopt the quota of $1,100 apportioned by Synod's Committee, and assign the following quotas to the churches of the Presbytery, based on the Benevolence quotas:

Asheville First	$538
Hendersonville	165
Montreat	83
Kenilworth	25
West Asheville	33
Canton	29
Black Mountain	31
Weaverville	19
Brevard-Davidson River	31
Swannanoa	26
Waynesville	24
Franklin	12
Mills River	12
Bryson City	10
Hazelwood	8
Oak Forest	8
Murphy	7

Bethel	5
Andrews	6
Highlands	5
Dillingham	5
Etowah	5
Robbinsville	4
Morrison	3
Ivy Park	2
Hayesville	2
White Oak	1

2. That an offering for this cause be taken in the Presbytery, either April 26th or May 10th.

IV. Realizing the difficulties produced by increased cost of living and desiring to live up to the expressed will of our Assembly that the minimum salary for every minister be brought up to $1,800.00 and a manse, your Committee hereby recommends that Asheville Presbytery adopt this minimum amount and hereby instructs the Home Mission Committee to confer with its Churches and see that the minimum of $1,800.00 be paid; also that the Commission on the Minister and His Work see that similar action be taken by such self-supporting Churches as may be below this minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session—Second Day

Presbytery reconvened after lunch by singing a hymn and being led in prayer by the Rev. H. T. Bridgman.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Judiciary Committee reported that nothing had been referred to it, therefore nothing to report.

MINUTES OF SYNOD COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made an oral report through its Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES REPORT

The Committee on Schools and Colleges reported through its Acting Chairman, the Rev. K. J. Foreman. At the Chairman's request Dr. R. C. Anderson made a report on Montreat College, and Dr. R. F. Campbell on King College. These reports were received and recommendations adopted as follows.

1. We express our gratification at the progress, in spite of increasingly difficult conditions, which has been made by the various educational institutions connected with this Presbytery.

2. Every minister in the Presbytery call the attention of his people in every feasible way, by sermons and otherwise, to the church-wide emphasis on Christian education in this year and in 1943.

3. We urge our people to support our institutions in practical ways; both by increased financial support and by sending our young people to our own schools and colleges wherever that is practicable.

4. The Presbytery earnestly urge the Churches that have not completed the payment of their King College quotas to do so as soon as possible, that the decks may be cleared for the church-wide financial campaign which the General Assembly has ordered for the ecclesiastical year in which we are just entering for the better endowment and equipment of our colleges and theological seminaries.

K. J. Foreman, *Acting Chairman.*

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK REPORT

The Commission on the Minister and His Work presented its report through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Four meetings of the Commission were held. Matters concerning the following churches were considered:

Black Mountain, Bryson City group, Brevard-Davidson River, Dillingham field, Oak Forest, Highlands.

Approved Dr. R. D. Bedinger as Temporary supply for Bryson City, Sylva, Robbinsville group until the churches should secure a pastor—this, if the way be clear.

Endorsed Rev. J. M. McChesney, Jr. for call to pastorate of Brevard-Davidson River Church.

Approved Rev. R. McNab Morrison to visit Bryson City group, and Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield to visit Dillingham field as prospect for a call.

Authorized Oak Forest to call Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D., of Abingdon, Va.

Recommended Rev. Bert Wilkinson to visit Bryson City field, if agreeable to that group.

Placed on approved list for work in the Presbytery, Rev. W. H. Matheson and students, L. M. Kennedy and Leslie Bullock of Union Theological Seminary.

Granted permission to the Highlands Church to employ Rev. H. T. Bridgman as Stated Supply for a year.

Authorized Brevard-Davidson River Church to call Rev. E. Ashby Johnson as pastor.

The Commission certifies the following calls to the Presbytery.

1. Call of Oak Forest Church to Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D.

2. The Calls of Bryson City, Sylva and Robbinsville Churches for the pastoral services of Chas. M. Robinson, Jr.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

REV. H. T. BRIDGMAN RECEIVED

A certificate of dismissal from East Hanover Presbytery being presented the Rev. H. T. Bridgman was examined as required by the Book of Church order. The examination was conducted as follows: Experimental Religion by the Rev. M. R. Williamson, Church Government by the Rev. J. C. Plexico, and Theology by the Rev. T. A. Painter. It was moved and carried that the examination of his views concerning the above be sustained, and that he, after signing the Presbytery's book, became a member of Asheville Presbytery.

CANDIDATE E. A. JOHNSON RECEIVED

It was moved and carried that Mr. Early Ashby Johnson be received as a candidate by certificate from Macon Presbytery, and that he be examined at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery June 11, 1942.

COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF SESSIONS REPORT

The Committee on Records of Sessions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. P. Chedester, that the Minutes were approved with the following exceptions: Hazelwood, Jan. 5, 19, Mar. 9, Place where meeting held not stated; Dillingham, for not holding meetings quarterly, and for not recording business performed.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee reported through its Chairman, Mr. R. L. Prevost. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We have examined the Auditor's report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 8, 1942, of R. D. Bedinger, Treasurer, and find the same to be in check and the proper balance shown.

We have examined the account of Paul P. Thrower, Stated Clerk, up to the time of his resignation, checked all items and receipts and disbursements, and that the balance shown, when he was succeeded by Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, as Stated Clerk, to be $199.41.

We have also examined the account of receipts and disbursements of Geo. B. Hammond, Stated Clerk, and find the same to be correct and duly accounted for, and the balance on hand as shown by his report to be $363.99.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Nominations was made by the Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Chairman, and was adopted as revised, and is as follows:

To the Committee on Presbytery's Records add: Rev. J. C. Plexico and Rev. R. F. Brown.

To the Committee on Evangelism add: Rev. P. N. Gresham.

Trustee of Davidson College for three years: C. Grier Davis.

To preach the Doctrinal Sermon as the next meeting of Presbytery: the Rev. M. R. Williamson. Topic: "The Holy Spirit as Comforter".

Chairman of Committee on Schools and Colleges: Rev. K. J. Foreman.

J. W. Caldwell, *Chairman.*
W. C. Greene.
P. N. Gresham.

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE REPORT

The Report of the Leave of Absence Committee was made by the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The following were excused after Tuesday; J. L. Gash, Candler Morgan, E. G. Roberts; after three P. M. Wednesday: Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and is as follows:

Resolved that the Presbytery of Asheville expresses its deep appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the Weaverville Church and its members during our stay in their midst.

The beauty and attractiveness of this church has imparted to this meeting a deep spiritual tone, and the many advantages of the unique Educational Building has facilitated the business of our Presbytery.

Every commissioner has enjoyed the delicious meals served to us at the church, and the gracious hospitality of the homes of Weaverville.

Dr. Dendy and his workers have been tireless in anticipating our every need, and we pray God's richest blessing on him and this rich field.

We would also like to express our appreciation of the fine cooperation on the part of the local representative of the press and the splendid manner in which the meetings were reported.

Jos. R. Sevier.
R. Frederic Brown.
C. C. Lord.

The Minutes of the Presbytery were read and approved.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville at 11 A. M. on Thursday, June 11, 1942, with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and prayer by the Moderator.

Malcolm R. Williamson, *Moderator*
Geo. B. Hammond, *Stated Clerk.*
Leland Edmunds, *Temporary Clerk.*

ADJOURNED MEETING

First Presbyterian Church,
Asheville, N. C.
June 11, 1942.

At 11 A. M. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. It was opened by the singing of the Doxology and was led in prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers: H. T. Bridgman, R. F. Campbell, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, Leland Edmunds, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, H. G. Wardlaw, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.

Elders: Brevard-Davidson River, C. M. Siniard; Dillingham, Elmer Jarrett; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost.

The Rev. J. C. Plexico was apponited Temporary Clerk.

The Stated Clerk explained that the Minutes of the last meeting had not been printed because of lack of funds, but that a sufficient amount was now in hand and that they would be printed after this meeting.

BREVARD - DAVIDSON CONTINGENT FEE

It was moved and carried that the Brevard-Davidson River Church be given till the Fall Meeting of Presbytery to clear up their Presbytery tax account.

REV. J. M. McCHESNEY AND REV. W. H. WAKEFIELD RECEIVED

A certificate of dismissal from Abingdon Presbytery for the Rev. J. M. McChesney and from Guerrant Presbytery for the Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield being presented they were examined as required by the Book of Church Order.

The examination was conducted as follows: Experimental Religion by the Moderator, Theology by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, and Church Government by the Rev. Clyde Plexico. The examination was sustained and they were received into Asheville Presbytery upon signing the book.

CALL FROM OAK FOREST CHURCH

A call from the Oak Forest Church was read, found in order and placed in the hands of the Rev. J. M. McChesney who signified his willingness to accept it. The call provided for a salary of $1,800 per year with annuity payments on the same and the use of a manse. Of this sum the church was to provide $1,100 and the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee $700, Annuity payments to be divided proportionately.

The following Commission was appointed for the installation to take place at the Oak Forest Church at 11 A. M., June 28, 1942: the Rev. J. H. Gruver to preside as Chairman, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger to preach the sermon, the Rev. R. F. Campbell to charge the Pastor, and Elder J. T. Bailey to charge the Congregation. Alternates: H. E. Lamb and Candler Morgan. Two ministers and an elder to constitute a quorum.

CALLS FROM DILLINGHAM AND IVY PARK CHURCHES

Calls from the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches were read, found in order and placed in the hands of the Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield who signified his willingness to accept them. The calls provided for a salary of $1,750, together with Annuity payments and the use of a manse to be provided as follows: Home Missions Committee $1,065, Dillingham Church $535, and Ivy Park Church $150, with proportionate annuity payments.

The following Commission was appointed for the installation to take place at Dillingham at 2 P. M. and Ivy Park at 4 P. M. on July 5, 1942: the Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chair-

man to preach the sermon, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, alternate; the Rev. R. F. Campbell to charge the Pastor, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger alternate; Elder B. H. Evans to charge the Congregation, Elders Will Alden and Elmer Jarrett alternates. Two ministers and one elder to constitute a quorum.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

An oral report from the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was made through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

Mr. Murphy P. Wilds was presented to the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After examination by the Rev. H. T. Bridgman on experimental religion and Mr. Wilds' answering in the affirmative the pledge from the Book of Church Order was read by the Moderator, he was received under the care of Presbytery with Prayer by the Moderator.

A request was presented from Candidate James Clyde Plexico, Jr. for permission to attend Seminary this Fall. After much discussion the request was granted.

A request was presented from Candidate James Clyde Plexico, Jr. to approve his request for a loan from the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The approval was granted by Presbytery.

A request was presented from Candidate Everett K. Brown to approve his request of a loan from the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The approval was granted.

A request was presented from Mrs. D. B. Green to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for $25.00 per month, and was approved by the Presbytery.

INVITATION FOR NEXT MEETING

An invitation was extended by the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw for the Presbytery to meet with the Franklin Church

for its Fall Meeting. This invitation was gratefully accepted.

APPROPRIATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

It was moved and carried that the Home Mission Committee be requested, if the way be clear, to give $75.00 to the Young People of the Mountain Orphanage to attend the Young People's and Intermediate Conferences of the Presbytery at Montreat.

CHAPEL AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL

It was moved and carried that the matter of a chapel at the new government hospital be referred to the Home Missions Committee in consultation with the Rev. Leland Edmunds and the Rev. T. A. Painter.

CANDIDATE CHAS. M. ROBINSON, JR. RECEIVED, LICENSED, CALLED TO BRYSON CITY, ROBBINSVILLE, AND SYLVA.

A certificate of dismissal being presented from Fayetteville Presbytery, it was moved and carried that Candidate Chas. M. Robinson, Jr. be received into the Presbytery.

Recess was taken for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Candidate Chas. M. Robinson, Jr. appeared before the Presbytery with a view to licensure and ordination. The Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education reported that his Parts of Trial were read and declared satisfactory. The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter, that on the Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham, that on Church Government by the Rev. J. C. Plexico, and that on English Bible by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The examinations were found satisfactory and sustained. In lieu of examination on other

subjects diplomas from the University of North Carolina and from Columbia Theological Seminary were accepted. Mr. Robinson preached before Presbytery, after which the examination as a whole was sustained.

The Moderator proposed the questions for licensure which were answered in the affirmative and after prayer Mr. Robinson was declared licensed to preach the Gospel.

Calls from the Bryson City, Robbinsville and Sylva Churches were read, found in order and placed in the hands of Lic. C. M. Robinson, Jr., who signified his willingness to accept. The calls provided for the payment of a salary of $1,820, together with Annuity payments and the use of a manse as follows: Bryson City Church $1,100, Robbinsville Church $600, and Sylva Church $120, with proportionate annuity payments.

The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Robinson at a combined service of the three churches at Bryson City at 7:30 on June 28, 1942: the Rev. G. B. Hammond to preside and propound the Constitutional questions, the Rev. H. G. Wardlaw to preach, the Rev. M. R. Williamson to Charge the Pastor and Elder R. L. Prevost to Charge the Congregation, Elder R. J. Reveley as alternate.

CANDIDATE E. ASHBY JOHNSON LICENSED, CALLED TO BREVARD - DAVIDSON RIVER

Candidate E. Ashby Johnson appeared before the Presbytery with a view to licensure and ordination. The Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, reported that his Parts of Trial had been read and found satisfactory. The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, that on the Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham, that on Church Government by the Rev. J. C. Plexico, and that on English Bible by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The examinations were found satisfactory and sustained. In lieu of examination on other subjects diplomas from Presbyterian College of South Carolina and from Union Theological Seminary were accepted. Mr. Johnson preached before Presbytery, after which the examination as a whole was sustained.

The Moderator proposed the questions for licensure which were answered in the affirmative and after prayer Mr. Johnson was declared licensed to preach the Gospel.

A call from the Brevard-Davidson River Church was read, found in order and placed in the hands of Licentiate E. A. Johnson who signified his willingness to accept. The call provided for the payment of a salary of $1800, use of a manse, and telephone and water rent, with the matter of the Ministers' Annuity Fund payments covered in the following resolution passed by the Presbytery: That the call from the Brevard-Davidson River Church for the services of Licentiate E. Ashby Johnson be placed in Mr. Johnson's hands with the understanding that the Church will as soon as possible agree to pay 7½ per cent of the pastor's salary into the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and that the Stated Clerk call on the representatives of the church to state whether the church has done this, at each meeting of Presbytery until the affirmative answer has been given by the representative.

The following Commission to ordain and install Mr. Johnson was appointed, the service to take place on June 28, 1942: the Rev. H. T. Bridgman, Chairman; Ministers—L. T. Wilds, D. R. Freeman, and C. B. Ratchford, with W. T. Thompson to take part; Elders—Sidney McCarty and H. G. Love.

ACTION TAKEN ON CALLS FROM HAZELWOOD, BETHEL, AND WHITE OAK.

At the request of the Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, the Commission on the Minister and His Work was given power to act on calls from the Hazelwood, Bethel and White Oak Churches and to arrange for the installation if the way be clear.

CHANGE IN MANUAL

After discussion of the matter of a change in the Manual to provide for four regular meetings of the Presbytery each year instead of two, it was moved and carried that the Stated Clerk and the Moderator be instructed to act as a committee to investigate and recommend the proper procedure at the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery and that this matter be put in the docket as early as possible.

The Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

After prayer led by the Rev. R. F. Campbell the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in Franklin at 11 A. M. on Tuesday, October 13, 1942.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Moderator.*

GEORGE B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

J. CLYDE PLEXICO, *Temporary Clerk.*

Examined by Synod Sept 16, 1942, and approved with the following exceptions:
1. Ministers have been received from other Presbyteries without examination on the Sacraments. Pp. 7, 9 (no parts of examination specified), pp. 36, 41. (Par. 74, 1939 Amendment, B.C.O.)
2. The Commission on the Minister and his work is treated only as a reporting committee p. 35. (B.C.O., Par. 92)

Robt. King, Moderator.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
Fall 1923	Slagle Memorial	Rev. H. B. Dendy
Spring 1924	Bryson City	Rev. J. Q. Wallace
Fall 1924	Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
Spring 1925	Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
Fall 1925	Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
Spring 1926	Ora Stret	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
Fall 1926	Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
Spring 1927	Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
Fall 1927	Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
Spring 1928	Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall 1928	Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
Spring 1929	Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall 1929	Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
Spring 1930	Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall 1930	Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
Spring 1931	Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall 1931	Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
Spring 1932	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall 1932	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
Spring 1933	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall 1933	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
Spring 1934	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall 1934	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
Spring 1935	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall 1935	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
Spring 1936	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall 1936	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
Spring 1937	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall 1937	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
Spring 1938	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall 1938	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
Spring 1939	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall 1939	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Spring 1940	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall 1940	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
Spring 1941	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall 1941	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
Spring 1942	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1942.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms		Total Sabbath School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED												Pastors' Salaries		Other Funds Contributed		
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Confession	Added on Certificate	Whole No. Communicants	Adult	Infant		Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Congregational Missions	Paid Direct	Paid Indirect	Current Expenses	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
2. Presbytery of Asheville.																											
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																										
R. D. Bedinger, S. H. M.	Asheville, N. C.																							6000			
H. T. Bridgman, S. S.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands*†	6		2	1	76	2	3	82	99	39	72	13	15	3	1	2	160	247	31		363	2400 100	778		17
R. F. Brown	Canton, N. C.																										
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	5	5	21	7	156	12	1	469	1021	550	219	59	11	9	19	18	324	510	452		2500		1322		221
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.	First																					2100				
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
S. R. Crockett	Hazelwood, N. C.																										
C. G. Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	25	33	26	108	1366	8	26	727	2987	1474	1570	196	66	54	107	108	2187	1373	2388		4500		13787	27824	1039
H. B. Dendy, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	6	9	3	14	216	2	3	220	157	73	62	18	2	2	4	4	45	85	116		2400		1350	536	105
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak			3		16	2		32															35		
Leland Edmunds, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain*†	6	8	3	2	226		4	225	383	158	144	27	5	4	8	8	373	78	238	6	1275		928	375	15
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																							4000			
D. R. Freeman, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	6	10		2	137			91	89	42	23	7	2	2	3	3	30	39	75		516	375	334	211	14
" P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Etowah†	3	3		2	48			30	34	27	18	3	1	1	1	1	24	14	34		190		34		5
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	15	18	22	35	350	12	9	266	162	84	250	27	41	3	8	8	168	286	165	45	2350		2466	618	54
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																										
G. B. Hammond, P., S. C.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	9	11	14	208	9	3	150	280	130	63	28	5	8	9	10	108	123	242		2058	50	1358	1560	68
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	6	8	2	4	207		3	114	361	185	87	29	5	4	8	8	164	105	218		2100		939	552	60
H. L. Paisley, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	3	4		3	58		1	43	43	26	35	8	1	1	1	1	40	14	28		770	360	358	4	17
" P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews†	2	1	1	2	30	1		52	40	24	21	13	1	1	1	1	28	14	51		300		395		
" P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	2	1			31			33	22	8	14	8					3	2	12		120		48		12
J. C. Plexico, P.	Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	16	25	8	22	484	7	2	388	231	112	52	31	5	4	8	8	80	219	200		2600		2671	2312	44
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																							4060			
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
H. G. Wardlaw, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	3	5	2	4	76	2	1	64	58	32	16	11	18	1	2	3	30	28	106	16	790	573	401	325	1
" P.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison†	2	1			25			27	11	6	3	1	10	1	1	1	4	5	10		100		20		1
W. C. Waughope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	13	12	17	23	516	6	7	248	1014	534	255	94	323	19	38	38	1180	794	930		3600		4078		708
M. R. Williamson, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	6	8	9	6	165	5	7	95	130	57	31	22	7	2	8	4	76	61	88		1852		1031	710	131
—23	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak, V.	1	1			13																				
	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham, T. S.*	4	3	5	3	109	5		105	46	18	8	3	1	1	1	1	17	16	31		530	930	218		15
	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River, V.*†	6	11			176			85	151	82	35	5	4	3	5	77	101	22	145		250		1778	877	35
Candidates—6	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City, T. S.*†	3	3			50			47	65	35	29	10	2	1	3	3	25	31	63		652		230	150	40
	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest, V.*	7	8	6		95	4		95	72	32	24	6	1	1	2	3	32	31	50		514		953		2
	Canton, N. C.	Bethel, V.†	3				53				36	55	40	7	1	1	1	1	58	43	67		306		52		7
	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park, T. S.	2	1	3	2	47	3		65	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	29	4		150		43		
	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood, V.*†	4	4	1	2	70	1	3	120	4	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2		495		276	55	
	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville, T. S.†	2	2	2	10	42	2		33	38	15	6	2	1	1	1	1	34	29	23		600		384	90	3
	Sylva, N. C.	Sylva, T. S.	2	1	5	16	20	5	2	14	12	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	26		60		145		1
	Other Sources										530								3990	340	1180						
		—29	165	194	152	285	5066	88	75	3920	8079	3804	3092	631	531	130	243	315	9301	4540	6075	67	33441		36412	36308	2615

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Ninety-Third Semi-Annual
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FALL
1942

Held in the

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Franklin, North Carolina

October 13-14

Called Meeting

August 11, 1942—First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. H. T. Bridgman, Highlands, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Presbytery's Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, Elders: J. J. Conyers, J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: H. L. Paisley, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, H. T. Bridgman. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Assembly's Home Missions—Ministers: J. W. Caldwell, Chairman; S. R. Crockett. Elder: S. L. Woodward.

Bible Cause—Minister: P. N. Gresham, Chairman. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; J. R. Sevier. Elder: G. C. Summerrow.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico. C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, L. N. Edmunds. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, S. L. McCarty, Jr., the President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery, Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: C. B. Ratchford, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: C. G. Grey.

Church Societies—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Leland Edmunds. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.

Schools and Colleges—Ministers: K. J. Foreman, Chairman; R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elder: O. E. Starnes.

Presbytery's Records—Ministers: Stated Clerk, Chairman; R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Plexico, R. F. Brown.

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman. Class of 1943: Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. S. L. Woodward. Class of 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. C. G. Davis. Class of 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney. Mr. R. E. Burton.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, R. J. Reveley, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; C. M. Robinson, Jr. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Class of 1943: Rev. R. C. Anderson. Class of 1944: Rev. C. G. Davis.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages . Thesis . Popular Lecture—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Science—Rev. H. L. Paisley.
Philosophy—Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. G. B. Hammond.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. H. L. Paisley.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.

CALLED MEETING

Asheville, N. C.,
August 11, 1942.

The Presbytery of Asheville met on August 11, 1942, at 11 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, and was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. F. Campbell, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, Leland Edmunds, J. H. Gruver, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. M. Robinson, Jr., L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.

Churches represented—Black Mountain, W. C. Greene; West Asheville, Frank Foster.

The Rev. Leland Edmunds was appointed Acting Clerk.

The Call was read and found in order and is as follows:

The Constitutional requirements having been met the Presbytery of Asheville is hereby called by the Moderator to meet on August 11, 1942, at 11 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, to transact the following business if the way be clear: 1. To receive candidates for the ministry who desire to be taken under the care of the Presbytery. 2. To act on any other matters in connection with the above.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

MR. D. E. WILLIAMS RECEIVED AS CANDIDATE FOR MINISTRY

The Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented Donald Eugene Williams of the Black Mountain Church as a Candidate for the Ministry. He made a full statement about an interview that he had had with Mr. Williams, and

also a recommendation of the Black Mountain Session and five individuals.

It was moved and carried that Elder J. O. Williams from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church be invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds as Chairman stated that his committee recommended that Donald Eugene Williams be accepted as a candidate by Asheville Presbytery.

Mr. D. E. Williams was presented to the Presbytery by his Pastor, the Rev. Leland Edmunds.

An examination on experimental religion was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, and on motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry by the Rev. C. Grier Davis. The testimonials and the examinations having proved satisfactory the Presbytery received Mr. D. E. Williams under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry as follows: The Moderator proposed the questions for Candidate, made a charge to the Candidate and led the Presbytery in prayer.

It was moved and carried that, in view of the recommendation made by the Committee, the Presbytery recommend Candidate D. E. Williams to the Seminary.

A statement was made to the Presbytery by the Candidate.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Moderator.*
LELAND EDMUNDS, *Acting Clerk.*

STATED FALL MEETING

Franklin, N. C.,
October 13, 1942.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Franklin Presbyterian Church at 11 A.M., Tuesday, October 13, 1942. The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, who delivered a sermon on the subject assigned by the Presbytery, "The Holy Spirit as Comforter," based on John 16:1-16.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated under the direction of the Rev. H. T. Bridgman and the Rev. E. A. Johnson, assisted by Elders S. B. Verner, R. L. Prevost, J. T. Bailey and George Brown.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following attendance shown:

Ministers—H. T. Bridgman, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, J. M. McChesney, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. M. Robinson, Jr., W. H. Wakefield, H. G. Wardlaw, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.—21.

Churches represented—Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, D. B. Burns; Brevard-Davidson River, S. B. Verner; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Franklin, George Brown; Hendersonville, J. E. Lancaster; Highlands, S. L. McCarty; Morrison, J. J. Gray; Murphy, J. B. Gray; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, R. E. Burton.—12.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR AND CLERK

The Rev. H. T. Bridgman was elected Moderator and the Rev. E. A. Johnson Temporary Clerk.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was presented through its Chairman, the Rev. H. G. Wardlaw. It was adopted and is as follows:

The Devotional Committee recommends the following:

That 8 P.M. Tuesday be a special order of the day for the Committee on Foreign Missions.

That 9 A.M. Wednesday be given over for a devotional service led by the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr.

That lunch be served at 1 P.M., Presbytery to reconvene at 2 P.M. and dinner be served at 6:30, Presbytery to reconvene at 8.

Respectfully submitted,

HUBERT G. WARDLAW.

The following were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as Visiting Brethren: the Rev. J. L. Stokes, Pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, and the Rev. P. L. Greene, Pastor of the Franklin Methodist Circuit.

MR. J. S. DENDY RECEIVED AS CANDIDATE

The Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, the Rev. L. T. Wilds, presented Mr. James Stuart Dendy as an applicant to be received under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry. An examination by the Moderator on Experimental Religion and Motives for Entering the Ministry was sustained. The Constitutional Questions were proposed by the Moderator who asked the father of the Candidate, the Rev. H. B. Dendy to give the charge. Upon prayer by the Moderator, James Stuart Dendy was received under the care of the Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for lunch after prayer by the Rev. R. F. Campbell.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The unprinted Minutes of previous meetings were read for information.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—M. R. Williamson, J. C. Plexico, W. H. Wakefield, D. B. Burns.
Judiciary—H. L. Paisley, J. M. McChesney, J. E. Lancatser.
Minutes of General Assembly—H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey.
Leave of Absence—L. T. Wilds, George Brown.
Nominations—J. H. Gruver, C. G. Davis, R. E. Burton.
Resolutions—P. N. Gresham, W. P. Chedester, J. B. Gray.

Communications were read by the Stated Clerk and referred to their proper committees for any required action.

DEFENSE SERVICE COMMITTEE

It was moved and carried that Presbytery add a Defense Service Committee to its permanent committees and that the Nominating Committee make nominations for this as soon as possible to this body.

BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER CONTINGENT FEES

On reading a letter from the Brevard-Davidson River Church it was moved and carried (1) that the Brevard-Davidson River Church be congratulated on its entry into the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and (2) that the Presbytery rescind its previous action in the matter of contingent fees regarding payment of interest on arrears and require no such payment, and that, in accord with its request, the Brevard-Davidson River be allowed to make payments on its past due accounts of $111.57 at the rate of $15.00 per year in addition to its regular annual payments.

RESIGNATION OF REV. H. G. WARDLAW

The request of the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw for the dissolution of the pastoral relations on November 1, 1942, with the Franklin and Morrison Churches was granted, Minutes of the Congregations concurring being presented. His request for a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of South Carolina was also granted.

There being no members of the Committee on Schools and Colleges present, the Rev. J. M. McChesney was appointed to that committee to receive the reports of our educational institutions and report later on them.

COMMISSION ON A SUCCESSOR TO DR. BEDINGER REPORT

The Commission to elect a successor to the Rev. R. D. Bedinger reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was received and the request for continuance granted. The report is as follows:

Your commission to elect a successor to Dr. R. D. Bedinger as Superintendent of Home Missions hereby reports that it has not been able as yet to secure a man for this position and asks that the Commission be continued till its completes the task assigned it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Reports of the Proceedings of Commissions were admitted to record as follows:

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. J. M. McCHESNEY

On June 28, 1942, members of the Commission met to install Dr. McChesney pastor of Oak Forest Presbyterian Church: Rev. J. H. Gruver, Chairman; Dr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. R. D. Bedinger, Mr. J. T. Bailey. Elders, Candler Morgan, H. E. Lamb. In meeting of Commission, Prayer by Rev. J. H. Gruver. Candler Morgan nominated and elected clerk. In installation services,—Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Morning prayer by Rev. J. C. Shive. Sermon by Dr. R. D. Bedinger. Scripture, First Cor. 6. Constitutional Questions asked by the Chairman. Charge to pastor by Dr. Campbell. Charge to people by J. T. Bailey. Hymn—"Holy Ghost with Light Divine." Benediction by Dr. McChesney. Commission met at close of service. Minutes read and approved. Motion to adjourn carried. Prayer by Dr. Campbell.

CANDLER MORGAN, Candler, N. C.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. W. H. WAKEFIELD

July 5th, 1942, the Commission to install Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield as Pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches met at

2 P.M. at Dillingham and at 4 P.M. at Ivy Park according to prearranged schedule by Presbytery. At Dillingham those present were R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Rev. C. Grier Davis and Elder Elmer Jarrett. Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., presided, preached and propounded the constitutional questions. The Charge to the Pastor fas made by the Rev. C. Grier Davis and the charge to the people by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D. At Ivy Park all above present and Elder J. W. Wallen. Rev. C. Grier Davis preached, Dr. Campbell charged the Pastor, and Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., propounded the constitutional questions and charged the congregation. Brother Wakefield was duly installed at both Churches according to the Book of Church Order.

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL LIC. C. M. ROBINSON, JR.

The Commission met in the Bryson City Church on Sunday, June 28, 1942 at 7:30 P.M. The following members were present: Rev. Hubert Wardlaw, Rev. M. R. Williamson, Rev. G. B. Hammond and Elder R. L. Prevost. The congregation present included members of the Bryson City and Sylva Churches. The meeting of the Commission was conducted as part of the evening services of worship. The Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond, presided, propounded the Constitutional Questions, and led in the Ordination Prayer. The Rev. Hubert Wardlaw preached the Sermon. The Charge to the Minister was given by Elder R. L. Prevost and the Charge to the Congregation by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. The duty assigned the Commission of Ordaining Mr. Chas. M. Robinson, Jr., together with the duties of Installing him as Pastor of the Bryson City and Sylva Churches were thus discharged. The duty of installing him as Pastor of the Robbinsville Church could not be performed as no members of the Robbinsville Church were in the congregation. It was decided that, at a later date convenient to the Commission, the Robbinsville Church and the Pastor-elect, the installation service would be carried out by a quorum of the Commission consisting of two ministers and a ruling elder.

The Commission to install the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. as Pastor of the Robbinsville Church met in the Robbinsville Church on Sunday night, September 27th. The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, who presided over the meeting. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Hubert G. Wardlaw, the Charge to the Pastor was given by Elder R. L. Prevost.

The Rev. M. R. Williamson propounded the Constitutional Questions and delivered the Charge to the Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
G. B. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL LIC. E. A. JOHNSON

The Commission as appointed by Asheville Presbytery met in the Manse of the Brevard Presbyterian Church, Brevard, N. C., at 3:40 P.M., Sunday, June 28, 1942. Present: Rev. Messrs. L. T. Wilds, D.D., D. R. Freeman, C. B. Ratchford, and H. T. Bridgman (chairman of the commission), and Elders H. G. Love and S. L. McCarty. Also present Licentiate E. Ashby Johnson, the candidate for ordination, and Rev. W. T. Thompson, D.D., of Orange Presbytery, by invitation of the Presbytery at the request of the candidate. The Commission was called to order and constituted with prayer by the chairman. Elder S. L. McCarty was elected clerk. After concluding final arrangements for the service, the Commission proceeded to the church. The service was begun at 4:00 P.M., with the chairman of the Commission, Rev. H. T. Bridgman, presiding. After singing the hymn: "Oh, where are kings and empires now?", Rev. D. R. Freeman led the prayer of invocation. Rev. W. T. Thompson, D.D., read the Scripture lesson from the 4th chapter of 1st John, and preached the sermon, using the 10th verse as his text. The chairman recited the proceedings of Presbytery leading up to this service, and propounded the constitutional questions both to the candidate and to the church. Mr. Johnson was then ordained to the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of the ministers and elders present and by prayer led by Rev. C. B. Ratchford. The chairman then pronounced Rev. E. Ashby Johnson to be regularly elected, ordained, and installed pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Mr. Bridgman then charged the minister, and Dr. Wilds charged the congregation. After singing a hymn, "The Church's one foundation," the new pastor pronounced the benediction, and the commission adjourned sine die.

S. L. MCCARTY, *Clerk.*
H. T. BRIDGMAN, *Chairman.*

The Rev. W. F. Junkin, of the China Mission, from the Presbytery of Arkansas, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

REVISION OF THE MANUAL

The Committee on Revision of the Manual submitted a report through its Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Change of the Manual makes the following recommendations:

(1) That the Presbytery shall meet quarterly: sessions to be held in January, April, July and October, the April meeting to be held on Tuesday after the third Sunday, the January, July and October meetings to be held on the Tuesday after the second Sunday. At each Stated Meeting the Presbytery shall be called to order at 10 A.M.

(2) A Moderator and a Temporary Clerk shall be elected at the Spring and Fall meetings to serve until a successor is elected, the Moderator to preach at the opening session of the Presbytery meeting at which he retires.

(3) At the Spring and Fall meetings a minister, with an alternate, shall be appointed to preach a Doctrinal Sermon on a subject assigned by the Presbytery at the opening session of the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

(4) The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated immediately after the preaching of the Moderator's sermon at the Spring and Fall meetings and immediately after the Doctrinal sermon at the Winter and Summer meetings.

(5) At 3 P.M. during the afternoon session of each meeting a popular meeting shall be held under the direction of the following committees: January, Foreign Missions; July, Religious Education; October, Home Missions; April, a committee assigned at the January meeting. At these meetings the above committees shall make their reports. Other reports shall be made as follows: January—Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Presbytery's Records; April—Home Missions, Religious Education, Schools and Colleges; July—Religious Education, Foreign Missions, Church Societies, Evangelism, Sabbath and Family Religion; October—Home Missions, Assembly's Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Bible Cause. The Commission on the Minister and His Work shall report at every Stated Meeting.

(6) That this Committee be continued to revise the full Manual in detail, and that the name of the Rev. H. L. Paisley be added to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. HAMMOND,
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS REPORT

The Committee on Home Missions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was received and a recommendation adopted: that the goal of the Presbytery for the Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign be set at $5,000 for this Presbytery and that the Stewardship Committee send the proportionate askings to each Church. At the request of the Committee Presbytery heard the Rev. J. C. Plexico speak on the Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley. The report was received with action on it to be deferred until after hearing Dr. Junkin at the evening session.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

The Committee on Religious Education reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, who asked that Presbytery hear the Rev. P. N. Gresham on the Intermediate Conference and the Rev. C. G. Davis on the Young Peoples' Conference and the Institute on Religious Education to be held on October 21st. These verbal reports were received and a recommendation adopted that this Presbytery adopt as its own the plans for the Religious Education Advance as set forth in the Minutes of General Assembly, pages 56-59.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE REPORT

The Committee on Bible Cause reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was received and the recommendation adopted as follows:

Because of the indispensable worth of the Word of God, because all peoples today need a Bible reading and Bible living revival, your committee recommends that our churches join heartily in the support

of the American Bible Society and the observance of Bible Sunday, December 6, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. Gresham.

Recess was taken until 8 P.M. after prayer by the Rev. G. B. Hammond.

Evening Session—First Day

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 P.M. for a popular meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions under the direction of the Rev. H. L. Paisley, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Rev. Wm. F. Junkin, recently returned from the Orient after internment by the Japanese authorities, gave a heart-stirring account of the treatment of captive missionairies followed by a heart-warming and thrilling account of the growth and vitality of the Chinese Church, both in recent years and in this hour of China's suffering and peril. After the address the report of the Foreign Mission Committee was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

We acknowledge, with profound gratitude, God's blessing upon our missionaries, their families and their labor, during the past year, a year of stress and anxiety. Notwithstanding the constant, persistent and well-nigh intolerable spying, fault-finding and harrassment, on every hand upon the part of the agents of the Japanese Military Party and, since December 7th last, those of our force remaining at their posts, held as prisoners; some subjected to great personal indignities, there have been no lives lost by reason of these persecutions.

It has been remarkable how the Church at home has reacted in the matter of continuing her gifts to this cause. From April 1st to Sept. 1st there has been an increase over the corresponding period last year of $19,000.

While fields in one section are temporarily closed to our approach, other fields are presenting the greatest challenge in the history of the Church.

We offer the following resolutions:

1. That the attention of our people be called to the cast areas of the world that stand open before us; notably in Africa, Brazil, West China and Mexico.

2. That we favor the Executive Committee, when the present

deficit has been paid, accumulating a reserve fund for restoring the ruined mission property in the war areas and to send recruits to those fields.

3. That our people be encouraged to continue and, if possible, increase their gifts to Foreign Missions.

4. That pastors, Church leaders, and teachers in our colleges, seminaries and training schools be urged to keep the call of Foreign Missions faithfully before the young people in the hope that God may supply the workers as needed.

5. That our churches make diligent use of the study period and Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions (Jan. 31st-Feb. 7th, 1943) and that Sessions arrange for supplemental offerings for this cause.

6. That the attention of our churches be called to the ruling of the Knoxville Assembly that these special offerings are to be regarded as "Over and Above" the budget offerings.

7. That this Presbytery extend to the Executive Committee our hearty thanks for sending us Dr. Wm. F. Junkin and to Dr. Junkin for his soul-stirring address this evening.

Respectfully presented,
H. L. Paisley.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

Morning Session—Second Day

Presbytery reconvened at 9:00 A.M. and was led in a devotional session by the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. after which the meeting was called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by Elder J. E. Lancaster.

The Minutes of the meetings of yesterday afternoon and evening were read and approved.

A verbal report of the Committee on Presbytery's Records was submitted through its Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The report was approved.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION REPORT

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion was submitted through the Rev. W. P. Chedester in the absence of the Chairman, the Rev. C. B. Ratchford. The report

was approved. In connection with this report, at the request of the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield spoke on a movement of spiritual life within the Dillingham community. The Presbytery then engaged in a season of prayer for spiritual power.

The Committee on Stewardship reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was received and the recommendations discussed seriatim.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of the Episcopal Church of Franklin was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Presbytery took recess until 1 P.M. after being led in prayer by the Rev. J. H. Gruver.

Afternoon Session—Second Day

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by Elder J. T. Bailey.

The Minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The report of the Committee on Stewardship read during the morning session was adopted as amended and is as follows:

Your Committee would report as follows:

I. General Recommendations

We ask your earnest consideration of the following excerpts from the report of the General Assembly's Standing Committee on Stewardship and Finance:

"The General Assembly records its profound conviction that:

1. In the Gospel of the Living Savior the Church has the only final answer to the present world need.

2. This, of all times, is no time to slacken in the Missionary or Christian Education enterprise. Each church must be purposefully missionary in its own community, that Christ may be preeminent in the community life. The Gospel story must be told and retold throughout our land that America may put Christ first. The message of the Cross must be taken to every land that those people may have the saving knowledge of Christ. Sacrificial giving is necessary. The

kingdom of God cannot be advanced successfully, nor can God by worshipped joyfully by the use of left-overs. Witnessing and giving must be supported by unselfish living.

3. That all synods, presbyteries and local churches be urged to include in their programs at least the following elements: (1) the promotion and practice of the principles of stewardship, including tithing; (2) information concerning the program of the Church and constant emphasis on the importance of making Christ known; (3) constant effort to develop effectiveness on the part of those who are stewardship leaders.

4. That in the period, February 7 to March 7, 1943, pastors, officers and all church leaders make a special effort to develop an understanding of the principles of stewardship; and that in this connection the book, 'Will a Man Rob God?' by Ralph S. Cushman, be commended for use as a text book by stewardship-study groups."

5. We recommend that Sunday, March 7, 1943, be designated as Every Member Canvass Sunday.

6. That Sunday, March 28, 1943, be set as Pay-up-Day, when all members are urged to complete the payment of all pledges.

II. Percentages and Askings

1. We recommend that the percentages for the benevolent causes be as follows:

Assembly's Causes:		50%
Foreign Missions	26.0%	
Assembly's Home Missions	14.0%	
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	6.5%	
Religious Education and Publication	2.4%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.5%	
Synod's Causes:		8%
King College	5.0%	
Synod's Home Missions	1.0%	
Religious Education (Synod or Presbytery)	1.0%	
Union Theological Seminary	.7%	
Louisville Seminary	.3%	
Presbytery's Causes		42%
Presbytery's Home Missions	25.0%	
Mountain Orphanage	12.0%	
Montreat College	5.0%	
		100%

2. We recommend that a budget of $29,000 be adopted for the church year 1943-44, and that the askings from the churches stand as follows:

Asheville First	$13,465
Hendersonville	4,140
Montreat	2,072
Kenilworth	1,244
West Asheville	1,035
Black Mountain	812
Canton	800
Weaverville	777
Brevard-Davidson River	776
Swannanoa	774
Waynesville	621
Franklin	310
Mills River	310
Bryson City	259
Hazelwood	207
Oak Forest	207
Murphy	181
Andrews	155
Bethel	145
Highlands	130
Dillingham	129
Etowah	129
Robbinsville	104
Morrison	93
Ivy Park	47
Hayesville	47
White Oak	31
	$29,000

3. When the regular contributions to any cause from any church or any of its organizations plus the designated or special contributions shall equal or exceed the per cent assigned to that cause in the table of percentages adopted by the Presbytery, that cause shall receive no more from the regular or ~~undesignated~~ undesignated contributions from that church or its organizations until the other benevolent causes shall have received the per cent assigned to them in the percentage table adopted by the Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS PARTIAL REPORT

The Committee on Nominations submitted a partial report through its Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Gruver. It was adopted as follows: Defense Service Committee: Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Chairman, Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr., and Elder O. L. Merchant.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES REPORT

The Committee on Schools and Colleges reported through the Rev. J. M. McChesney. The report was received and the recommendations adopted as amended as follows:

1. The Presbytery requests this committee to study the preliminary report of the survey of Presbyterian Schools and Colleges, and the full report when it is published; and to report to the Presbytery what bearing this may have on our own situation and plans.

2. Our educational institutions should be commended for their continued progress in spite of troubles, and for their contribution in many ways to our nation's welfare.

3. In a time when a rigid central control is growing constantly stronger in every realm of life, it is important for the church, the last free institution, to support the schools which she has founded. When education has become shackled to a centralized, militarized State, the days of liberty are limited. Our people therefore should be encouraged to support our own institutions by gifts, by sending capable student, and the constant undergirding of prayer.

4. Recognizing the debt of King College as approximately $20,000 Asheville Presbytery requests the Board of Trustees of King College to assign a due proportion of the amount received through a sale of property to be used to help meet Asheville Presbytery's proportion of the King College debt.

5. The docket of the next meeting of Presbytery shall include the matter of King College debt and interest.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM REPORT

The Committee on Evangelism reported through the Rev. C. G. Davis. The report was received and the recommendations adopted as follows:

First, that the Reports of the Permanent and Standing Committees on Evangelism made to the General Assembly last May, and Report No. 9 of the Permanent Committee be commended to our pastors and people for prayerful study.

Second, that recommendations 2, 3 and 5 of the Report of the Permanent Committee on Evangelism be faithfully carried out in our respective Presbyteries, if we are to get anywhere in this vital work of Evangelism.

Third, that the Presbytery approve the raising of its pro rata share of the $10,000 goal set by the Assembly in the same fashion as was done for the Evangelistic Crusade of 1939-40.

Fourth, that the Presbytery approve the allotment of quotas for our share of this $10,000, on the basis of the quotas of last year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. Bedinger, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK REPORT

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The proceedings of the Commission were admitted to record as follows:

Your commission has held on meeting since the Fall meeting of Presbytery. Attended to the following matters: Adjusted the terms of calls extended by Hazelwood, Bethel and White Oak Churches to Rev. S. R. Crockett, and arranged for the installation of Mr. Crockett as pastor of that group of churches in accordance with the action of the adjourned meeting of Presbytery, June 11, 1942.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman.*

Calls from the Hazelwood, Bethel and White Oak Churches to the Rev. S. R. Crockett provided for a salary of $1,245 per year with Ministers' Annuity Payments and the use of a manse, as follows: Hazelwood $720 with 7½% Annuity payments and the use of a manse, Bethel $425 with 7½% Annuity payments, and White Oak $100.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. S. R. CROCKETT REPORT

In connection with the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work the Minutes of the Commission to

Install the Rev. S. R. Crockett were admitted to record as follows:

In compliance with the order of the Presbytery, Instructing the Minister and His Work Commission to arrange a meeting for the installation of Rev. S. R. Crockett as Pastor of the Hazelwood, Bethel and White Oak Churches, the following ministers and elders were appointed as a Commission to carry out the Presbytery's instructions: Rev. M. R. Williamson, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Rev. Chas. M. Robinson, Jr., Ministers, Philip R. Brintnall, Ruling Elder of Bryson City Church, R. L. Prevost, Ruling Elder of Waynesville Church. This meeting was arranged to be held at the Hazelwood Church on October 11, at 7:30 P.M., and the calls were placed in Rev. S. R. Crockett's hands, and R. L. Prevost was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The Commission met in the Hazelwood Church on October 11, 1942, at the appointed hour, and was constituted by prayer, and the Rev. M. R. Williamson, presided over the meeting, preached a sermon, and propounded the constitutional questions to Mr. Crockett.

Rev. Chas. M. Robinson, Jr. delivered the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. G. B. Hammond delivered the charge to the people.

There were present a fine representation from the Hazelwood Church, and representative group from the Bethel Church. The White Oak Church was not represented at this service.

The meeting adjourned in formal order.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*
R. L. PREVOST, *Secretary.*

It was moved and carried that Presbytery direct the Commission that was appointed to install Rev. S. R. Crockett as Pastor of the Hazelwood group of Churches to complete the task assigned by installing Mr. Crockett at White Oak, a quorum to consist of two ministers and one elder with the Commission to name its own alternates.

DEFENSE SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Defense Service Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield. The report was received and the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Chaplains be clothed with authority of evangelists. This done in awareness that at present we have none, but to guide future action.

2. Churches which have not organized according to plan proposed by Assembly's Defense Service Council be urged to do so. That churches forward names of all service men from within their sphere of influence to the Director.

3. That a second statement of quotas and amount paid be sent out as soon as possible to the churches.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ARMY CAMPS

It was moved and carried that a Committee consisting of the Rev. S. R. Crockett, Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, and Elder R. L. Prevost prepare an address to the President of the United States in the name of this Presbytery on the matter of drinking in the neighborhood of the army camps.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES REPORT

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through the Rev. W. H. Wakefield that it recommended that the Amendments to the Book of Church Order, paragraphs 122 and 303, be approved. This was adopted.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Judiciary Committee reported through its Chairman that no business had been brought before it.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported through its Chairman that there was nothing to report that had not been covered by the regular committees.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Leave of Absence recommends that the excuses of the following for non-attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery be approved: Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., Rev. Leland Edmunds, Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., Rev. K. J. Foreman, D.D., Rev. C. B. Ratchford, that Rev. M. R. Williamson and Elder R. L. Prevost be excused after Tuesday morning's session, that Rev. E. A. Johnson be excused after Tuesday afternoon's session,

that Rev. R. F. Brown and Elders J. B. Gray and L. B. Nichols be excused after Tuesday night's session, that Rev. P. N. Gresham be excused after Wednesday morning's session, and that Rev. Clyde Plexico and Elder D. B. Burns be excused after 2:15 on Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report through the Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Gruver. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations begs to make the following report:

Of the Home Missions Committee: that the name of Dr. R. D. Bedinger be dropped.

Of the Foreign Missions Committee: that the name of H. T. Bridgman replace that of H. G. Wardlaw.

Of the Stewardship Committee: that the name of Leland Edmunds replace that of R. D. Bedinger and that D. B. Burns replace Dr. I. J. Archer.

Of the Committee on Evangelism: that M. R. Williamson be made Chairman.

Of the Defense Service Council: that the Committee be composed of W. H. Wakefield, Chr., C. M. Robinson, Jr., O. L. Merchant.

Of the Commission on the Minister and His Work: that the names of J. M. McChesney and R. E. Burton replace those of Rev. P. N. Gresham and R. L. Prevost whose terms expire.

That Dr. L. T. Wilds be nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the meeting in January, his subject to be "The Sovereignty of God."

J. H. GRUVER, *Chairman,*
C. G. DAVIS,
R. E. BURTON.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Rev. H. B. Dendy reported his attendance at all sessions of the assembly and that the other Commissioners, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger and Elders E. G. Roberts and G. H. Wright had done likewise. The report was received and the Commissioners commended for their diligence.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

The Trustees of Presbytery made no report.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

The Rev. C. G. Davis reported attending the meetings of the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 1943, at a place to be determined by a committee consisting of the Moderator and the Stated Clerk.

The Host Pastor, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk were appointed a Program Committee for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REPORT

The Committee on Resolutions reported through the Rev. W. P. Chedester. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the congregation of the Franklin Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality.

We would also express our deep appreciation to the other churches in Franklin who have assisted in our entertainment, and to the ladies who provided the abundance of lovely flowers.

We express to the host pastor, Rev. Hubert Wardlaw and his wife, our thanks for their helpfulness; and that we feel a keen sense of loss as they leave us for another field of labor, and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon them.

We pray that the Franklin Church may quickly secure another man of God as pastor, and that this church may always stand as a bulwark against the forces of unrighteousness; reaching out after the glory of God and the Salvation of Souls.

P. N. GRESHAM,
W. P. CHEDESTER,
J. B. GRAY.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. H. T. Bridgman.

H. T. BRIDGMAN, *Moderator.*
GEO B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

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Examined and Approved -
Johnson City, Tenn. Feb. 22, 1943
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WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Waynesville, North Carolina

January 12, 1943

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. H. T. Bridgman, Highlands, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr., Bryson City, N. C.
Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Mr. Ruffner Campbell, P. O. Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

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Foreign Missions—Ministers: H. L. Paisley, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, H. T. Bridgman. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Assembly's Home Missions—Ministers: J. W. Caldwell, Chairman; S. R. Crockett. Elder: S. L. Woodward.

Bible Cause—Minister: P. N. Gresham, Chairman. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; J. R. Sevier. Elder: G. C. Summerrow.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, L. N. Edmunds. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, S. L. McCarty, Jr., the President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery, Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: C. B. Ratchford, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: C. G. Grey.

Church Societies—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Leland Edmunds. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.

Schools and Colleges—Ministers: K. J. Foreman, Chairman; R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elder: O. E. Starnes.

Presbytery's Records—Ministers: Stated Clerk, Chairman; R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Plexico, R. F. Brown.

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman. Class of 1943: Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. S. L. Woodward. Class of 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev C. G. Davis. Class of 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, R. J. Reveley, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; C. M. Robinson, Jr. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Class of 1943: Rev. R. C. Anderson. Class of 1944: Rev. C. G. Davis.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages. Thesis. Popular Lecture—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Science—Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Philosophy—Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Rev, R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. H. L. Paisley.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.

WINTER STATED MEETING

Waynesville, N. C.,
January 12, 1943.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, January 12, 1943. The opening worship was conducted by the Host Pastor, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, the Rev. L. T. Wilds, and the Moderator, the Rev. H. T. Bridgman. The doctrinal sermon was preached by the Rev. L. T. Wilds on the assigned subject, "The Sovereignty of God". This was followed by the celebration of the Communion led by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger and the Rev. P. N. Gresham, assisted by Elders S. M. Mann, J. H. Flanagan, W. P. Barnes, and Oren Lancaster. After the Communion Service the meeting was called to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, H. T. Bridgman, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, Leland Edmunds, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, J. M. McChesney, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. M. Robinson, Jr., L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.—16.

Churches represented—West Asheville, Frank Foster; Black Mountain, Dr. S. A. Bittinger; Bryson City, J. A. Gray; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Hazelwood, E. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Mills River, Oren Lancaster; Murphy, M. W. Bell; Oak Forest, S. M. Mann; Waynesville, H. C. Lindsley.—10.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CLERK

The Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. was elected Temporary Clerk.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

The Program Committee recommends that the Presbytery follow the printed docket; that recess be taken at 12:30 for lunch, to be served in the church; and that the Presbytery reconvene at 1:30 and adjourn at the close of the afternoon session. The committee further recommends that a popular meeting be held at 7:30 with Mr. Allen M. Craig, Secretary-Treasurer of our African Mission as the visiting speaker.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

The following were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as Visiting Brethren: the Rev. W. L. Hutchins, Superintendent of the Waynesville District of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Allen M. Craig of our African Mission, an Elder in Winston-Salem Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—M. R. Williamson, J. C. Plexico, Frank Foster.
Judiciary—J. M. McChesney, Oren Lancaster.
Nominations—Leland Edmunds, H. B. Dendy, S. M. Mann.
Leave of Absence—L. T. Wilds, H. C. Lindsley.
Resolutions—P. N. Gresham, R. C. Anderson, J. A. Gray.

The only communications presented to the Presbytery were excuses for absence which were referred, without reading, to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

COMMISSION ON A SUCCESSOR TO DR. BEDINGER REPORT

The Commission on a successor to Dr. Bedinger reported orally through its Secretary, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was received and the Commission continued.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE MANUAL REPORT

The Committee on Revision of the Manual Reported through its Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The committee asked that it be continued to report at either the Spring or Summer meeting of Presbytery. This was granted.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES REPORT

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, the Rev. R. C. Anderson reported orally on the situation in various schools and colleges. The Rev. G. B. Hammond stated that he had received a long distance telephone call from the Chairman, the Rev. K. J. Foreman, who reported that no official reply had been received to the request made in Recommendation Number Four of the report at the last meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. J. M. McChesney told what he had learned in informal conversation with King College officials. The Rev. R. D. Bedinger spoke in behalf of the Rev. R. F. Campbell on the matter of the King College debt and quotas, reading the list of quotas and asking that this be printed in the Minutes. These reports were received and the request granted, its recommendation being adopted as follows:

That the following interest quotas on the King College debt be prorated to these churches as follows for the year 1943-44 and that the churches be requested to pay up as soon after April 1 as possible:

Church	*Debt Quota*	*Interest*
Asheville First	$5,907.00	$236.28
Brevard-Davidson River	121.00	4.84
Hazelwood	54.60	2.18
Hendersonville	738.00	29.52
Montreat	384.33	15.37
Waynesville	284.90	11.40
Weaverville	175.06	7.00
West Asheville	260.00	10.40
	$7,924.89	$316.99

All the other churches of Asheville Presbytery—21—have paid their quotas in full.

The Rev. William Covert, Pastor of the Bryson City Baptist Church, was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a Visiting Brother.

The Presbytery took recess till 1:30 P. M. after prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

COMMISSION ON INSTALLATION OF REV. S. R. CROCKET REPORT

The Commission to install the Rev. S. R. Crocket at White Oak reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The report was received and admitted to record as follows:

The commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Rev. S. R. Crockett as pastor of the Hazelwood, Bethel, and White Oak churches, having already installed him as pastor of the two former churches named, met at the White Oak Church on Sunday afternoon, November 29th at three o'clock.

On account of the inclement weather the Commission met in the home of Mr. Sam Ledford, one of the officers of the church, there being present other members of the church.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, who also read an appropriate scripture lesson and preached the sermon.

Following the sermon, the Rev. George B. Hammond propounded the constitutional questions and delivered the charge to the pastor.

The charge to the congregation was delivered by Mr. R. L. Prevost, a ruling Elder from the Waynesville Church.

The meeting closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. S. R. Crockett.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Clerk.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley. Pending the adoption of the report Presbytery heard an address by Mr. Allen M. Craig of the African Mission. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

This is a day of testing for the Church, in no feature of her work more so than in her missionary endeavor. To retreat is unthinkable. To be content to stand where we are when strategic opportunities

beckon on many fronts is to admit that we are unworthy of our leadership or of the trust reposed in us. This is no time for gratulation, for giving over to discouragement, or for lethargy. The call is Advance!

We recommend:

1. That our ministers faithfully use the remainder of the Mission Study Period in imparting missionary information and in proclaiming God's call to missionary endeavor.

2. That both pastors and sessions make the best possible use of The Week of Prayer and Self Denial, Jan. 31-Feb. 7, keeping before our people the Goals to be attained:

   a. The payment of the Debt of $30,000.
   b. The raising of $65,000 Emergency Fund for Africa.
   c. The raising of $100,000 Reoccupation Fund.
   d. A Reconsecrated Church.

3. That we extend to The Executive Committee our hearty thanks for sending us Mr. Allen M. Craig of our Africa Mission with his message from the Lord of the Harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. PAISLEY, *Chairman.*

The Presbytery unanimously by a rising vote expressed its gratitude to Mr. Craig for his address.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Stewardship Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was received, the Chairman commended and the following recommendation adopted:

That the portion of the Assembly's Home Mission Emergency Fund to be credited to the regular budget of the churches be that of the average for two years past of the regular self-denial offerings to Assembly's Home Missions.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, who called attention to some requests of the Rev. Donald Richardson. The report was received and recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That we emphasize the pre-Easter season and use it as a time for emphasis upon Personal Evangelism.

2. That we set a time in our spring docket for the discussion

of Evangelism and that the program committee secure a speaker to address the Presbytery on this cause.

Respectfully submitted,
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

PRESBYTERY'S RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Presbytery's Records reported through its Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The report was approved.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its Secretary, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was received as information.

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bills and Overtures Committee reported that nothing had been placed in its hands.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Judiciary Committee reported that nothing had been placed in its hands.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. Leland Edmunds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully submits the following recommendations:

Of the Home Mission Committee: that the name of Elder R. L. Prevost replace that of Elder J. J. Conyers.

Of the Committee on Examination: that the following names be added to the respective committees—

Science—Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Sacraments—Rev. M. R. Williamson.

That the Committee on Evangelism have charge of the popular

meeting in April at 3 P.M. It is suggested that the special speaker shall be the Rev. Donald W. Richardson.

LELAND EDMUNDS, *Chairman,*
S. A. MANN,
H. B. DENDY.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. Requests for leave of absence were granted as follows: E. A. Johnson, D. W. Richardson, R. F. Brown, K. J. Foreman, J. W. Caldwell, J. H. Gruver, C. B. Ratchford, R. F. Campbell.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

An invitation to hold the next meeting in the West Asheville Church on Tuesday, April 20, 1943, at 10 A. M. was accepted.

It was moved and carried that, in the future, Presbytery adjourn in the afternoon of each session, if the way be clear.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Program Committee for the next meeting was appointed to consist of the Host Pastor, the Moderator, and the Stated Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REPORT

The Resolutions Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

We hereby extend to the Waynesville Presbyterian Church, its pastor, and especially to the good women of the church, our heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality in entertaining the Presbytery. We appreciate in the fullest degree the splendid meals served, the sweet spirit and beautiful manner in which they were served. We appreciate the many kindnesses shown us during our stay in Waynesville.

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

P. N. Gresham,
R. C. Anderson,
J. A. Gray.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PERCENTAGES SPECIFIED

It was moved and carried that the item listed among benevolence percentages as "Religious Education in Synod and Presbytery" be divided one third to Presbytery and two thirds to Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger and the pronouncement of the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

H. T. Bridgman, *Moderator.*
Geo. B. Hammond, *Stated Clerk.*
Chas. M. Robinson, Jr., *Temporary Clerk.*

Examined and approved,
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H. T. Bridgman
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Church Societies—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Leland Edmunds, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.
Schools and Colleges—Ministers: L. N. Edmunds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elder: O. E. Starnes.
Presbytery's Records—Ministers: Stated Clerk, Chairman; R. D. Bedinger, J. C. Plexico, R. F. Brown.
Commission on the Minister and His Work—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman. Class of 1943: Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. S. L. Woodward. Class of 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev C. G. Davis. Class of 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, R. J. Reveley, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; C. M. Robinson, Jr. Elder: O. L. Merchant.
Auditing Committee—Minister: T. A. Painter, Chairman. Elders: R. L. Prevost, C. D. Richmond.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Class of 1944: Rev. C. G. Davis. Class of 1945: L. T. Wilds.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION

Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Languages. Thesis. Popular Lecture—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Science—Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Philosophy—Rev. J. W. Caldwell, Rev. R. D. Bedinger.
Ecclesiastical History—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. H. L. Paisley.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.

Asheville, N. C.,
April 20, 1943.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, April 20, 1943. The meeting opened with a worship service, the Presbytery being constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. H. T. Bridgman. The Moderator read John 12:20-36 and preached a sermon on the theme "Evangelism" from the text John 12:32: "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." After the singing of a hymn the Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Plexico and the Rev. H. T. Bridgman assisted by Elders R. L. Prevost, E. C. Summerow, E. E. White, and E. A. Yeomans. This service was concluded with the singing of another hymn.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, H. T. Bridgman, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, C. M. Robinson, Jr., J. C. Shive, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.—26.

Churches represented—Asheville First, R. R. Williams; Asheville Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Asheville West, W. T. Snyder; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Brevard-Davidson River, S. B. Vernor; Brittain Cove, B. C. Ward; Bryson City, Phillip E. Brintnall; Canton, C. J. Milne; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hazelwood, E. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, H. A. Yeomans; Mills River, T. L. Holden; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; Swannanoa, L. N. Bell; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, B. H. Evans.—16 .

The following were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting Brethren: the Rev. Henry V. Lofquist of Mississippi Presbytery, Elders Bert Ward and Pat Ward of the Brittain Cove Church of French Broad Presbytery of the U. S. A. church, the Rev. Robert E. McClure of Albemarle Presbytery, the Rev. J. C. Shive of East Hanover Presbytery, and the Rev. James M. Carr of Knoxville

Presbytery. Mr. Ruffner Campbell, a Deacon and Acting Treasurer of Benevolences of this Presbytery was recognized.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR AND TEMPORARY CLERK

The Rev. W. H. Wakefield was elected Moderator and the Rev. M. R. Williamson was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Plexico. The report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

This Committee recommends that we have lunch at 1:00 o'clock and reconvene at 2:15, at which time the report of the Committee on Evangelism be heard together with an address by the Rev .D. W. Richardson. Following this the first order of business be the report of the Committee on Christian Education and the reception of Candidates for the Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Plexico, *Chairman.*

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and acted upon as follows:

REV. J. C. SHIVE AND REV. R. E. McCLURE RECEIVED

Certificates of dismissal from the Presbytery of East Hanover for the Rev. J. C. Shive and from the Presbytery of Albemarle for the Rev. R. E. McClure were presented. These brethren being present they were examined by the Presbytery on experimental religion and touching their views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. The examination was sustained and they were received into the Presbytery on signing the ex animo statement.

A letter as presented from the Rev. R. D. Bedinger asking to be excused from the meetings of the Presbytery

and allowed to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery while engaged in his present work. These requests were granted.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding addresses was presented as information.

A letter from the Chairman of General Assembly's Committee of the Defense Service Council was presented and referred to Presbytery's Committee of the same name.

A letter from the Rev. Henry W. Sweets asking the Presbytery to take time to thank God for His guidance and blessing on the work of the Ministers' Assembly Fund was presented and placed in the hands of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

A motion was made and carried that the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief report at each Spring Meeting of the Presbytery.

SALARY INCREASES WAYNESVILLE, ASHEVILLE FIRST AND BLACK MOUNTAIN CHURCHES

A letter was read from the Waynesville Presbyterian Church asking permission to raise the minister's salary to $2400 per year with free use of the manse and (7½%) participation in the Ministers' Annunity Fund.

A request was presented from the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville asking permission to increase the Pastor's salary from $4500 to $4800 per annum, the church to provide a manse and (10%) participation in the Ministers' Annunity Fund.

A request was presented from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church asking permission to increase the Pastor's salary from $2100 to $2250 with free use of the manse and (7½%) participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

These requests were granted and the churches commended.

BRITTAIN COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECEIVED

A letter was read from the Stated Clerk of Holston Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. dismiss-

ing the Brittain Cove Church from that Presbytery to the Presbytery of Asheville. A motion prevailed that the church be received into the Presbytery, that Elder B. C. Ward be enrolled as the Elder representing the church at this Presbytery and that the Rev. H. B. Dendy be appointed Stated Supply.

Letters were read as information from the Stated Clerk of Synod regarding the place for the next meeting of Synod, and from Mr. M. J. McInnis, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, Fla. regarding engagements for singing in evangelistic meetings.

WORKS REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

A letter was presented from the Rev. K. J. Foreman presenting a request for leave of absence from this meeting, his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and a tentative report from the Committee on Schools and Colleges on the Works Report. The first item was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence, the second to the Committee on Nominations, and the last was read in full to the Presbytery and referred back to the Committee for restudy and presentation at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Overtures were read from the Weaverville Presbyterian Church regarding the Federal Council of Churches, and from the Committee on Evangelism regarding provision for the support of the work of the Permanent Committee on Evangelism. These were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A request was presented from the Rev. H. T. Bridgman asking permission, if circumstances require it, to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery till the next meeting of the Presbytery. This was granted.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO DR. BEDINGER

The Commission to Elect a Successor to Dr. Bedinger and to Define His Work reported through its Chairman,

the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was received and the actions of the Commission admitted to record as follows:

The Commission met February 8, 1943, and elected the Rev. Robert Edwin McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, New Bern, North Carolina. Mr. McClure has accepted the call, and arrived in Asheville last week to begin his work. The Commission took the following additional action:

1. The title of the office shall be changed from Superintendent of Home Missions to Executive Secretary of the Presbytery.
2. Th Executive Secretary's work shall be under the joint direction of the Committees of Home Missions and Religious Education.
3. He shall act as Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee and of all the Benevolent funds of the Presbytery.
4. His salary shall be two thousand four hundred dollars per year with the use of a manse to be provided for at the rate of six hundred per year, and all necessary traveling expenses in the prosecution of his work.

R. F. Campbell, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The report of the Stated Clerk was read by the Rev. G. B. Hammond and was adopted as follows:

RECEIPTS

Church	*For Current Year*	*For Past Years*
Andrews	$ 4.80	
Asheville—First	218.56	$ 54.16
—Kenilworth	56.00	
—West	82.28	
Bethel		8.64
Black Mountain	36.16	
Brevard-Davidson River		15.00
Bryson City	8.00	
Canton	33.28	
Etowah	7.68	
Franklin	12.16	12.42
Hayesville	4.96	5.92
Hazelwood	11.20	
Hendersonville	82.56	
Highlands	12.16	
Mills River	22.08	
Montreat	24.96	
Morrison	4.00	4.48
Murphy	9.28	

Oak Forest	15.20	
Robbinsville	5.12	
Swannanoa	33.12	
Sylva	3.20	
Waynesville	26.40	14.12
	713.16	114.74
Total receipts for year		827.90
Bank Bal.—Apr. 1, 1943		363.99
Total to account for		$1,191.89
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Assembly Assessment (1941-42)		$ 383.25
Synod Assessment (1942-43)		88.65
Printing of Minutes—		
Statistics	$ 7.50	
Spring	147.66	
Fall	77.19	
Winter	39.51	271.86
Salary of Stated Clerk (Mar. 1942 to Apr. 1943)		162.50
Postage and Supplies		13.84
Refund (Overpayment by West Asheville)		4.84
Total Disbursements		924.94
Bank Bal.—Mar. 31, 1943		266.95
Total		$1,191.89

It is to be noted that, although a balance is shown, there is an actual deficit of $87.67 due to the fact that the General Assembly Assessment of $354.62 for the current year has not been paid. Since this payment will have first call on new funds received the printing of the minutes will await the payment of past due assessments or the early payment of 1943-44 assessments by the churches.

Delinquent Accounts—(As of this meeting of Presbytery)

Bethel (One year)	$ 8.48
Brevard-Davidson River (Old debt)	96.57
Dillingham (Two years)	33.76
Ivy Park (Two years)	14.40
White Oak (Three years)	7.01

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

The report of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was presented by Mr. Ruffner Campbell, Acting Treasurer. The report was ordered placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee and Mr. Campbell was thanked for his services.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—H. T. Bridgman, D. W. Richardson, C. G. Davis, H. L. Paisley, B. H. Evans.
Judiciary—J. M. McChesney, S. R. Crockett, P. E. Brintnall.
Minutes of Synod—R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, W. T. Snyder.
Records of Sessions—C. M. Robinson, Jr., R. F. Brown, L. N. Edmunds, J. H. Gruver, E. A. Johnson, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, C. J. Milne, H. A. Yeomans, T. L. Holden, H. E. Lamb.
Auditing—T. A. Painter, R. L. Prevost, C. D. Richmond.
Nominations—P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, L. T. Wilds, E. E. White.
Leave of Absence—D. R. Freeman, S. B. Vernor.
Resolutions—H. B. Dendy, J. L. Gash, L. N. Bell.

The Presbytery took recess until 2:15 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

It was moved and carried that Evangelistic Powers be given to the Rev. R. E. McClure in the Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

A verbal report of the Committee on Evangelism was made by the Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson who introduced the Rev. D. W. Richardson who spoke to the Presbytery on "Evangelism".

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

First as to candidates for the ministry. Our Presbytery has 8 candidates, whose names are as follows: Everett K. Brown, Jack B. Davidson, James Stuart Dendy, Benjamin H. Evans, James C. Plexico, Jr., Edward B. Whitson, Murphey C. Wilds, and Donald E. Williams. Eighty-five of the candidates of the Southern Presbyterian Church are now in the armed service of our country. In the first World War there were 187, the difference being due perhaps to the consideration given to candidates this time by the Selective Service Draft, which excludes from military service candidates who have been accepted by the church, who have been accepted by one of our theological seminaries upon graduation from college, and who have reached near the end of the sophomore year in college. In view of the scarcity of candidates and of the large number of our ministers enlisting as chaplains, we are urgently asked to seek out promising young men of our churches and confront them with this need of our church and to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Second, as to those on Ministerial Relief. Our Presbytery has fifteen widows of ministers and retired ministers who are receiving aid from this fund. These fifteen received a total of $4,957 or about $330 each. And we recommend that they continue to receive like amounts this year and as much more as possible. Our entire church has 528 homes on the roll of Ministerial Relief. This is 20 less than last year. Before the Annuity Fund went into operation, there was an annual increase of these needy homes. The need is still pressing and we are urged to make the annual "Joy Gift" as large as possible.

The Ministers' Annuity Fund completed its third year of service April 1, 1943 and is in a most flourishing condition, fulfilling every expectation. Over 90% of our ministers and churches have entered into the fund and its benefits.

Finally, a word as to the educational institutions of our church. They are all passing through critical times and the interest and prayers and support of our church in every way possible are greatly needed and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

MR. JAMES L. AUTEN RECEIVED AS CANDIDATE

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, the Chairman presented Mr. James L. Auten as an applicant to be received under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry. The examination, which was sustained by the Presbytery, was conducted by the Moderator who also propounded the Constitutional Questions. The charge was delivered by the Rev. L. T. Wilds. A brief statement was made by the applicant's pastor, the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. after which he led in prayer and Mr. Auten was received under the care of the Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF SESSIONS

The Committee on Records of Sessions reported through the Rev. R. F. Brown. The report was adopted as amended as follows:

1. The following reports were approved without exception: Andrews, Sylva, Hendersonville, Robbinsville, Swannanoa, West Asheville, Oak Forest, Hazelwood, Weaverville, Murphy, Brevard, Kenilworth, Asheville First, Highlands, Hayesville, Canton and Waynesville.

2. The following reports were approved with exceptions noted: Mills River—Contributions of church year not included in April 1 minutes; Bryson City—No statistical report; Black Mountain—No record of the reading of previous minutes. Improper to speak of "delegates" to a Presbyterian Court. Say rather "representatives" or "commissioners".

3. The following churches sent no reports: Dillingham, Etowah, Franklin, Ivy Park, Montreat, Morrison, Red Oak, White Oak, Bethel.

Charles M. Robinson, Jr., *Chairman.*

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

After being led in prayer by the Rev. C. G. Davis the following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Principals: Rev. D. W. Richardson, Rev. H. L. Pais-

ley, Mr. R. R. Williams (Asheville First), Dr. L. N. Bell (Swannanoa).

Alternates: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. K. J. Foreman, Mr. R. L. Prevost (Waynesville), B. H. Evans (Weaverville).

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Home Mission Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was received, the Chairman commended and the recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That a budget of $13,500 be approved for Presbytery's Missions.
2. That a budget of $13,500 be approved for Mountain Orphanage.
3. This being a period of transition, we recommend that appropriations be left in the hands of the Home Missions Committee to adjust with each field. In addition, that the 7½% M. A. payments and Victory Tax be met on each of these appropriations.
4. That Sunday, June 27th, be designated as Home Missions Day in the Presbytery, at which time a special offering be taken for Presbytery's Missions.
5. That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the Home Mission Council and the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions for their liberal appropriation out of the Home Mission Emergency Fund.
6. That the Presbytery express its satisfaction at the election of the Rev. R. E. McClure as Executive Secretary, and his acceptance of that office, and commends him to the loyal support and cooperation of all our churches.
7. That the Home Missions Committee in cooperation with the churches involved be instructed to carry out Presbytery's instructions of last Spring to see that the minimum salary of Home Mission Pastors be brought to at least $1800 and a manse.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Campbell, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

A motion prevailed that the Commission on the Minister and His Work be allowed to appoint an Executive Committee to act in cases of emergency.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

A motion prevailed to have the Standing Committee on Auditing constituted as a Permanent Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Committee on Religious Education reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was received and the recommendations adopted, after which the Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The recommendations are as follows:

1. That this Presbytery pledge every resource at its command to strengthen efforts now being made to meet the special demands of war emergency areas within our bounds, and hereby authorizes all Presbytery committees to cooperate insofar as possible to the end that our opportunities for cooperative service be fully met.
2. That Presbytery express its appreciation to every Pastor and Session that last year led their congregation to enlist in the United Religious Education Advance, and urge all other congregations to enlist at once so that our Church emphasis upon the Christian Home this second year may reach into every Presbyterian household and deepen the spiritual life of every Presbyterian family.
3. That to meet the current problem of depleted lay leadership, every Pastor be urged to make a leadership class or school available to his congregation, and that all superintendents and teachers able to do so be urged to attend the Montreat Leadership School, July 20-29.
4. That Rally Day, October 3, 1943, be observed by every church as a time for rekindling the interest of children, youth, and adults in regular Sunday School attendance so that Presbyterian churches and homes may combine their influence to combat the secular pressures overrunning our country during this period of war.
5. That every church be asked to include the Executive Committee of Religious Education for their full share of the Assembly's benevolent budget, recognizing that none of this is spent for headquarters' expenses, and that all comes back to our churches in the form of free services to churches and to missions groups.
6. That attention of Elders, Deacons and laymen be called to the necessity of forming some type of organization in every local church and in this Presbytery, whereby Presbyterian men may better cooperate to strengthen our churches and to meet more fully the new pressures and tensions in their own lives born of our times.
7. That every congregation be invited to study the problem of

youth's delinquency in its community, recognizing that if the church has a message to childhood and youth today it must find some way to speak and to act now while yet there is time.

8. That Pastors be urged to send their young people to the conference held by our Presbytery at Montreat, June 14-19, and the Pastors hold special conferences with these young people before they come to the conferences.

9. That our Presbytery pause at this point for a brief period of intercession, imploring God's help upon our nation and our Church in this emergency, and seeking the quickening power of the Holy Spirit upon all our Church's teaching forces, materials and organizations. That we remember especially our men in the armed forces of our country and those who have been taken prisoners of war.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

A motion prevailed that the churches of the Presbytery be urged to raise their King College quotas as soon as possible.

The Rev. J. M. McChesney spoke briefly concerning the work of King College.

The Rev. R. C. Anderson made a verbal report on Montreat College. The report was received and Dr. Anderson commended for his diligence.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported that there was nothing to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through its secretary, the Rev. H. L. Paisley. The committee recommended that the overture from the Committee on Evangelism be answered in the affirmative and sent to the General Assembly. The overture is as follows:

Resolved—That the Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to make adequate financial provision for the support of the work of the Permanent Committee on Evangelism that this committee may be enabled to inaugurate a plan for continuous evangelistic effort throughout the whole of our church."

This overture was adopted.

The committee recommended that the overture with regard to the Federal Council of Churches be answered in the negative. The recommendation prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON SYNOD'S MINUTES AND JUDICIARY

The Committee on Minutes of Synod and the Committee on Judiciary reported that no action was necessary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee reports as follows:

Two audits were placed in our hands, the first dated June 20, 1942, covering that portion of the church year during which Dr. R. D. Bedinger was Treasurer; second, the audit as of April 12, 1943, covering the entire church year. We have examined accounts of receipts and disbursements and find them to be in check and proper balance shown.

We recommend that Exhibit A of the Auditor's report showing total receipts and disbursements for all causes be printed in the Minutes of Presbytery.

We have also examined the account of receipts and disbursements of Geo. B. Hammond, Stated Clerk, and find the same to be correct and duly accounted for, with balance of $266.95 as of March 31, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. Painter, *Chairman,*
R. L. Prevost,
C. D. Richmond.

Exhibit A of the Auditor's Report is as follows:

	Apr. 8, 1942 Balance	Receipts for Period	Total	Disbursements for period	Apr. 12, 1943 Balance
Presbytery's Missions	$1,419.84	$13,961.73	$15,381.57	$11,963.04	$ 3,418.53
Assembly's Missions	98.16	6,178.56	6,276.72	6,229.57	47.15
Synod's Missions	.44	233.33	233.77	233.00	.77
Foreign Missions	187.94	8,228.20	8,416.14	8,362.65	53.49
Christian Ed. and Min. Relief	50.45	2,003.69	2,054.14	2,054.13	.01
Rel. Ed. and Pub.	15.75	606.75	622.50	621.90	.60
Bible Cause	5.55	115.31	120.86	120.00	.86
Mountain Orphanage	27.84	16,608.24	16,636.08	14,930.07	1,706.01
Montreat College	30	1,195.10	1,195.40	1,194.75	.65
Assembly's Training Sch.	.91	700.61	701.52	700.60	.92
King College	.87	1,494.25	1,495.12	1,495.00	.12
Rel. Ed. in Synod of Presby.	.44	239.51	239.95	239.00	.95
Builders League	182.78	123.00	305.78	300.00	5.78
Bequest Funds	1,687.59	8,667.04	10.354.63	7,803.87	2,550.76
Rentals	.....	187.13	187.13	187.13	.....
R. P. Smith Mem. Scholarship Fund	480.54	4,752.77	5,233.31	1,626.07	3,607.24
James C. Kinloch, Jr. Annuity Fund	15.50	201.50	217.00	165.00	52.00
Foster-Lewis Ann. Fund	.....	210.50	210.50	206.00	4.50
Prot. Rel. in Europe	.....	63.16	63.16	63.16	.....
King College Debt Fund	1.19	1,887.85	1,889.04	1,889.04	.....
Fred Snyder Fund	25.00	21.35	46.35	46.35	.....
Miss M. O. Dunham Annuity	33.50	1,550.25	1,583.75	490.00	1,093.75
Union Theol. Sem.	.28	160.16	160.44	160.44	.....
Louisville Sem.	.12	69.78	69.90	69.80	.10
Spec. Anon. Ed. Fund	.....	50.00	50.00	50.00	.....
Mrs. Lillian Terry, Restricted Fund	.....	802.60	802.60	136.02	666.58
Maxwell Farm	.....	100.00	100.00	30.20	69.80
Total	$4,234.99	$70,412.37	$74,647.36	$61,366.79	$13,280.57

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was adopted and is as follows:

1. Trustee of Davidson College—Class of 1945, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
2. Doctrinal Sermon at July Meeting of Presbytery to be preached by the Rev. T. A. Painter on the subject of "Predestination". Alternate—the Rev. R. F. Campbell.
3. Chairman of Committee on Schools and Colleges—Rev. L. N. Edmunds.
4. Rev. R. E. McClure be added to the Committee on Stewardship.
5. Rev. J. C. Shive be added to Committee on Bible Cause.
6. Rev. R. E. McClure be an ex officio member of Home Missions and Religious Education Committees.

P. N. Gresham,
J. H. Gauver,
E. E. White.

REPORT OF DEFENSE SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Defense Service reported through the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. for the Chairman. The committee recommended that this Presbytery accept its quota of $1880 and do its best to meet it, and that he Stewardship Committee be requested to notify the churches of their apportionments. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported through its Chairman, the Rev. D. R. Freeman. Requests for leave of absence were granted as follows: K. J. Foreman, R. D. Bedinger, J. W. Caldwell, and for leave after 4 P. M., D. W. Richardson, J. C. Shive, L. N. Bell.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Resolutions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

Resolved that the Presbytery of Asheville express its deep appreciation for the courtesy and hospitality of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church in our entertainment at the Spring meeting of Asheville Presbytery. We want especially to thank the good ladies of the church for the excellent meal served at noon. To the Pastor host we express gratitude for his many courtesies.

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery was invited to hold its next meeting at the Mills River Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 13, 1943, at 10 A. M. The invitation was accepted.

STATISTICAL REPORT READ

The Statistical Report was read by the Stated Clerk. The report was adopted and ordered submitted to the General Assembly.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Program Committee for the next meeting was appointed to consist of the Host Pastor, Chairman, the Moderator, and the Stated Clerk.

The Minutes were read and approved and the Stated Clerk commended and the Temporary Clerk thanked for his services.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*

W. H. WAKEFIELD, *Moderator.*
M. R. WILLIAMSON, *Temporary Clerk.*

Examined and approved,
Johnson City, Tenn.
Apr 22, 1943
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STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1943.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms		Total Sabbath School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED												Pastors' Salaries		Other Funds Contributed		
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Confession	Added on Certificate	Whole No. Communicants	Adult	Infant		Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Religious Education and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Synod's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Congregational Missions	Paid Direct	Paid Indirect	Current Expenses	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																										
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																							6000			
R. D. Bedinger, Sec.	Asheville, N. C.																							2900			
H. T. Bridgman, T. S.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands*† 1929	5		8	5	81	2		64	85	62	35	14	1	3	2	3	72	24	46		810	2184	487		70
R. F. Brown	Asheville, N. C.																										
J. W. Caldwell, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	3	4	7	5	160	3		[illegible]	886	748	178	57	7	6	13	18	362	618	352	20	2500		1194		25
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.																						2100				
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																										
S. R. Crockett, P.	Hazelwood*† 1906	Hazelwood*† 1906	4	4	7		63	7		[illegible]	31	19	12	2	1	1	1		12	14	25		780		625	700	4
" P.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel† 1837	3				31				38	25	9	3	1	1	1	1	15	19	36		400		17		2
" P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	1	1			13																				
C. G. Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	26	29	25	84	1438	8	25	655	2667	2011	890	228	361	48	108	110	2858	1791	2426		4500		17087		3048
H. B. Deady, P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*† 1921	6	9	5	10	232	4	3	160	261	125	104	11	3	2	5	4	207	178	148	30	2400		1245	864	166
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak, 1923					16			30	6			4											24		
" S. S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Brittain Cove					42			30																	
L. N. Edmunds, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mtn.*† 1908	6	8	7	26	235	6	2	210	349	220	96	16	5	7	8	18	248	65	226		2100		1056	690	103
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																							4000			
D. R. Freeman, P.	Horseshoe, N. C.	Mills River*† 1859	5	10	3	1	135	2	1	93	80	62	20	8	2	2	3	3	173	38	46		632	811	347		
" P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	3	3			46			30	50	44	14	7		1	1	1	32	17	50		210		24		3
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth† 1934	20	23	30	29	385	15	3	287	172	128	230	19	4	4	6	6	188	169	177	125	2500		2441	1142	50
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																							1880			
G. B. Hammond, P., S. C.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*† 1904	6	8	9	7	206	5		103	260	182	300	24	4	5	7	7	209	204	172		2264	163	1661	1949	123
R. A. Johnson, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*† 1800	8	11	14	30	183	5	4	92	153	105	51	19	5	4	6	8	102	265	172		1566		1172	372	
J. M. McChesney	Asheville, N. C., R. 3																										
" P.	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest*† 1872	7	7	8	15	120	4	1	125	64	46	100	6		1	2	2	42	28	52		1008	627	758		10
R. E. McClure, Sec.	Asheville, N. C.																										
W. A. Murray	Hancock, Md.																										
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	6	8	8	5	209	3	1	108	303	374	125	31	6	4	8	8	166	109	257		2200		1423	584	162
H. L. Paisley, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*† 1896	5	4	8	1	65	4		47	77	44	33	24	1	1	1	1	32	7	17		785	382	407		34
" S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*† 1897	3	1		3	29		3	43	69	56	18	14	1	1	1	1	39	17	44		350		297		7
" P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville† 1841	2			1	32		1	36	10	11	16						7	7	7		120		49	268	36
J. C. Plexico, P.	Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	15	24	13	30	501	13	1	370	206	200	55	31	29	4	8	8	95	308	198	123	2600		2149	1582	140
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																							4150			
C. M. Robinson, Jr., P.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*† 1881	3	2	1	14	58	1	2	58	67	43	17	6	2	1	3	3	184	34	65		930		263	600	46
" P.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville† 1939	2	2	1		28			25	15	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	35	8	12		500		113		22
" P.	Sylva, N. C.	Sylva† 1941	2				16			12	3	1									3		100		25		
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																										
J. C. Shive, H. R.	Asheville, N. C.																										
W. H. Wakefield, P.	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham*†	4	3	11	7	126	10	3	116	12	38	8	1	1	1	1	1	11	6	18		459	917	115	270	
" P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	3				34			39	3	8	3						8		3		99		24		
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																										
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	12	15	5	19	504	2	7	240	1053	755	278	75	311	15	34	38	877	702	862		3065		4283	582	138
M. R. Williamson, P.	Waynesville*†	Waynesville*†	6	9	1	15	171		1	125	128	148	51	10	2	2	4	18	121	51	89		2000		1020	194	240
—33	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin, V.*†	3	5	1		87	1	2	54	81	50	20	7	2	2	3	3	31	42	78		634		227	217	19
Candidates—9	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison, V.	2	1			25																				
		—30	171	191	172	307	5251	95	60	3655	7129	5514	2670	620	750	117	229	263	6126	4721	5581	298	37612		38533	10014	4448

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1924	Spring—Bryson City	Rev. J. Q. Wallace
	Fall —Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
1925	Spring—Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
	Fall —Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926	Spring—Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
	Fall —Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927	Spring—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
	Fall —Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928	Spring—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
	Fall —Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield

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MINUTES AND WORKING RULES

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Ninety-Sixth Stated

Session

SUMMER

1943

Held in the

MILLS RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Horseshoe, North Carolina

July 13, 1943

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Barnardsville, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolence—Rev. B. E. McClure, P. O. Box 1926, Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Presbytery's Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, L. N. Edmunds, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, S. L. McCarty, Jr. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1943: Rev. T. A. Painter, Mr. S. L. Woodward. Term expires Fall 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman; Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: H. L. Paisley, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, H. T. Bridgman. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; L. N. Edmunds, J. R. Sevier, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: C. B. Ratchford, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: C. G. Grey.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Leland Edmunds, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, R. J. Reveley, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; C. M. Robinson, Jr. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. H. L. Paisley.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1944: Rev. R. C. Anderson. Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Mills River, N. C.,
July 13, 1943.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Mills River Presbyterian Church at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 13, 1943. The meeting was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield.

ROLL

The roll was called and a quorum found present. During the session the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, H. T. Bridgman, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, C. M. Robinson, Jr., J. C. Shive, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson—24.

Churches Represented—Andrews, E. S. Christenbury; Asheville First, R. R. Williams; Asheville Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Asheville West, Frank Foster; Brevard-Davidson River, R. L. Gash; Brittain Cove, W. W. Brigmon; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, W. Council Dillingham; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Hendersonville, J. T. Fain; Mills River, J. T. Holden; Murphy, J. B. Gray; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, C. H. Alexander; Waynesville, E. A. Williamson; Weaverville, Ben H. Evans—17.

The following were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as Visiting Brethren: Rev. J. M. Wells of Hominy Presbytery, Rev. J. M. Orr of Knoxville Presbytery, Rev. H. V. Lofquist of Mississippi Presbytery, Rev. J. D. and Rev. C. P. Morris of the Methodist Church, Rev. R. T. L. Liston of Greenbrier Presbytery, Rev. J. T. Gillespie of Atlanta Presbytery.

The following were introduced to the Presbytery: Cand. W. P. Baldwin of Congaree Presbytery, Cand. John McCloud of Fayetteville Presbytery, Cand. Robert Swannebeck of Savannah Presbytery, and Elder Otto Summer of the Bryson City Church.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. D. R. Freeman. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The following hours of meeting are recommended:
11:00 A.M. Doctrinal Sermon followed by Communion Service.
1:00 P.M. Recess for Dinner.
2:00 P.M. Reconvene.
Business to adjournment.

Submitted by
D. Ralph Freeman.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

A letter was read from the Rev. D. W. Richardson presenting his request for leave of absence and sending fraternal greetings to the brethren. The leave was granted and it was moved and carried that the Presbytery extend to Dr. Richardson its hearty congratulation on the high honor conferred upon him of being elected Moderator of our General Assembly.

REV. W. A. MURRAY DISMISSED

A letter was read from the Rev. W. A. Murray requesting a letter of dismissal to Winchester Presbytery. This was granted.

On request of the Stated Clerk the Presbytery passed a motion requesting the release of the copy of the Fall 1942 Minutes recently left with the Historical Foundation.

REV. H. V. LOFQUIST RECEIVED

A Certificate of Dismission of the Rev. H. V. Lofquist from Mississippi Presbytery was presented. He was examined on experimental religion, and touching his views on theology, the sacraments, and church government. The

examination was sustained and he was received into the Presbytery on signing the ex animo statement. Upon his own request he was granted permission to serve as Chaplain of the Good Samaritan Mission of Asheville.

SALARY INCREASE BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH

A request was presented from the Brevard-Davidson River Church to increase the pastor's salary by $200.00 per year together with 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund. The request was granted and the church was commended.

SERMON AND COMMUNION SERVICE

At 11:00 o'clock, after a brief recess, Presbytery assembled to listen to a sermon by the Rev. T. A. Painter on the subject, "Predestination." The scripture used was Eph. 1:1-8; Rom. 8:28-30. Following the sermon and continuing a service of worship, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. R. E. McClure and the Rev. C. B. Ratchford, assisted by Elders W. C. Dillingham, B. H. Evans, J. T. Fain and J. T. Bailey.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overture—H. T. Bridgman, P. N. Gresham, L. N. Edmunds, E. S. Christenbury.
Judiciary—J. M. McChesney, E. A. Johnson, E. A. Williamson.
Nominations—H. B. Dendy, T. A. Painter, M. R. Williamson, J. B. Gray.
Leave of Absence—W. P. Chedester, B. H. Evans.
Resolutions—J. H. Gruver, H. L. Paisley, W. W. Brigmon.

The Presbytery took recess for one hour.

Afternoon Session.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 P.M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE MANUAL

The Committee on Revision of the Manual reported through its Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The re-

port which included new Working Rules for the Presbytery of Asheville was adopted with certain amendments to the rules. The report is as follows and the Working Rules are added to these Minutes as an Appendix:

In accordance with instruction given at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery "to revise the full Manual in detail" your committee presents the following working Rules. In addition to changes necessitated in holding quarterly instead of semi-annual meetings, your committee found that there were other changes necessary because of amendments made from time to time, because the former Manual was not in accord with some of the General Assembly's requirements, and because of the usual unrelated additions that eventually need to be considered in the light of the whole work of any organization. In connection with this last it might be noted that for five years there has been an average of one permanent committee added per year so that of late the Presbytery has listed more permanent committees than there have been members in attendance at the sessions. It will be noted that the rules have been condensed by dropping out those matters already covered in the Book of Church Order, for example the duties of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, and matters covered by General Assembly's Committees such as the requirements of Candidates and Licentiates. Also historical statements which have been printed in recent years are not repeated.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Paisley,
M. R. Williamson,
G. B. Hammond, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ON THE WORKS REPORT

The Committee on Schools and Colleges reported verbally through its Chairman, the Rev. L. N. Edmunds. The report was received and the Rev. R. T. L. Liston, President of King College, addressed the Presbytery. A motion prevailed that action on King College be deferred until the Fall Meeting, and that Asheville Presbytery request the Trustees of King College to request the Moderator of each Presbytery to appoint representatives, at least ten from each Presbytery, to meet with the Board of Trustees and President of King College to discuss the Works Report before the meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A popular meeting on Religious Education was led by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The Rev. James M. Carr and the Rev. R. E. McClure addressed the Presbytery. A motion prevailed that Presbytery encourage its ministers and sessions to invite Mr. Carr and Mr. McClure to hold conferences in their churches on the advance program.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Missions Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report: Our church should be truly grateful to God for His evident blessing the past year. In spite of the demoralizing influences of a global war, our people responded so generously that the ambitious goal set by the Executive Committee for the year closing March 31, 1943 was fully met and the largest contribution for ten years was received. The debt that has for years been an incubus, was paid in full; the sum of $65,000.00 was allocated for equipment for the Africa Missions; $100,000.00 was set aside for a reoccupational fund and almost that much placed in an Emergency fund.

We recommend:

1. That our churches make full use of the available supply of missionaries who are temporarily in the Home Land.

2. That we plan for the wisest possible use of the period, January 1st-Feb. 6th, designated for Foreign Mission Study.

3. That the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, January 30th-February 6th, be magnified and that all of our people be given an opportunity to contribute to this cause.

4. In view of the tremendous opportunities that will confront the Evangelical Church when Freedom with Justice is established for the world, that we be much in prayer for wisdom and grace properly to accept the challenge to the dedication of Life and property to God's service involved therein.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Paisley, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ~~SOCIETIES~~

The Committee on Church Societies reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Gruver. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Women's Auxiliary seems to have had a good year as their statistics reveal. Of the 24 local Auxiliaries, only one failed to report. Of the 1962 members, 1288 are enlisted in some study or service, 597 are daily Bible readers, and 395 have family worship. There are 362 tithers. All 24 Auxiliaries observed the Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions, and 23 the Season for Home Missions while 23 made a special Joy Gift for Ministerial Relief and all contributed to the Birthday Gift—$650. From their offerings Presbytery's Home Missions received—$749, and the Educational Institutions—$850.

Total of all benevolences	$10,791
Total to local church work	3,050
Grand total all contributions	14,630

Total iscrease over last year's offering $1,148. Amount per capita $7.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Gruver.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

At the Spring meeting of Presbytery we emphasized the continuance of effort in the field of Evangelism by all of our churches. We also had the opportunity of hearing an address by Dr. Donald Richardson, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Evangelism for the Assembly.

We are happy to report that during the past church year 172 were received into our churches upon profession of faith which indicates that we are not altogether negligent in our duty in this regard, however this number should be increased this year if possible by the means of evangelistic preaching, the stressing of evangelism in our Sunday schools, the use of our men and women in personal work, and the holding in all of our churches preaching missions or a special series of evangelistic services.

We call attention in this report to a pamphlet issued by the Federal Council of Churches under the title "The Present Summons to A Larger Evangelism." We urge study of this pamphlet by all ministers and the general distributions of it among our people.

Your committee on Evangelism commends the churches for their diligence in the field of evangelism but also urges that now we heed the words of our Master who said—"Look on the fields—they are white already to harvest."

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm R. Williamson, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. B. Ratchford. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Twenty-three of the thirty churches in our Presbytery sent in their Narrative of Christian Life and Work. In looking over these narratives we find that during the church year ending March 31, 1943 there were received into the churches of Presbytery 479 members, 307 by certificate and 172 on profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of their souls. From the narratives we find that 242 family altars have been established, 6 churches reporting none. Thirty church schools were conducted with an enrollment of 3,625. Six churches made no report of any church school. Six churches reported one outpost school each.

Of the churches reporting about one half of the churches answering question number eight on Sabbath Observance say that it is a very vital question in their congregations. Let each pastor stress this vital importance of a stricter observance of the Lord's Day and to remember the Lord's Day to keep it holy. Thus we have the divine authority for the proper observance of Sabbath and its observance is of perpetual obligation and is as binding as any other of the Ten Commandments. On the 7th day God ended his work of creation and rested on that day. Thus we have the example of God to keep the day holy. The moral chain can never be broken. The New Testament does not repeal this law. Christ in his teachings and practice confirmed it. In keeping the Lord's Day we look back to Christ's resurrection and we look forward to rest that remains to the people of God.

May the family altars be rebuilt and religion flourish in the homes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Ratchford, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, reporting that no matters had come before the commission to be reported to the Presbytery.

REPORT OF JOINT MEETING OF HOME MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES

The report of the joint meeting of the Home Mission and Stewardship Committees held on July 9, 1943 was made by the Executive Secretary, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was received and recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Asheville Presbytery enter wholeheartedly into the 1943 effort to raise a special Emergency Fund for Home Missions.

2. That we nominate to Presbytery the following committee to conduct the Campaign: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman of the Committee and Director of the Campaign in the Presbytery, Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Campbell, Mr. J. T. Bailey, Mr. R. E. Burton, and Mr. L. B. Ordway.

3. That Presbytery adopt the quota to be assigned by the Synod's Committee when they meet on July 20th.

R. F. Campbell,
Chairman Home Mission Committee.

T. A. Painter,
Chairman Stewardship Committee.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev H. L. Paisley and Elder R. R. Williams reported, the former verbally and the latter by writing, on the meeting of the General Assembly and their attendance thereat. The reports were approved and the commissioners commended for their diligence, and the other two Commissioners requested to report at the Fall meeting of the Presbytery.

REPORT OF BILLS AND OVERTURES AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES

The Bills and Overtures Committee and the Judiciary Committee reported that they had no matters to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was adopted and is as follows:

That the members of the committee on Schools and Colleges be added to the Committee on Christion Education and Ministerial Relief since the work of those two committees is merged in the new Working Rules. The same for the Auditing Committee and the Committee on Stewardship.

That the Sub-committee on Examination on Seminary Studies consist of Rev. H. L. Paisley and Rev. J. M. McChesney.

That the Trustees of Davidson College and their terms of office be as follows: Term to expire in 1944, Rev. R. C. Anterson, term to expire in 1946, Rev. C. G. Davis.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. P. Chedester that the Rev. D. W. Richardson be excused for this meeting of Presbytery and that the Rev. J. C. Plexico be excused at noon, the Rev. R. C. Anderson at 3:30, the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr., and Elder R. R. Williams at 4:30. The excuses were granted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Gruver. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

Inasmuch as the Asheville Presbytery has been delightfully entertained at this Summer meeting at the Mills River Presbyterian Church be it resolved—

1st—That Presbytery records its hearty appreciation to the Pastor host, the Rev. D. R. Freeman, to the officers and members for this entertainment and we especially want to thank the good women for a very sumptuous dinner.

2nd—We pray God's blessing upon the Pastor and his good people.

J. H. GRUVER, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery was invited to hold its next stated meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville on Tuesday, October 12, 1943, at 10 A.M. The invitation was accepted.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and the pronouncement of the apostolic benediction by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*
M. R. WILLIAMSON, *Temporary Clerk.*

W. H. WAKEFIELD, *Moderator.*

WORKING RULES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Adopted July 13, 1943

I.
GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. These rules are intended only to supplement the Book of Church Order, including its rules of Parliamentary Order, and to be subservient thereto.

2. The Presbytery shall meet in Stated Sessions quarterly.

The Spring meeting shall be held on Tuesday after the third Sunday in April, the Summer meeting on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, the Fall meeting on the corresponding day in October, and the Winter meeting on the corresponding day in January.

All stated meetings shall begin at ten A.M.

3. At the opening of each meeting there shall be a sermon preached as part of a service of worship, this to be followed by the celebration of the Communion. The sermon at the Spring and Fall meetings shall be preached by the retiring Moderator. At the Summer and Winter meetings the preacher shall be one appointed by the Presbytery at the previous meeting and assigned a doctrinal subject.

4. At an hour to be set by the Program Committee in consultation with the Chairman of the committee concerned, a popular meeting shall be held at each meeting as follows: Spring meeting under the direction of a committee designated at the previous meeting, Summer meeting under the direction of the Committee on Religious Education, Fall meeting under the Committee on Home Missions, Winter meeting under the Committee on Foreign Missions.

5. The docket for stated meetings shall be as follows:

(1) Presbytery constituted by prayer.
(2) Sermon (Spring) by the retiring Moderator.
(Summer) by an appointee, a doctrinal sermon.
(Fall) by the retiring Moderator.
(Winter) by an appointee, a doctrinal sermon.
(3) Communion Service.
(4) Memorials to deceased ministers (if any).
(5) Organization of the Presbytery—
Roll Call.
Introduction of visiting brethren.
(Spring and Fall) Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerk.

(Spring) Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.
Report of Program Committee.
Appointment of Standing Committees.
(6) Reading of unprinted minutes (if any).
(7) Communications.
(8) Reports—
A. Of special commissions and committees.
B. Of presbyterial officers:
(Spring) Stated Clerk.
(Spring) Statistics to General Assembly.
(Spring) Executive Secretary.
(Spring) Central Treasurer of Benevolences.
(Summer) Commissioners to the General Assembly.
(Summer)—Trustees of Davidson College.
(Fall) Trustees of the Presbytery.
C. Of executive committees:
(Spring) Home Missions.
(Summer) Religious Education.
(Fall) Home Missions.
(Winter) Religious Education.
D. Of permanent Commissions and Committees:
Commission on the Minister and his work.
(Spring) Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.
(Spring) Stewardship (Audit).
(Summer) Foreign Missions.
(Summer) Evangelism.
(Summer) Women's Work.
(Summer) Sabbath and Family Religion.
(Fall) Bible Cause.
(Fall) Stewardship.
(Winter) Foreign Missions.
(Winter) Defense Service.
E. Of Standing Committees:
Bills and Overtures.
Judiciary.
(Spring) Records of Sessions.
(Summer) Minutes of Presbytery.
(Fall) Minutes of General Assembly.
(Winter) Minutes of Synod.
Nominations.
Resolutions.
(9) Place of Next Meeting.
(10) Reading of Minutes.
(11) Adjournment with the Apostolic Benediction.

II.

OFFICERS

1. A Moderator shall be elected at the Spring and Fall meetings who shall preside until his successor is elected. Upon the death of a minister belonging to the Presbytery, the Moderator, or in case of his inability to act, the Stated Clerk, shall appoint a member to prepare a suitable memorial to be presented at the next stated meeting.

2. A Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years at a salary of $150.00 per year. He shall perform the usual duties of this office but the following details are specified—

He shall transmit to each session between the first and tenth days of March each year such blanks as are necessary for the reports of the session.

He shall send out notice of time and place of each stated meeting of Presbytery at least four weeks before the meetings, for each called meeting ten days before the meeting, and the same for adjourned meetings held more than two weeks after a stated meeting.

He shall prepare a complete docket for business for each stated meeting and send a copy to every minister ten days before the meeting, marking the docket for each one who must report. Sufficient copies shall be furnished to all who attend the meeting.

As Treasurer he shall accept responsibility for the Presbyterial contingent fund, shall make disbursement as the Presbytery shall direct with the exception that quotas to the Assembly and Synod, usual printing bills, salaries, and ordinary expense accounts shall be paid without special order. As Treasurer he shall report to the Presbytery at the Spring meeting the names of all churches in arrears in payment of the presbyterial tax at the end of the last church year.

3. A Temporary Clerk shall be elected at each Spring and Fall meeting to help with the keeping of the minutes of the meetings. He shall serve until a successor is elected.

4. An Executive Secretary shall be elected by the Presbytery. He shall serve under direction of the Home Mission Committee and shall act as a promotional agent in behalf of the whole work of the Presbytery.

5. A Central Treasurer of Benevolences shall be elected for a term of three years, at a salary of $600.00 per year. He shall receive all funds contributed by the churches of the Presbytery for benevolent causes and forward these promptly to the proper recipients.

6. Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be elected at the Spring meeting of the Presbytery. Before nominations are made the Stated Clerk shall present a list of the commissioners elected for the last ten years. Commissioners shall report in person or in writing

at the next stated meeting after ~~their attendance at the General~~ Assembly.

7. The Presbytery shall elect ~~a permanent "Board~~ of Trustees of Asheville Presbytery", which board shall be composed of three officers in good standing in the Presbyterian Church and this board shall hold in trust for the Presbytery all property in church lots, buildings, etc. not otherwise secured; and all legacies and bequests not otherwise provided for, which may be willed to the Presbytery in behalf of charitable and other objects under its care. Trustees are to report annually on all property held by them.

8. The Presbytery shall elect two trustees to represent the Presbytery in the government of Davidson College for a term of four years each, terms so to be fixed that one trustee shall be elected in the Spring of each even numbered year.

III.
COMMITTEES

There shall be three classes of committees: Executive, Permanent, and Standing.

Committees shall report as shown in the docket for stated meetings. All recommendations and parts of reports to be printed in the minutes shall be in writing. All Executive and Permanent Committees shall include in reports to all stated meetings a report of the number of meetings held by the committee since the last report, together with the average attendance. All Executive Committees shall append to the first report after the beginning of each new church year a financial report, this to show a summary of receipts and expenditures for the year, together with a condensed statement of assets and liabilities in connection with institutions, investments or trust funds. Duties of committees unless otherwise specified shall be those ordinarily assigned to committees of that name.

There shall be the following committees—

A. *Executive Committees:*

1. Home Missions. In addition to the usual duties of such a committee in directing home mission work within the bounds of the Presbytery, and informing the Presbytery on all home mission work, this committee shall have supervision of the Orphanage, and, being incorporated, shall be authorized to hold in trust any property for the Presbytery, not otherwise provided for.

2. Religious Education.

B. *Permanent Commissions and Committees:*

1. Commission on the Minister and his Work.
2. Foreign Missions.
3. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.
4. Bible Cause.

5. Women's Work.
6. Sabbath and Family Religion.
7. Stewardship. In addition to its usual duties this committee, or a sub-committee of it, shall audit all accounts of committees or individuals handling funds or holding property for the Presbytery, and see that those handling funds are properly bonded.
8. Evangelism.
9. Defense Service.
10. Examining. This committee of which the Moderator shall act as Chairman, shall be divided into the following sub-committees: to examine on—Experimental Religion and Motives for Entering the Ministry, Theology, Sacraments, Church Government, English Bible, Thesis-Exegesis-Lecture-Sermon, Academic Studies, and Seminary Studies.
11. Program. This committee shall consist of the Host Pastor, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk.

C. *Standing Committees:*

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judiciary.
3. Records of Sessions.
4. Minutes of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall be an ex officio member of this committee.
5. Minutes of Synod.
6. Minutes of General Assembly.
7. Nominations.
8. Resolutions.

IV.
AMENDMENTS

These rules may be amended at any stated meeting by a two thirds vote of all the members present.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1924	Spring—Bryson City	Rev. J. Q. Wallace
	Fall —Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
1925	Spring—Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
	Fall —Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926	Spring—Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
	Fall —Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927	Spring—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
	Fall —Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928	Spring—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
	Fall —Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield

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R W Conner Moderator

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. J. M. McChesney, R.F.D. 3, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. H. L. Paisley, Murphy, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Presbytery's Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, D. B. Burns, F. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, L. N. Edmunds, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946: Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. J. J. Stone.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: H. L. Paisley, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Armistead. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; L. N. Edmunds, J. R. Sevier, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: E. J. Grisette, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: C. B. Ratchford, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, Leland Edmunds, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, R. J. Reveley, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; C. M. Robinson, Jr. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. H. L. Paisley.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. H. L. Paisley, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1944: Rev. R. C. Anderson. Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C.,
October 12, 1943.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C. on Tuesday, October 12, 1943, at 10 A. M. The opening worship service was conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield assisted by the Rev. J. M. McChesney, who led in prayer and the Rev. H. B. Dendy, who read the Scripture, Luke 23:13-38. The Moderator preached on the theme—"Cross Bearing" from the text Luke 23:26. This was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper administered by the Rev. R. E. McClure and the Rev. H. V. Lofquist assisted by Elders B. C. Ward, R. T. Reed, L. B. Nichols, and C. D. Richmond.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were enrolled during the session:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, J. W. Caldwell, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, L. N. Edmunds, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, H. L. Paisley, J. C. Plexico, C. M. Robinson, Jr., J. R. Sevier, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.—25.

Churches Represented—Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, A. C. McCall; Asheville Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Asheville West, J. Z. Russell; Black Mountain, J. M. Stout; Brittain Cove, B. C. Ward; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hendersonville, J. S. Brown; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Murphy, M. W. Bell; Oak Forest, W. E. Fletcher; Swannanoa, S. F. Davidson; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, R. T. Reed.—16.

The Rev. W. H. Armistead of Nashville Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting Brother.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR AND TEMPORARY CLERK

The Rev. J. M. McChesney was elected Moderator of

the Presbytery and the Rev. H. L. Paisley was elected Temporary Clerk.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Davis that the lunch hour be set as 1:30 P. M. This was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—W. H. Wakefield, J. H. Gruver, R. C. Anderson, R. T. Reed.
Judiciary—M. R. Williamson, J. C. Plexico, W. P. Barnes.
Minutes of General Assembly—H. L. Paisley, H. B. Dendy.
Nominations—C. G. Davis, C. M. Robinson, Jr., P. N. Gresham, A. C. McCall.
Resolutions—D. R. Freeman, E. A. Johnson, L. B. Nichols.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were read and disposed of as follows:

A letter from the Board of Trustees of King College in reply to action at the last meeting of the Presbytery was received as information.

AD-INTERIM COMMITTE ON CONSTITUIONAL AMENDMENTS

A letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was read and the matter of amendments to the Confession of Faith and Catchechisms and amendments and revisions to the Book of Church Order were referred to an Ad-Interim Committee to report at the Winter Meeting of Presbytery. The Committee is as follows: L. T. Wilds, Chairman, E. A. Johnson, and D. R. Freeman.

TERM PASTORATES

That part of the letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly referring to term pastorates was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Letters from the Rev. K. J. Foreman, the Rev. H. T. Bridgman, the Rev. D. W. Richardson, the Rev. J. C. Shive and a message from the Rev. C. B. Ratchford asking to be

excused from this meeting of Presbytery were received and the requests granted.

The report of the Rev. D. W. Richardson as a Commissioner to the General Assembly was received, and he was commended for his diligence.

Requests for permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery were granted to the Rev. H. T. Bridgman and the Rev. J. C. Shive.

REV. W. H. ARMISTEAD RECEIVED

A certificate of dismissal from the Presbytery of Nashville for the Rev. W. H. Armistead together with a letter from the Stated Clerk of that presbytery concerning his diligence to his duties were read. The Rev. W. H. Armistead was duly examined as required by the Book of Church Order after which he was received into the Presbytery.

ROBBINSVILLE PASTORATE DISSOLVED

The Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. requested that the pastoral relationship between him and the Robbinsville Church be dissolved. A letter from the Robbinsville Church concurring in this request was presented. The request was granted and the pastorate dissolved.

RETIREMENT OF REV. J. W. CALDWELL

Having reached the age of retirement and the relationship between him and the Montreat Church being automatically dissolved, the Rev. J. W. Caldwell asked to be placed on the roll of Honorably Retired Ministers, and that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery. This request was granted.

ORGANIZATION OF MALVERN HILLS CHURCH

A petition was presented from twenty-nine signatories of the Malvern Hills district of Asheville asking that the organization of a church in that community be authorized. A Commission to organize such a church was appointed to consist of the following members—Ministers: R. F. Camp-

bell, R. E. McClure, J. C. Plexico, R. F. Brown; Elders: A. C. McCall, J. Z. Russell.

REV. TAYLOR O. BIRD AND LATTA FUND

Letters were presented from the Rev. T. O. Bird and from the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. relating to his obligation as a beneficiary of the Latta Fund. The following action was taken: That Presbytery advises that he is not obligated further with reference to the Latta Fund and we bid him God speed in his work.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of Synod with regard to the cost of Synod meetings was referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A letter from the Christian Observer was received as information.

A letter from the Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Presbytery took recess until 2:00 P. M. after prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. H. L. Paisley.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Stewardship Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

In view of the rapidly expanding benevolent program of our church to undergird her work of Evangelism and Christian Education in this day of increasing opportunity and responsibility, your committee urges the Presbytery to solemnly charge the local church leaders with their responsibility to emphasize the Scriptural basis and obligation of Stewardship of life and possessions, that a due proportion of the income of each church member be devoted to the Lord's work, whatever demands may be made upon them in support of the Country's war effort. True patriotism, as well as Christian loyalty, forbids that the work of the church be allowed to lag in this time of national and spiritual crisis. Sacrificial giving must be the order of the day.

I. PERCENTAGES AND ASKINGS

1. We recommend that the percntages for the benevolent causes remain the same as last year:

Assembly's Causes		50%
Foreign Missions	26.0%	
Assembly's Home Missions	14.0%	
Christian Ed. and Min. Relief	6.5%	
Rel. Ed. and Publication	2.4%	
Assembly's Training School	.6%	
Bible Cause	.5%	
Synod's Causes		8%
King College	5.0%	
Synod's Work	1.0%	
Rel. Ed., Synod or Presbytery	1.0%	
Union Theological Seminary	.7%	
Louisville Seminary	.3%	
Presbytery's Causes		42%
Presbytery's Home Missions	25.0%	
Mountain Orphanage	12.0%	
Montreat College	5.0%	
		100%

2. We recommend that Presbytery's Total Benevolent Budget be fixed at $33,000; and that the quota of each church be assigned on the basis of the average benevolent gifts for the last three years.

Andrews	$ 300	Ivy Park	50
Asheville First	13,500	Kenilworth	1,155
Bethel	290	Mills River	430
Black Mountain	1,300	Montreat	2,400
Brevard-Davidson River	900	Morrison	40
Brittain Cove	50	Murphy	250
Bryson City	430	Oak Forest	350
Canton	1,190	Red Oak	25
Dillingham	150	Robbinsville	90
Etowah	200	Swannanoa	1,300
Franklin	350	Sylva	50
Hayesville	60	Waynesville	600
Hazelwood	100	Weaverville	1,000
Hendersonville	5,115	West Asheville	1,000
Highlands	300	White Oak	25
		Total	$33,000

We further recommend that the Session and Board of Deacons of each church be requested prayerfully to consider their church's quota and report to the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee (or the Executive Secretary) well before the January meeting of Pres-

bytery, the acceptance or rejection of Presbytery's asking; that, in case they decline the apportionment, they set a goal they deem equitable on the basis of the quotas assigned the other churches, and in view of local conditions, stating the grounds upon which they reach their decision; and that the complete schedule of quotas (accepted and adjusted) be printed in the January issue of Our Mountain Work.

3. We recommend that Presbytery accept its quota of $1,860 for the Defense Service Council; this amount to be apportioned among the churches at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

II. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Presbytery and churches follow the recommendations of the General Assembly on promotion of Stewardship and the dates of the Every Member Canvass.

2. That the churches give special attention to the action of the General Assembly (page 63, item "e", recommendation 2) as follows: "That united effort be made to place the emphasis where it rightly belongs, that is, upon our Every Member Canvass and Budget System, in the confidence that through this cooperative effort, our general church income may be greatly increased, all properly constituted benevolent agencies more equitably cared for, the spiritual basis of giving rather than the urgent need of giving magnified in the minds of our people, and the progress of agencies and groups united in behalf of all the work of the Kingdom."

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

KING COLLEGE AND MONTREAT COLLEGE

The Rev. R. T. L. Liston of Greenbrier Presbytery, introduced and invited to sit as a Visiting Brother and invited to speak to the Presbytery if he so desired. He spoke vigorously on the King College Debt and the projected endowment campaign.

The Rev. R. C. Anderson spoke to the Presbytery on Montreat College.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The report was admitted to record, and the recommendation adopted, and is as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reports that it has held two meetings since the last meeting of Presbytery and taken under advisement matters concerning the following churches:—Montreat, Highlands, and the Franklin Morrison group.

The following motion was passed, that the Commission report to Asheville Presbytery that Dr. J. W. Caldwell, pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church, having reached the age of retirement designated by the Book of Church Order, has informed the Nominating Committee of the Montreat Church and the Commission of his intention to retire from the pastorate of that church. The Commission recommends that, in view of the circumstances, Dr. Caldwell be honorably retired from this pastorate and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to indicate this in report to the General Assembly. We regret that Dr. Caldwell is to remove from our bounds and we commend him to the goodness and guidance of God.

R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Home Mission Committee reported orally through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, who asked the Rev. R. E. McClure to speak on the Home Mission Emergency Fund. After the address a motion prevailed that Mr. McClure be thanked for his excellent presentation and that the Presbytery do all it can for this cause. The Chairman of the Committee then requested the Rev. P. N. Gresham to speak on the work at Arden and the Rev. J. C. Plexico on the work at Malvern Hills. This was done.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

The Committee on Bible Cause reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The work of the American Bible Society for 1942 was great:

1. In its growth. Notice new opportunities for service such as Testaments for life boats, for soldiers, Bibles in the camps, Japanese re-location centers, prisoners of war and refugees, and service to other societies. The issues from the New York Bible House in 1942 were the largest in the society's history. Issues of the Bible were up 50% over 1935; Testaments 425%; and portions 128%. Total issues were 151% over 1935.

2. In its financial income. The income of the Bible Society from living donors was as follows:

From churches	$166,517
From individuals	208,382
From auxiliaries	13,795
Total	$388,694

This was an increase of $58,391 over 1941.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That Asheville Presbytery endorse the work of the Society and recommend it to the deep interest and loyal support of all pastors and people.

2. That we recommend the observance of Bible Sunday on December 5th of this year as an occasion for more serious consideration of a fruitful use of the Bible among our people and its wider circulation among the nations of the world.

PAUL N. GRESHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee on Minutes of General Assembly reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, that there was nothing found calling for consideration at this time except that which has been already referred to the appropriate committee. The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Judiciary Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, that nothing had been placed in its hands.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

The motion prevailed that the Committee on Women's Work report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery instead of Summer, and that the President of the Presbyterial Auxiliary be asked to be present and read her annual report at that time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through the Rev. J. H. Gruver. A substitute motion was adopted

that the Presbytery enter the North Carolina Federation of Churches and elect three representatives to serve on that council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Davis. The report was adopted and is as follows:

1. We recommend that the Ad-Interim Committee to study the proposed changes in the Confession of Faith and the Book of Church Order be composed of the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman, the Rev. E. A. Johnson and the Rev. D. R. Freeman.

2. That the terms of Rev. T. A. Painter and Mr. S. L. Woodward on the Commission on the Minister and His Work having expired, that Rev. G. B. Hammond and Mr. J. J. Stone be elected to succeed them.

3. That Rev. W. H. Armistead be elected to replace Rev. H. T. Bridgman on the Committee on Foreign Missions.

4. That Elder Irving Bingham be elected to replace Elder S. L. McCarty, Jr. on the Religious Education Committee.

5. That Elder R. T. Reed be elected to replace Elder C. G. Grey on the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

6. That Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, and Rev. G. B. Hammond be the Presbytery's representatives on the North Carolina Council of Churches.

7. That the Rev. G. B. Hammond be appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery on the subject, "Stewardship".

C. G. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

An invitation was presented by the Hendersonville Church through its Pastor, the Rev. L. T. Wilds, inviting the Presbytery to hold its next Stated Meeting on January 11, 1944 at that church. The invitation was accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. D. R. Freeman. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

Inasmuch as Asheville Presbytery has been happily and substantially entertained at this October meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., be it resolved—

That Presbytery express its gratitude and appreciation to the pastor, officers and members for their hospitality, and to the women in particular for a delightful luncheon.

D. RALPH FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

The Minutes were read and approved.

The news having been brought to the Presbytery of the death of the brother of the Rev. W. P. Chedester a motion prevailed that in the closing prayer special petition be made for the bereaved family and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Mr. Chedester expressing the sympathy of the brethren.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and the pronouncement of the Apostolic Benediction.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*
H. L. PAISLEY, *Temporary Clerk.*
J. M. MCCHESNEY, *Moderator.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1924 Spring	Bryson City	Rev. J. Q. Wallace
Fall	Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
1925 Spring	Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
Fall	Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926 Spring	Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
Fall	Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927 Spring	Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
Fall	Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928 Spring	Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney

Approved by Synod of Appalachia 9/20/44
R W Crosson, Moderator

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MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Hendersonville, N. C.,
January 11, 1944.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville, N. C. at 10 A.M., Tuesday, January 11, 1944. It was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. J. M. McChesney, who conducted a service of worship. The Rev. H. B. Dendy read the scripture, I Cor. 6:12-20, and led in prayer. The Presbyterial Doctrinal Sermon on the subject of "Stewardship" was preached by the Rev. G. B. Hammond from the text "Ye are not your own for you were bought with a price," I Cor. 6:20. After which the Rev. R. F. Brown and the Rev. W. H. Wakefield conducted the Communion Service assisted by Elders C. D. Richmond, H. E. Lamb, D. E. Penland, A. C. Choate.

ROLL

The Roll was called and the following were enrolled during the session:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson—19.

Churches Represented—Asheville First, H. E. Adams; Asheville Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Asheville Malvern Hills, C. L. Kiser; Asheville West, A. C. Choate; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Hendersonville, C. L. Grey; Mills River, O. W. Lancaster; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, R. I. Prevost; Weaverville, D. E. Penland—12.

The Rev. J. M. Carr of Knoxville Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a Visiting Brother.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Program Committee recommends—that Presbytery recess from one to two o'clock for lunch and reconvene at two to adjourn at will—that the first order of business be the reception of Mr. James Eade Anderson as a candidate for the ministry—and that a missionary be heard in an address at two P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. WILDS.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—W. H. Wakefield, J. H. Gruver, R. C. Anderson, C. D. Richmond.
Judiciary—M. R. Williamson, J. C. Plexico, E. E. White.
Minutes of Synod—L. T. Wilds.
Nominations—C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, O. W. Lancaster.
Resolutions—D. R. Freeman, E. A. Johnson, W. O. Dillingham.

A resolution of appreciation of the morning sermon preached by the Rev. G. B. Hammond was adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK

The Rev. H. V. Lofquist was appointed Temporary Clerk.

CANDIDATE J. E. ANDERSON RECEIVED

Mr. James Eade Anderson was presented to the Presbytery as an applicant to be received as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education. The Moderator examined the applicant on motives for entering the ministry, and experimental religion, and asked the constitutional questions. A charge was given by the Rev. C. G. Davis. After remarks by his Pastor, the Rev. D. R. Freeman, and others, on vote of the Presbytery and after prayer by Mr. Freeman, he was received under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Etowah Church.

COMMUNICATIONS

Requests for excuse for absence were presented from the Rev. K. J. Foreman, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, the Rev. H. L. Paisley, the Rev. H. T. Bridgman, the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr. and the Rev. L. N. Edmunds. The requests were granted.

A letter was read from Dr. L. Nelson Bell reporting as a Commissioner to the last General Assembly. The report was approved.

RESIGNATION OF REV. H. L. PAISLEY

A request was presented from the Rev. H. L. Paisley that the pastoral relationship between him and the Murphy and Hayesville Churches be dissolved as of January 1, 1944, that he be granted Honorable Retirement and commended to the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for his annuity, and that he be granted a certificate of dismissal to the Presbytery of Arkansas. Letters were presented from the churches of Murphy and Hayesville concurring in his first request. These requests were granted with regret and the Stated Clerk was asked to write to Dr. Paisley expressing the appreciation of the Presbytery for his work in this Presbytery, and the prayers and good wishes of the Presbytery for him and for the health of his wife.

RESIGNATION OF REV. C. M. ROBINSON, JR.

A request was presented from the Rev. C. B. Robinson, Jr. that the pastoral relationship between him and the Bryson City and Sylva Churches be dissolved as of January 1, 1944, that he be allowed to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery while in the Navy, and that he be given evangelistic powers. The requests were granted and Mr. Robinson was commended for offering himself for the chaplaincy.

RESIGNATION OF REV. L. N. EDMUNDS

A request was presented from the Rev. L. N. Edmunds that the pastoral relationship between him and the Black Mountain Church be dissolved, that he be given permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery while in the

Navy, and that he be granted evangelistic powers. Mr. Edmunds' Chaplain's Report for 1943 was read as information, and letters from the Session and Congregation of the Black Mountain Church concurring in the request for dissolution were read. The requests were granted and he was commended for offering himself for the chaplaincy.

A request from the Rev. H. T. Bridgman to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery was granted.

Attention was called to the Presbytery that the letter from the Stated Clerk of General Assembly regarding term pastorates had not been answered while the request had been made that it be on the docket for the Fall Meeting. No action was taken.

REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Ad-Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee has carefully examined the General Assembly's proposed ammendments to, or revisions of, "The Confession of Faith," "The Catechisms," and "The Book of Church Order"—which amendments consist almost altogether of changes in punctuation, phraseology, and rearrangement of material to bring related matters more closely together.

The committee finds that these proposed amendments or changes in nowise change or affect the truth as it is set forth in the standards of our church but serve rather to clarify the truth; and it therefore unanimously recommends that the Presbytery of Asheville approve these proposed amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman*,
D. R. Freeman,
E. A. Johnson.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A MALVERN HILLS CHURCH

The Commission to Organize a Malvern Hills Church reported through its Secretary, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was received, the Church enrolled, and the

Minutes of the Commission admitted to record and are as follows:

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery, composed of Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown, with Ruling Elders A. C. McCall, and J. Z. Russell, met at the Malvern Hills Mission at 8 P. M., October 31st. All members of the commission were present. The commission was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer. The Rev. R. E. McClure was elected secretary.

The commission entered into the evening worship service with the congregation, the sermon being preached by Mr. McClure.

The chairman recounted the action of the Presbytery authorizing the organization of the church, and Mr. Brown presented the testimonials of a number who were received by certificate and by restatement of their faith. Mr. Plexico prasented a number who were received upon profession of faith, and in the case of those not previously baptized, by baptism.

Received by Certificate: Ivy Park Pres. Church—Mrs. R. C. Ray; Mills River Pres. Church—Mrs. Wylie Evans, Neal Evans; Canton Pres. Church—Mrs. Sallie Elizabeth Brown, R. Frederick Brown, Jr.; Haywood St. Meth. Church—M. B. Hall, Mrs. M. B. Hall; West Asheville Pres. Church—Mrs. Hazel Bailey, Clarence Jones, Mrs. Clarence Jones, Peggy Jones, Betty Coleen Jones, Carry Lee Jones, Bobby Jones, C. L. Kiser, Mrs. C. L. Kiser; French Broad Ave. Meth. Church—J. E. Lawson, Mrs. J. E. Lawson; Weaverville Pres. Church—Mrs. Carl Owens.

Received by Restatement of Faith: Baptist Church—Anson Brown, Mrs. H. Eugene Edwards; West Asheville Meth. Church—Miss Elaine Lawson.

Received on Profession of Faith: Jeannette Lawson, Anne Evans, Wylie Evans, E. Eugene Edwards, Calvin Ray, Bobby Ray, Carl Owens, Anne Lindbergh Jones, Mrs. Josephine Hempstead (Nov. 14, 1943), Miss Eleanor Turner (Nov. 14, 1943).

All these having been approved by the commission as charter members of the church, Dr. Campbell, the chairman, propounded the constitutional questions to those present, and received from them an expression of willingness to form themselves into a congregation to be known as the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. Having so voted, he declared the church formally organized.

Dr. Campbell stated that the Commission on the Minister and His Work had approved the arrangements by which the Rev. R. F. Brown would serve the church as stated supply.

The congregation, by vote, expressed a readiness to elect officers. Mr. C. L. Kiser, formerly a ruling elder in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, was elected ruling elder. Mr. C. E. Jones, formerly

a deacon in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, was elected deacon. Dr. Campbell propounded the constitutional questions for the installation of these officers, each of whom had been previously ordained, and received from the congregation the expression of their willingness to support them in their work, all in accord with the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

The commission was informed that certain individuals planning to be present were unavoidably detained. Upon motion, it was ordered that all persons received into the church on or before November 14th should be enrolled as charter members. (Indicated by date in the above roll.)

The substance of the Minutes was outlined by the secretary, and as outlined, approved.

The commission adjourned with prayer.

R. E. McClure, *Secretary.*

REV. R. F. BROWN CALLED TO MALVERN HILLS CHURCH

Reporting for the Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee and also of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the Rev. R. E. McClure stated orally the contents of a call from the Malvern Hills Church to the Rev. R. F. Brown providing a salary of $1,800, plus 7½% payment to the Ministers' Annuity Fund but without manse, to be supplied $450 by the church and $1,350 from the Home Mission Committee, each assuming proportionate share of the annuity payments. The call was found in order and placed in the hands of the Rev. R. F. Brown who accepted it. A Commission was appointed to install him as Pastor of the Malvern Hills Church on January 23, 1944 at 11 A. M. The Commission was to consist of Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Rev. G. B. Hammond, to preach the sermon, Rev. J. C. Plexico, to charge the congregation, with Rev. W. H. Wakefield as alternate to any of the above ministers, Elder H. E. Adams, to charge the Pastor, and Elder A. O. Choate, with Elder H. E. Lamb as an alternate for either of the elders. A quorum of the Commission was fixed at two ministers and one elder.

After prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter the Presbytery took recess until 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist.

It was moved and carried that the manuscript of the morning sermon be presented to the Rev. H. B. Dendy for publication in the "Southern Presbyterian Journal" and that it be printed in "Our Mountain Work."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Committee on Religious Education reported through the Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. Pending the adoption of the report Presbytery heard an address by the Rev. James M. Carr. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee met in December and asked the Rev. R. E. McClure, the Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, to direct the Summer Young People's Conference. The tentative dates for the conferences are from June 12th to June 17th. The place Montreat. The Spring Rally for the Young People is to be held on Easter Monday at the Canton Church.

Pastors are invited to contact the Revs. R. E. McClure and J. M. Carr for help with Daily Vacation Bible Schools and anything else in connection with Religious Education.

Emphasis in the *Advance* this year is on the Christian Home. Ministers are urged to preach on the Christian Home and the Family Altar and help in their establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Dendy.

COURTESIES EXTENDED

A motion prevailed to grant the Rev. R. C. Anderson's request to be heard on the work of Montreat. He addressed the Presbytery.

The Rev. T. A. Painter called attention of the Presbytery to Every Member Canvas material which is available.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds introduced Capt. Geo. R. Fain, son of an elder of the Hendersonville Church, who was present to report the meeting for the local and other newspapers. A motion prevailed that the Presbytery express its appreciation to the newspapers in all this section for their services to the Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

A written report from the Rev. R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, was read by the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was received and admitted to record as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reports to Presbytery that four meetings have been held recently. Two of these meetings had reference to the Montreat Church, and two of them to the Dillingham Church. No formal decisions for the information of Presbytery were reached.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Campbell.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Foreign Missions Committee the Rev. W. H. Armistead presented the subject of Foreign Missions in an address to the Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE DEFENSE SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Defense Service Committee reported verbally through its Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield. Written recommendations were submitted and were adopted which are as follows:

1. That each Pastor keep in personal touch with service men and women going from his church.
2. That membership cards be supplied service members of his church.
3. That each church forward names and addresses of all service enlistments to the Defense Service Council.

4. That a renewed effort be made by each church to raise their 1943-44 apportioned quota to the work of the Defense Service Council.

O. L. Merchant,
W. H. Wakefield, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF BILLS AND OVERTURES AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES

The committees on Bills and Overtures and Judiciary reported that nothing had been placed in their hands and they had no recommendations to make.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S MINUTES COMMITTEE

In view of the fact that the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod had not been received the motion prevailed that this committee be continued to report at the next meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Davis. The report was adopted and is as follows:

That the Committee on Evangelism be designated to have charge of the popular meeting at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

That the name of L. N. Edmunds be dropped from the Religious Education Committee.

That the Rev. R. H. Armistead be named Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions in place of the Rev. H. L. Paisley and that the Rev. E. A. Johnson be added to that committee.

That the name of L. N. Edmunds be dropped from the Christian Education and Ministerial Relief Committee.

That Elder C. R. Richmond be placed on the Women's Work Committee in place of Elder E. J. Grisette.

That the name of Leland Edmunds be dropped from the Stewardship Committee.

That the Rev. R. F. Brown be placed on the Defense Service Committee in place of the Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr.

That in place of the Rev. H. L. Paisley, the Rev. R. F. Brown be placed on the Examining Committee on Church Government and the Rev. W. H. Armistead on Seminary Studies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE

A brief statement on Evangelism was made by the Chairman of that committee, the Rev. M. R. Williamson,

who announced a meeting to be held on March 28th at the First Church, Asheville, the speakers to be the Rev. H. H. Thompson, representing the General Assembly's Committee, and the Rev. J. R. Williams of Spartanburg, who has had great evangelistic experience.

A statement was made by the Rev. R. E. McClure who reported on the response to the appeal for the Home Mission Emergency Fund.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee reported through the Rev. E. A. Johnson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

"Whereas: The Hendersonville Church extended the invitation for the Winter meeting of Asheville Presbytery and has so hospitably entertained us throughout the day.

Be it resolved—that we express our sincere appreciation with special thanks to the ladies of the host church, and be it further resolved that a copy of this be placed in the hands of the Hendersonville Church.

D. R. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

A motion prevailed to leave the matter of the place of the next meeting in the hands of the Moderator and Stated Clerk, and that the Rev. T. A. Painter, the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be a committee to arrange for a meeting of the Presbytery to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Swannanoa Church.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer for the pastorless churches of the Presbytery and the pronouncement of the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

GEO. B. HAMMOND, *Stated Clerk.*
H. V. LOFQUIST, *Temporary Clerk.*
J. M. MCCHESNEY, *Moderator.*

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1924	Spring—Bryson City	Rev. J. Q. Wallace
	Fall —Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
1925	Spring—Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
	Fall —Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926	Spring—Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
	Fall —Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927	Spring—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
	Fall —Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928	Spring—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
	Fall —Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Ashville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney

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R. W. Conner, Moderator

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Brevard, N. C.,
April 19, 1944.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 19, 1944 at 10 A. M. The Presbytery joined in a service of worship conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. J. M. McChesney, assisted by the Rev. T. A. Painter who read the scripture, Hebrews 7:22—8:6, and led in prayer. The sermon was preached by the Moderator on the subject "The High Priesthood of Christ." The text was Hebrews 8:1, "We have such a high priest." The Communion Service followed and was administered by the Rev. D. R. Freeman and the Rev. W. H. Wakefiield assisted by Elders J. L. Gash, G. E. Brown, Candler Morgan and J. T. Bailey.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were enrolled during the session:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson.—21.

Churches Represented—Asheville First, George H. Wright; Asheville Kenilworth, Charles D. Richmond; Asheville Malvern Hills, C. L. Kiser; Brevard-Davidson River, R. L. Gash; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, G. S. Stone; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, George E. Brown; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, H. E. Love; Mills River, T. L. Holden; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, E. A. Williamson; Weaverville, R. E. Burton.—15.

Note was taken that of pastorless churches, Elder George E. Brown of Franklin was the only representative present.

The President of the Presbyterial Auxiliary, Mrs. Preston Thomas, was presented to the Presbytery.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elder George H. Wright was elected Moderator and the Rev. W. H. Armistead was elected Temporary Clerk.

After prayer the following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly: Principals—Rev. D. W. Richardson, Rev. M. R. Williamson, Mr. George H. Wright and Mr. W. H. McMurray. Alternates—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. B. H. Evans, and Mr. C. J. Milne.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. E. A. Johnson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Program Committee recommends that Presbytery recess for lunch at 1:00 P. M. to reconvene at 2:15, that the address on Evangelism from the Rev. D. W. Richardson be heard at 3:00, and that the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Preston Thomas, be heard immediately on the adoption of this report.

E. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAL AUXILIARY

The report from the Auxiliary of the Presbytery was made by its President, Mrs. Preston Thomas. The report was received and appreciation was expressed by the Presbytery.

COMMUNICATIONS

Requests for excuse for absence were presented for and granted to the following: Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr., Rev. H. T. Bridgman, Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and the elders representing the Black Mountain and Montreat Churches.

A letter was read from the Rev. H. T. Bridgman requesting permission to continue to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery together with a report on his activities. The request was granted.

SALARY INCREASES ASHEVILLE FIRST, BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER, CANTON, OAK FOREST CHURCHES AND HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Requests were presented to increase salaries as follows: Asheville First Church Pastor to $5,400 per year together with payment to the Ministers' Annuity Fund of 10% and the payment for a manse. Brevard-Davidson River Pastor to $2,300 plus 7½% payments to the Ministers' Annuty Fund and the use of a manse. Canton Pastor to $2,400 plus 7½% payments to the Ministers' Annuity Fund and manse rent. Oak Forest Pastor to $1,800, 7½% payments to the Annuity Fund and the use of manse. Home Mission Committee Executive Secretary to $2,700, 7½% payments to Annuity Fund and $50 per month toward a manse. These requests were all granted.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. BROWN PASTOR AT MALVERN HILLS

The report of the Commission to Install the Rev. R. F. Brown as Pastor of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church was presented through its Chairman, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was made a part of these minutes and is as follows:

The Commission met in the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church on January 23, 1944, before the service at 11 A. M. It was constituted with prayer by the Chairman, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The Rev. G. B. Hammond was appointed secretary. Following this the Commission joined in a service of worship at which the Rev. G. B. Hammond preached the sermon. Following the sermon the Rev. R. E. McClure presided, explaining the purpose and method of the meeting and propounding the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative. After prayer the relationship of Pastor was declared established. The Charge to the Pastor was given by

Elder H. E. Adams, and the Charge to the Congregation by the Rev. J. C. Plexico. Prayer was then offered by the Chairman. After the singing of a hymn the benediction was pronounced by the new Pastor. Members of the Commission present were—Ministers: R. E. McClure, J. C. Plexico and G. B. Hammond; Elder: H. E. Adams.

R. E. McClure, *Chairman.*
G. B. Hammond, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The report of the Stated Clerk was made by the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The report was adopted with the amendment that the situation regarding the White Oak Church be referred to the Home Mission Committee to report at the next meeting of the Presbytery. The report is as follows:

For the year 1943-44 your Stated Clerk and Treasurer submits the following report of receipts and disbursements:

RECEIPTS

Andrews	$ 4.64
Asheville—First	230.08
—Kenilworth	61.60
—West Asheville	80.16
Brittain Cove	6.72
Bethel	13.44
Black Mountain	37.60
Brevard-Davidson River	58.16
Bryson City	9.28
Canton	32.96
Etowah	7.36
Franklin	10.72
Hazelwood	10.08
Hendersonville	80.64
Highlands	12.96
Mills River	21.92
Montreat	25.60
Murphy	10.40
Oak Forest	19.20
Red Oak	5.12
Robbinsville	5.98
Swannanoa	33.44
Waynesville	27.36
Weaverville	71.68

Total from Churches		877.10
Bank Balance—April 1, 1943		266.95
Total to account for		$1,144.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Tax from 1942 General Assembly	$354.62	
Tax from 1943 General Assembly	367.57	
		$ 722.19
Printing of Minutes:		
Spring	$ 61.18	
Statistics	7.00	
Summer	56.29	
Fall	45.83	
Winter	44.42	
		214.72
Salary of Stated Clerk		150.00
Postage and Supplies		15.26
Total Expenditures		1,102.17
Bank Balance—March 31, 1944		41.88
Total accounted for		$1,144.05

In acordance with the orders of the Presbytery the delinquent accounts are reported as follows:

Brevard-Davidson River (year 43-44 plus old debt)	$110.85
Dillingham (three years)	53.92
Hayesville (one year)	5.12
Ivy Park (three years)	19.84
Morrison (one year)	4.00
Sylva (one year)	2.56
White Oak (four years)	9.09

A word of appreciation should be included for the church treasurers and pastors for their fine cooperation this year. Each time statements were sent out there was a prompt response.

Attention should however be called to the Presbytery of the alarming condition of so many churches paying nothing for three and even four years.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. B. Hammond, *Stated Clerk.*

The report on Statistics for the General Assembly was also made by the Stated Clerk. The report was accepted and the statistics ordered sent to the General Assembly.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCE

A verbal report was given by the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, the Rev. R. E. McClure, on the work of his office. The report was received and the following recommendation from The Religious Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, and adopted:

That Presbytery give permission to the Home Mission Committee to appropriate up to $200.00 to the Young People's Conference.

A report was also made by the Rev. R. E. McClure as Central Treasurer of Benevolences. In lieu of a complete audit it was moved and carried that the statement of receipts and disbursements from the auditor be printed. It is as follows:

Benevolences	4-12-43 *Balances*	*Receipts*	*Disbursed*	3-31-44 *Balance*
Presby. Miss.	$3,418.53	$11,646.02	$11,878.29	$3,186.26
Assembly's Miss. .	47.15	6,681.00	6,683.15	45.00
Synod's Miss.	.77	262.33	263.10	
Foreign Miss.	53.49	10,108.89	9,785.24	377.14
Ch. Ed. and Min. Relief	.01	2,161.13	2,160.14	1.00
Rel. Ed. and Pub.	.60	781.37	644.65	137.52
Bible Cause	.86	141.24	142.10	
Mt. Orphanage ...	1,706.01	16,006.60	14,464.21	3,348.40
Montreat Coll. ...	.65	1,468.12	1,468.77	
Assembly's Tr. Sch.	.92	283.52	284.36	.08
King College	.12	1,178.24	1,178.36	
R. E. in Synod and Presby	.95	237.24	168.03	70.16
Builders League ..	5.78			5.78
Union Theol. Sem.		170.32	171.03	.71*
Louisville Sem. ..	.10	74.71	75.20	.39*
Defense Service Council		556.23	549.23	7.00
Total	$5,235.94	$51,756.96	$49.915.86	$7,077.04

*Deficit items.

The Presbytery took recess till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reconvened at 2 P. M. with prayer by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger.

A communication was received from the Rev. H. B. Dendy consisting of a proposed Overture to the General Assembly. This was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees, after which recess was taken to allow for committee meetings. The Presbytery was again called to order to hear committee reports. The Standing Committees are as follows:

Bills and Overtures—J. M. McChesney,C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, W. H. McMurray.

Judiciary—R. F. Campbell, R. D. Bedinger, R. L. Gash.

Records of Sessions—R. E. McClure, R. F. Brown, S. R. Crockett, D. R. Freeman, E. A. Johnson , J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, C. D. Richmond, C. L. Kiser, G. S. Stone, J. L. Gash, Geo. E. Brown, G. C. Summerow, T. L. Holden, Candler Morgan, E. A. Williamson, R. E .Burton.

Nominations—P. N. Gresham, T. A. Painter, M. R. Williamson, H. E. Love.

Resolutions—R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, J. T. Bailey.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Home Missions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, who called on the Executive Secretary who reported verbally. The report was received and recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Presbytery approve the tentative budget adopted as a working basis by theHome Missions Committee at the Feb. meeting, subject to change in case of emergencies, including for the Executive Secretary, $4,147.50; Office secretary and general expenses, $1,560; promotion, Our Mountain Work, printing, misc., $1,300; salaries of workers, including M. A. F., $7,734.63; Summer workers $1,000;

misc. items, $585.27; Total, $16,327.50.

The above budget to be met in the following way:

From Mt. Orphanage Acct.—Half Office Ex.		$ 780.00	
From Benv. Funds Acct., Benev. Treas.		600.00	
From Offerings, Eec. Sec. on Expenses		600.00	
From Our Mt. Work, Adv., Subscriptions		200.00	
From. Ass. Comm.—regular appropriations		3,900.00	
From. Ass. Comm.—special appropriations:			
Normal Self-Denial share HMEF	$ 600.00		
HMEF Malvern Hills appro.	725.25		
Supplement to Bryson City	322.50		
Share in General Surplus	1,000.00	2,647.75	
Balance from last year		3,163.25	
Needed from churches		4,436.50	$16,327.50

This budget is built upon the basis of an $1,800 salary for every minister.

2. That a budget of $14,500 be approved for the Mountain Orphanage.

3. That all workers receiving part or full salary from the Home Mission Committee be given gate fee, room and board for one week at Montreat, provided they attend the Annual Home Mission Conference in 1944.

That one day be set apart at the close of the conference for a "retreat" with members of that committee in attendance to discuss informally the Home Mission situation in our Presbytery.

4. That a Planning Committee composed of two ministers and five laymen be appointed to draw up a tentative program of expansion, setting definite objectives toward which the Presbytery can work for present and post-war expansion.

A motion prevailing that the Moderator appoint the above committee, the following were appointed: M. R. Williamson, P. N. Gresham, L. B. Nichols, J. T. Bailey, L. H. McKay, L. N. Bell, R. E. Burton.

Appended to the report was the annual financial statement as follows:

Received for Presbytery's Missions		$11,878.29
Expendintures—		
Office	$1,192.50	
Executive Secretary, salary	2,875.00	
Executive Secretary, exps.	1,076.84	
Field—Regular workers	4,228.59	
Summer workers	900.00	

Our Mountain Work	690.14	
Misc. (unrelated funds)	915.22	$11,878.29

Funds and Accts	4-12-43 *Balances*	*Receipts*	*Disbursed*	3-31-44 *Balances*
Bequest Funds	$2,550.76	$ 8,834.19	$10,393.89	$ 991.06
R. P. Smith Memorial	3,607.24	3,934.91	5,526.48	2,015.67
J. C. Kinlock, Jr., Ann. Fund	52.00	336.06	150.00	238.06
Foster-Lewis Ann. Fund	4.50		4.20	,30
Miss M. O. Dunham Ann. Fund	1,093.75	679.39	1,151.00	622.14
Anon. Ed. Fund		501.58	501.58	
Mrs. Lillian Terry, Retd. Fund	666.58	2,797.52	2,000.00	1,464.10
Maxwell Farm	69.80	306.00		375.80
Summer Wks. Fd.		30.00		30.00
Malvern Hills Ch.		96.00	4,500.00	4,404.00*
Post War Work		1,000.00		1,000.00
Miscellaneous		7.90		7.90
King College Debt Fund		257.00	257.00	
Total	$8,044.63	$18,780.55	$24,484.15	$2,341.03*

*Deficit item.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell. The recommendation was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission recommends that the relation of the Rev. H. B. Dendy to the Brittain Cove Church as Stated Supply be continued for the next six months.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was ~~apoted~~ adopted and is as follows:

Your committee on Nominations begs leave to make the following report—We recommend:

1. That the Rev. R. C. Anderson be reelected for another term

as Trustee of Davidson College.

2. That the sermon at the July meeting of Presbytery be preached by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger on Sabbath Observance, and that the Rev. R. C. Anderson be alternate to the Rev. R. D. Bedinger.

P. N. Gresham,
M. R. Williamson,
H. G. Love.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Judiciary Committee reported that no business had been referred to it.

REPORT OF DEFENSE SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Defense Service Committee requested that an offering be taken on Mother's Day, May 14th, for that work.

SPECIAL SERMON

The order of the day having arrived, the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. D. W. Richardson, preached to the Presbytery on the subject of "Evangelism," and, at the request of the Moderator of the Presbytery led in prayer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee makes the following report:

1. First as to Candidates for the ministry.

There are 10 candidates under the care of our Presbytery and their present status is as follows: James Eade Anderson (accepted for Navy Chaplaincy training); Joseph L. Auten (Union Theological Seminary, 1st year); Everett K. Brown (Army); Jack B. Davidson (Union Theological Seminary, 3rd year); James Stuart Dendy (a business position in Asheville); Ben. Hoyt Evans (Navy Chaplaincy training); J. Clyde Plexico, Jr. (Columbia Seminary, 1st year); Edwd. B. Whitson (Army); Murphey C. Wilds (Davidson College, 4th year); Donald Eugene Williams (Columbia Seminary, 2nd year).

We call attention to the Government's order this month that no candidate be further exempted from military service unless they are in the seminary by July 1st, 1944. That means that churches will have no candidates in college preparing for the ministry as long as this order is in effect. We consider this a serious matter for the future of the church and especially in view of the large number of our ministers who have become chaplains and of the further fact that 149 of the candidates of our church are already in military service.

We recommend, first, that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly in May of this year that the General Assembly seriously consider the very important matter of its candidates for the ministry—especially as to their exemption by the government from military service and as to their availing themselves of that exemption by proceeding with their preparation for the ministry; and second, that the Presbytery advises its candidates who are permitted to do so by the selective service regulations that the best way that they can serve their country and their church and their Lord at this time is to go on with their preparation for the ministry; and that the clerk transmit this advice of Presbytery to each of its candidates as soon as possible.

2. Second, as to Ministerial Relief.

In our Presbytery 12 homes were aided last year to the extent of $3,624 or about $302 each.

Throughout our church, 512 homes were aided in the amount of $153,611 or about $300 each. This is a decrease of 16 homes over last year. We are glad to report that funds in hand allowed the doubling of checks for January and April of this year.

The Ministers' Annuity Fund completed its fourth year on April 1st of this year. During this time pensions have been granted 199 ministers (39 have died and 15 returned to active service); disability pensions to 20 (5 have died); pensions to 88 windows (5 have died); and to 24 orphans (3 have become 18 years of age).

While the roll on Ministerial Relief is gradually decreasing, the over 500 needy homes indicates the need of giving our full support to it—and especially in view of the high cost of living and the fact that they have been receiving an average of only $300 per year.

We recommend: first, that we endeavor to make our "Joy Gift" at Christmas the largest we have ever given; and second, that the Presbytery endorse such increases to individual dependents as may be considered wise by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee reports as follows:

Your committee has no complete audit of the accounts of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, only a statement showing recorded receipts and disbursements for the year 1943-44. We recommend that this statement be printed in the minutes of the Presbytery.

We have examined the accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Rev. G. B. Hammond, Stated Clerk and Treasurer, and find them to be correct and duly accounted for, with a balance of $41.88 as of March 31, 1944.

T. A. Painter, *Chairman*,
C. D. Richmond.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. M. McChesney. The report was adopted and its overture ordered sent to the General Assembly. The report is as follows:

The following overture signed by the Rev. H. B. Dendy and the Rev. R. F. Campbell was the only one to come into our hands. We unanimously recommend its approval.

Th overture is as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville hereby overtures the General Assembly that inasmuch as the proposed plan of reunion together with the comments of the drafting committee are being sent down to ministers and clerks of sessions, that in order that both points of view represented in the committee on cooperation and union might be before the church, that analysis and comments of Major W. Calvin Wells, a member of that committee, also be sent down to ministers and clerks of sessions for study along with the plan of reunion and the comments of the drafting committee.

Jas. M. McChesney, *Chairman*,
C. G. Davis,
H. B. Dendy,
W. H. McMurray.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

A report from the Committee on Women's Work written by the Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Gruver, was read. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Notwithstanding difficulties caused by the war the Women's Auxiliary is continuing its activities and has in the past year increased in members from 1,962 to 2,103. The total number of general circles at present is 66, business circles is 15. Two auxiliaries, at Robbinsville and Sylva, have disbanded for the duration of the war. Two new auxiliaries were added, Malvern Hills and Bethel. Gifts to Assembly's causes amounts to $4,825; to all benevolences, $10,857; to local churches, $3,132. The grand total to all causes, $13,989, shows a decrease of $641. Amount per capita, $6.65.

J. H. Gruver, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF SESSIONS

The Committee on Records of Sessions reported through the Rev. J. C. Plexico. The report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

The records of the sessions of the following churches were approved with no exceptions: Swannanoa, Waynesville, Kenilworth, Malvern Hills, Black Mountain, Weaverville, Oak Forest, Canton, Hendersonville Hazelwood, West Asheville.

The following were approved with exceptions as noted: Mills River—no statistical report for year's work; Etowah—meeting of April 13th did not open with prayer; Brevard—no record of meeting of Session from Sept. 19, 1943 to March 12, 1944, no record of appointment of representative to meeting of Presbytery in October 1943 or January 1944.

The following churches did not submit any records to the Presbytery at this meeting: Highlands, Montreat, Bethel, White Oak, Asheville First, Red Oak, Brittain Cove, Murphy, Andrews Hayesville, Bryson City, Robbinsville, Sylva, Dillingham, Ivy Park, Franklin, Morrison.

It is recommended:

1. That the churches that have not presented records be ordered to do so at the July meeting of Presbytery, and that there be placed on the docket for that meeting the appointment and report of a Standing Committee on Records of Sessions.

2. That a check list for the guidance of the Committee on Sessional Records be drawn up by the Stated Clerk and the Executive Secretary.

3. That the matter of the Red Oak Church be placed in the hands of the Rev. H. B. Dendy for counsel with the members of the church and that he bring in a recommendation at the July meeting of Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions reported through Elder J. T. Bailey. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

Resolved that Presbytery go on record in expressing to the Brevard Church its hearty thanks for all of the courtesies extended in the entertainment of Presbytery and especially for the exceptionally fine meal furnished for lunch served by the ladies of the church. Hearty thanks are hereby extended to all for the delightful way in which the Presbytery has been entertained.

R. C. Anderson,
Donald Richardson,
J. T. Bailey.
Committee.

Resolved that the Presbytery express to Dr. Richardson its high appreciation for his most timely and fine message brought to us in his address delivered to Presbytery today.

R. C. Anderson,
J. T. Bailey.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

The Committee on Minutes of Synod continued from the last meeting of Presbytery reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was received and the Stewardship Committee was asked to report at the Summer meeting of Presbytery on the question of self-entertainment of Synod.

PLACE OF MEETING

The matter of the place for the next meeting was put in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the pronouncement of the apostolic benediction by the Rev. R. F. Campbell.

Geo. B. Hammond, *Stated Clerk.*
W. H. Armistead, *Temporary Clerk.*

George H. Wright, *Moderator.*

Approved by Synod of Appalachia 9/20/44
R. W. Cousins
Moderator Synod
of Appalachia
Sep 20 1944

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1944.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Confession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Whole No. Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Total Sabbath School Enrollment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Ed. and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Other Assembly Benevolences	Synod's Home Missions	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Other Synod and Presby. Benevolences	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Building Expense	Miscellaneous Contributions
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																								6000			
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																											
W. H. Armistead	Montreat, N. C.																								3000			
R. D. Bedinger, Sec.	Asheville, N. C.																											
H. T. Bridgman	West Columbia, S. C.																											
R. F. Brown, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Malvern Hills†	1	1	8	30	38	8		80	3		9								39			75	520	178		
J. W. Caldwell, H. R.	Atlanta, Ga.																											
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.																							1977				
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																											
S. R. Crockett, P.	Haselwood, N. C.	Haselwood	3	2	3	1	51	3		79	36	43	13	5	1	1		2	33	17	37	2		780		366	537	43
" P.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	3		1	4	28	1			26	20	7	2	1	1		1	12	11	25	1		425				
" P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	1				13																					
C. G. Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First†	29	30	39	83	1533	19	17	708	3317	2259	957	317	54	62	365	128	3636	1134	2532	102	41	4725		18296	8973	1545
H. B. Dendy, P., Ed.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*	5	9	16	14	250	13	3	170	321	211	442	16	4	4	134	6	145	71	168	15	16	2400		1471		328
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					16			30	2	5	5						5							28		
" S. S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Brittain Cove	3				41			38	5	5	3						25		1			50		45		6
L. N. Edmunds, Chap.	San Francisco, Calif.																								4000			
K. J. Foreman, Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																											
D. R. Freeman, P.	Horseshoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	5	9	12	3	143	11	3	78	145	65	46	8	2	2		3	119	34	104	3		715	825	291	79	
" P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah	3	3	3	2	50		2	30	50	48	20	3	1	1	15	1	51	15	39	1		210		55		
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth*†	17	23	17	24	406	12	5	351	227	168	122	87	4	119	20	6	140	66	175	6	150	2508		3077	836	55
J. H. Gruver, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																								1980			
G. B. Hammond, P., S. C.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	7	6	10	216	4	1	174	313	198	153	34	4	15	38	7	148	90	182	7		2263	150	1679	1142	72
E. A. Johnson, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	10	13	2	12	189		14	94	237	156	48	14	4	3		7	144	144	198	7		2000		1196	1200	
H. V. Lofquist, Chap.	Asheville, N. C.																											
J. M. McChesney, P.	Asheville, N. C., R. 3																								650			
" P.	Candler, N. C.	Oak Forest*†	6	9	6	9	135	3	3	120	104	70	34	16	1	1	12	2	68	23	64	2		1200		754	260	13
R. E. McClure, P. Ex. S.	Asheville, N. C.																								2300			
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	5	8			192		1	104	303	361	90	20	5	7	94	8	172	93	213	8	52	2200		1184	678	64
H. L. Paisley, H. R.	Little Rock, Ark.																											
J. C. Piexico, P.	Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	15	22	5	17	492	5		319	234	266	87	19	5	4	12	8	254	88	530	8		2600		2929	3972	77
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																								4150			
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																											
C. M. Robinson, Jr., Chap.	Great Lakes, Ill.																											
J. R. Sevier, Pres.	Hendersonville, N. C.																											
J. C. Shive, H. R.	Asheville, N. C.																											
W. H. Wakefield, P.	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham*†	4	3	2		126	2		110	21	21	5	2	1		9	1	10	9	20	1		560	1065	246	25	1
" P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	3				26			34	2	11	3	1	24	1	2	1						150				
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																											
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	11	15	12	9	512	4	5	211	1266	1225	269	100	175	21	283	42	859	606	1050	42		3000		3376	2749	172
M. R. Williamson, P.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	6	9	6	11	180	2	5	139	195	156	68	37	4	3	40	6	161	78	175	6		2418		1401	1635	52
	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews, V.*†	3	1			30			41	43	70	29	27	1	1	10	1	47	14	65	1		351		20	563	
	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain, V.*†	5	8	11	23	225	5	3	215	540	279	133	34	7	11	70	21	264	113	276	10		1765		1133	833	18
	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City, V.*	3	2	2	6	60	1	2	40	90	90	30	6	1	14	2	44	28	95	2			968		585	1748	48*
—34	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin, V.*†	3	5	6	12	82	6	4	54	84	42	24	23	2	2	23	3	65	26	82	22		867		500		43
	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison, V.	2	1			25				3	2							6		2							
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville, V.	2				32			36	3	10	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	2	1						
Candidates—10	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands, V.	5				81			64	34	53	18	3	1	1	27	1	193	14	67	1						
	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat, V.	3	3	10	5	180	6	3	443	844	639	277	105	7	6	48	12	366	527	358	12		1789		926		15
	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy, V.*	4	4		1	60			47	38	33	28	22	1	1	25	1	68	11	78	1		758		339	125	
	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville, V.	2	2			28			25	20	21	5	2	1	1	8	1	21	8	19	1						
	Sylva, N. C.	Sylva, V.	2				16			12		6									6							
		—31	170	190	167	276	5456	105	71	3846	8506	6542	2926	904	312	283	1244	314	7041	3288	6510	360	259	36754		40075	25345	2552

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1924 Fall	—Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
1925 Spring	—Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926 Spring	—Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
Fall	—Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927 Spring	—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
Fall	—Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928 Spring	—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Ashville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Mr. George H. Wright, Stratford Road, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.,
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Montreat, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1944: Rev. R. F. Campbell. Chairman, Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946: Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. J. J. Stone.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; J. R. Sevier, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Montreat, N. C.,
July 18, 1944.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Anderson Auditorium at Montreat, N. C. on Tuesday, July 18, 1944 at 10 A. M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Elder George H. Wright. The Scripture, Mark 1:21-35, was read by the Rev. W. H. Armistead and Presbytery was led in prayer by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist. The Presbyterial Doctrinal Sermon on the subject "Sabbath Observance" was preached by the Rev. R. D. Bedinger from the text Isaiah 58:13-14. This was followed by a Communion Service conducted by the Rev. K. J. Foreman and the Rev. P. N. Gresham assisted by Elders J. L. Hunter, G. S. Stone, C. D. Richmond, and R. H. Gibson.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were enrolled during the session:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, K. J. Foreman, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson—24.

Churches Represented—Asheville First, George H. Wright; Asheville Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Black Mountain, J. M. Stout; Brevard-Davidson River, J. L. Hunter; Brittain Cove, B. C. Ward; Canton, C. J. Milne; Dillingham, G. S. Stone; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hendersonville, J. T. Fain; Mills River, T. L. Holden; Oak Forest, L. E. Trantham; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, R. H. Gibson; Weaverville, B. H. Evans—14.

The following were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

The Rev. Albert E. Wallace of Knoxville Presbytery and the Rev. David S. MacInnes of Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery of the U. S. A. church.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. C. Anderson, who welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Mountain Retreat Association and recommended the following hours of meeting: recess at 12:45, lunch at 1:00, reconvene at 2:30, adjournment at will. The recommendations were adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed Standing Committees as follows:

Bills and Overtures—J. M. McChesney, P. N. Gresham, W. H. Wakefield, J. T. Fain.
Judiciary—R. D. Bedinger, T. A. Painter, B. H. Evans.
Records of Sessions—J. C. Plexico.
Minutes of Presbytery—L. T. Wilds, D. R. Freeman, J. M. Stout.
Nominations—H. B. Dendy, J. H. Gruver, K. J. Foreman, W. H. McMurray.
Resolutions—R. E. McClure, B. C. Ward, J. L. Hunter.

COMMUNICATIONS

A motion prevailed that the matter of proof reading of the printed Minutes be left to the Stated Clerk.

Letters were presented from the following: Rev. C. M. Robinson, Jr., Rev. L. N. Edmunds, Rev. H. T. Bridgman, Rev. D. W. Richardson and J. C. Shive. These all presented excuses for absence from this meeting of Presbytery which were accepted. The Rev. H. T. Bridgman and the Rev. J. C. Shive also requested permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery which requests were granted. In connection with the granting of the excuses to the two chaplains the motion prevailed that the Presbytery assure them of our prayers and good wishes as they carry on their work.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

At the request of the Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, the Committee on Home Missions reported through its Secretary, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was adopted

and is as follows:

The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery submits the following report:

The Committee has not reached any conclusions with reference to the matter of the White Oak Church. The church has had a Vacation Bible School since the spring meeting of Presbytery. No report from that school is available at this time.

At a meeting of the Home Mission Committee on May 9, 1944, the Rev. J. H. Gruver, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, submitted his formal resignation. Upon the request of the Committee, Mr. Gruver agreed to serve until a successor was selected, or until September 1st, which ever occurred first.

A committee, composed of Dr. Davis, Dr. Dendy, and Mr. McClure, was appointed to select a successor, and to propose any changes in the staff of the institution. At a meeting of the Home Mission Committee on Friday, July 14th, this committee made the following report, which had previously been discussed at a special meeting of the Orphanage Sub-Committee. It was unanimously adopted, and is presented to the Presbytery as the action of the Home Mission Committee in this regard:

"The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the matters pertaining to the selection of a superintendent for the Mountain Orphanage, nominates the Rev. D. R. Freeman for this office, at a salary of $150 per month, 7½% participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund, the use of a manse, together with heat, water, electricity, and the free use of any garden, dairy or meat products from the Orphanage farm that may be needed for his immediate family; together with two-thirds of the operating and upkeep cost of an automobile, which he is to supply, and all expenses of travel, including three cents a mile for his car in connection with special trips in the interest of the institution.

It is further recommended that the Orphanage meet the cost of sending a moving van to transport his household goods from the Mills River manse to the superintendent's home on the Orphanage property.

The committee also recommends that the staff at the Orphanage be increased by one person, to be selected and given the responsibility of head matron. This head matron is to be in general charge of the operation of the home, with reference to the control of the children, clothing, discipline, and oversight of the dormitory and dining room; but all to be under the general direction and subject to the will of the superintendent."

The Home Mission Committee further reports that the Rev. J. H. Gruver has been employed at the Lakey Gap Chapel with regular services every Sunday for the remainder of this church year, at a salary of one hundred dollars per month.

The committee recommends that Presbytery express its appreciation to Mr. Gruver and to Mrs. Gruver for the splendid service rendered at the Mountain Orphanage during the past fifteen years, and that this token of appreciation be indicated by a rising vote.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

MILLS RIVER-ETOWAH PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

A motion prevailed that the matter of the dissolution of pastoral relation between the Rev. D. R. Freeman and the Mills River and Etowah Churches be placed in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work with power to act.

KING COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The members from Asheville Presbytery on the King College Endowment Fund Committee reported through their temporary Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis. Pending the adoption of the report the Presbytery heard the Rev. R. T. L. Liston, President, on the subject of King College. The report was adopted as follows:

We recommend that a committee on the King College Endowment Fund be appointed including the undersigned and at least one representative from each church in the presbytery. We recommend that a meeting be called of this committee as soon as possible for the purpose of setting the goal for Asheville Presbytery, and of devising ways and means of raising that goal. We further recommend that the money raised for the endowment for King College be set up as a memorial to Dr. Robert F. Campbell. We urge every minister present to nominate his representative on this committee before Presbytery adjourns today.

(Signed) C. GRIER DAVIS,
Temporary Chairman.
O. E. STARNES,
Temporary Secretary.
J. T. BAILEY.

After prayer led by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, the Presbytery recessed until 2:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:30 and was led in prayer by the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE FORMED

A motion prevailed that an Historical Committee be appointed to investigate matters in connection with the general history of the Presbytery and data in connection with the founding of the churches within the bounds of the Presbytery, to collect documents referring thereto and to have authority to deposit with the Historical Foundation anything they deem wise to be held as the property of the Presbytery. The committee was appointed to consist of the following: R. E. McClure, Chairman, T. A. Painter and R. L. Gash. The Rev. T. H. Spence, not being a member of this Presbytery cannot be appointed a member, but is to be asked to serve with the committee.

A motion prevailed that the Presbytery thank the Rev. R. D. Bedinger for the morning sermon and that one or more of the church papers be asked to print it.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHECK LIST FOR COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF SESSIONS

The Committee on a Check List for Presbytery's Committee on Sessional Records reported through its Chairman, the Rev. G. B. Hammond. The check list was adopted as follows and was ordered printed and copies sent to Clerks of Sessions with a sufficient number kept for the members of the Committee on Records of Sessions:

CHECK LIST

for Presbytery's Committee on Records of Sessions and for Clerks of Sessions

(A copy to be kept in Minute Book.)

"Every Session shall keep a fair record of its proceedings, which record shall be at least once in every year submitted to the inspection of the Presbytery." Paragraph 67. Form of Government.

"In reviewing records of a lower court the higher court is to examine (1) Whether the proecedings have been correctly recorded:

(2) whether they have been regular and in accordance with the Constitution; (3) whether they have been wise, equitable, and suited to promote the welfare of the Church; (4) whether the lawful injunctions of the higher court have been obeyed." Paragraph 262. Rules of Discipline.

1. Are the records legibly kept in ink or typewriter?
2. Are the records preserved in a substantial book form?
3. Was a meeting held during each quarter of the year?
4. Were they "ordinarily" opened and closed with prayer?
5. Are the names and initials of persons present recorded each time?
6. Were Principal and Alternate representatives elected to Synod? and a report of their diligence made to the session?
7. Were Principal and Alternate representatives elected to each meeting of Presbytery? and a report of their diligence made to the session?
8. Is the record of all business clearly stated?
9. Is there a permanent record of names, dates, etc., kept by the session of Baptisms? of Admissions to Membership? of Non-Communing Members? of Deaths and Dismissions? of Marriages?
10. Is there a copy of the minutes of all congregational meetings? of the regular semi-annual reports of the Board of Deacons?
11. Is the statistical report to Presbytery a part of the record?
12. Were minutes sent to the last Spring Meeting of Presbytery?

REPORT ON RED OAK CHURCH

The Rev. H. B. Dendy reported on the matter of the Red Oak Church especially with regard to the fact that no session exists taking oversight of the church. The motion prevailed that the Rev. H. B. Dendy, having evangelistic powers, the Red Oak Church be placed under his care.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee on Stewardship reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Asheville Presbytery submits the following to be proposed to the Synod of Appalachia for adoption:

The Synod of Appalachia shall be self-entertaining within the limits of the following provisions, which do not include cost of any travel:

The Presbyterial assessment shall be increased two cents per capita, which funds shall be disbursed as follows to the benefit only of those ministers and ruling elders whose Presbytery shall have paid their assessment in full prior to the adjournment of the meeting of the Synod:

A. When Synod is entertained by a church, the representatives being provided lodging and breakfast in the homes of the congregation, the church shall be paid a maximum of three dollars per person for the entertainment of members and official guests of Synod for the first forty-eight hours, and thereafter at the rate of fifty cents per meal, excluding breakfast.

B. When Synod is entertained in an institution (college) providing both lodging and meals, said institution shall be paid a maximum of four dollars per person for the entertainment of members and official guests of Synod for the first forty-eight hours, and thereafter at the rate of fifty cents per meal.

C. When the Synod is being entertained by a hotel or in boarding houses by a local congregation, the Synod shall pay a maximum of five dollars per person for the entertainment of members and official guests of Synod for the first forty-eight hours, and thereafter at a rate not to exceed seventy-five cents per meal.

D. Persons attending Synod from any Presbytery that has not paid its full assessment will be expected to pay for their entertainment on the above basis.

E. The above provisions shall not apply to any called or adjourned meeting of the Synod.

F. The assessment indicated above shall be adjusted upon recommendation of the Stewardship Committee at the end of three years in the light of actual experience, but it may be increased only by formal vote of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reports were received from all the Commissioners to the last General Assembly. The Rev. D. W. Richardson reported in writing and the Rev. M. R. Williamson and Elders B. H. Evans and W. H. McMurray in person. The reports were received and the Commissioners commended.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

The Trustees of Davidson College, the Rev. C. G. Davis and R. C. Anderson, submitted a written report on the College amplified by verbal comments of both the Trustees. The report was received and the Trustees commended.

The Rev. R. C. Anderson introduced Mr. John H. Robertson, Business Manager of the Mountain Retreat Association, to the Presbytery.

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Religious Education reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. Pending the adoption of the report the Presbytery listened to an address by the Rev. James M. Carr, Regional Director of Religious Education. The report was adopted as follows:

Our Committee met in April and made provision for the Young People's Conference which was held at Montreat, June 12-17. We had a splendid conference with 92 young people and 135 intermediates and 27 faculty members and counselors.

Through the help of Synod's Religious Education Committee we have Miss Dorothy Grimes to help with Daily Vacation Bible School work in our Presbytery this summer. Other churches are taking care of their own schools and attendance is reported good.

The financial report for the year is as follows:

Received—213 delegates at conference	$ 21.30
Received—Presbyterial Auxiliary	75.00
Appropriated by Home Mission Committee	200.00
	$296.30
Disbursed for Board of faculty, etc.	$195.39
Disbursed for Miscellaneous Expenses	15.50
	$210.89

Note: Delegates paid for room and board direct to hotel, at $7.65 each.

Fourteen delegates went from Mountain Orphanage at a cost to the Orphanage of $7.65 each.

Recommendations are as follows:

(1) That the churches of the Presbytery make a study of the Third Year Manual of the United Religious Education Advance.

(2) That Presbytery ask its Stewardship Committee to consider giving a larger per cent of the benevolence budget to this committee.

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, that no business had come before it since the last report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported orally through its Chairman, the Rev. W. R. Armistead, at the close of which he introduced Elder W. H. McMurray who had requested permission to speak to the Presbytery. He spoke on the Elders' and Deacons' Fund for China Reoccupation. A motion prevailed that the Presbytery give its full approval to this project. Pending action on the report as a whole the Rev. W. H. Armistead introduced the Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, a missionary from Korea, who addressed the Presbytery. The report was received and a rising vote of appreciation was given Dr. Talmage for his splendid and inspiring talk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Although the committee has had no meeting since our Spring meeting of Presbytery there are a few things to which we would like to call the attention of Presbytery. Since the January meeting of Presbytery at which time we made our last report your committee on Evangelism has endeavored to keep this cause before the churches of the Presbytery.

The latter part of March we held a most helpful Rally in Asheville which was attended not only by the preachers but by representative groups of men and women from our churches. At this meeting it was our pleasure to hear in the afternoon an address by the Rev. John R. Williams of Spartanburg on how to conduct a

successful Evangelistic meeting in the local church. Following his address numbers of those present contributed to the meeting by asking and answering questions regarding Evangelism.

At the supper meeting in the evening we heard a most inspiring address by Dr. H. H. Thompson in which he challenged us to greater earnestness and endeavor in personal witnessing and soul winning for Jesus Christ.

While no definite action regarding evangelistic effort was taken by those attending the Rally it was the general feeling that the meeting was most helpful and would be used to stimulate interest in all our churches in the field of Evangelism.

At the Spring meeting of Presbytery although your committee made no report it will be recalled that it was our privilege to hear a most inspiring message from Dr. Donald W. Richardson on Evangelism.

Truly this cause has been kept before us in our meetings of Presbytery and in the Rally which has been mentioned.

However, we would call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that with the end of the church year March 31st there were 167 reported received into our churches upon profession of faith as compared to 172 for the year preceding. While our whole number of communicants appears now to be 5,436 as compared to 5,251 a year ago it is quite apparent that the increase is not due to the number of professions of faith.

Inasmuch as Evangelism is the first responsibility of the pastor and should be the chief concern of the church your committee would recommend that—

1. Each pastor preach often upon the subject of Evangelism to the end that his congregation might become more conscious of their responsibility to the unsaved who can and need to be reached by them.

2. That if practical each church hold an Evangelistic service within the present church year.

3. That pastors and sessions be urged to work with Sunday School teachers in setting up the program for the third year of the Religious Education Advance to the end that Rally Day may be a time of ingathering of children and young people in our churches.

4. That we pray, and pray earnestly, that this year may be a more fruitful year as we labor more zealously for the salvation of the lost.

Respectfully submitted,
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

The Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. B. Ratchford. The report was adopted and is as follows:

This is the report for Asheville Presbytery for the year ending March 31, 1944. Reports show 24 of the 31 churches sent in their narratives. In looking over these narratives we note that 167 new members were received into the churches on profession of their faith and 276 by certificates, making a total of 5,456. The Sunday School enrollment was 3,846. On question No. 8 on Sabbath observance fifteen of the twenty-four churches reporting answered in the affirmative, seven answered "no" and two churches gave no answer at all. The observance of the Sabbath and religion in the home are two bed rocks on which our nation stands or falls. May we rally our forces and march on to victory under the banner of the King of Kings.

CHARLES B. RATCHFORD, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF BILLS AND OVERTURES AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Committee on Judiciary reported that no matters had been placed in their hands and there was therefore nothing to report to the Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF SESSIONS

The Committee on Records of Sessions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Plexico. It was reported that the Minutes of the Session of the Dillingham Church had been placed in their hands and it was recommended that they be approved. This was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

The Committee on Records of Presbytery reported orally through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations makes the following report:

1. That Elder George H. Wright be elected instead of Elder D. B. Burns who has asked to be relieved as a member of the Home Missions Committee.

2. That Elder L. Nelson Bell be elected to succeed Elder R. J. Reveley, who has moved from our bounds, as a member of the Committee on Evangelism.

3. That the Rev. E. A. Johnson succeed the Rev. C. B. Ratchford as a member and as chairman of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion.

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was adopted by a rising vote and is as follows:

Asheville Presbytery desires to express its sincere appreciation for the courtesies of the Rev. R. C. Anderson and the Mountain Retreat Association in connection with the summer meeting, July 18, 1944.

We rejoice in the fact that Montreat brings within our bounds a growing number of leaders in church work and those who attend the summer conferences.

We recommend that in adjourning today the closing prayer shall include special petitions for Montreat College, both student body and faculty and for the conferences yet to assemble on these grounds during the coming weeks.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Swannanoa Church to meet there for the next stated meeting at 10 A. M. on Tuesday, October 10, 1944.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the pronouncement of the Apostolic Benediction.

Geo. B. Hammond, *Stated Clerk.*
W. H. Armistead, *Temporary Clerk.*
George H. Wright, *Moderator.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1924 Fall	—Brevard	Rev. E. G. Clary
1925 Spring	—Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
Fall	—Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926 Spring	—Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
Fall	—Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927 Spring	—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
Fall	—Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928 Spring	—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. R. E. McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. G. B. Hammond, Canton, N. C.,
Temporary Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey. R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, G. B. Hammond, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946: Rev. G. B. Hammond, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947: Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E McClure.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; G. B. Hammond, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; J. R. Sevier, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, G. B. Hammond, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey, R. E. Burton, D. B. Burns.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman: R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico. Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. G. B. Hammond.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Swannanoa, N. C.,
October 10, 1944.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 10th, 1944, at 10:25 A. M. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Swannanoa Church. After the singing of the Doxology the Moderator, Elder George H. Wright, called on the Rev. T. A. Painter, who constituted the meeting with prayer and presided over the following program:

Hymn No. 19
Welcome—Elder S. F. Davidson, Swannanoa Church
Greetings—Elder G. H. Wright,
Moderator of Asheville Presbytery
Greetings—Rev. W. M. Hyde,
Representative of Holston Presbytery, U. S. A.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Roy W. Alexander
Historical Sermon—Rev. R. F. Campbell

After which the business of the Presbytery was taken up under the direction of the Moderator.

ROLL

The roll was called and the following were present during the session:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, G. B. Hammond, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Wakefield, M. R. Williamson.—19.

Churches Represented—Asheville First, A. C. McCall; Asheville Kenilworth, S. C. Clapp; Black Mountain, J. M. Stout; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, H. E. Love; Swannanoa, C. H. Alexander; Weaverville, B. H. Evans.—8.

During the sessions of the Presbytery the following were introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

The Rev. W. M. Hyde, Pastor of the Reems Creek Church, of Holston Presbytery, U. S. A., the Rev. George Summey of New Orleans Presbytery, the Rev. B. V. Riddle of Holston Presbytery

U. S. A., the Rev. G. Gordon Mahy of Holston Presbytery, U. S. A.

Dr. A. M. Bannerman, President of Warren Wilson Junior College was introduced to the Presbytery.

ELECTION

The Rev. R. E. McClure was elected Moderator and the Rev. M. R. Williamson, Temporary Clerk.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

At twelve-thirty a Basket Dinner will be served on the grounds. At two reconvene. Following Dr. Dendy's sermon Presbytery will resume business. Committees will be named and communications referred. Presbytery to recess at will. Supper at six P. M. in the basement.

T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order. A motion prevailed that this matter be docketed for the Winter meeting of Presbytery.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery concerning the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary with a request that a representative be sent from Asheville Presbytery. The Retiring Moderator, Elder George H. Wright, reported that the Rev. R. C. Anderson had been appointed. A motion prevailed that greetings be sent from this Presbytery.

A letter was read from the Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Pastor of the Sylva Methodist Church, requesting the church letter from the Hayesville Presbyterian Church to the Sylva Methodist Church of Miss Martha B. Barnette, there being no active Session to grant the letter from the Hayesville Church. The letter was granted.

REV. H. T. BRIDGMAN DISMISSED

A letter was read from the Rev. H. T. Bridgman requesting a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Harmony in the Synod of South Carolina. A motion prevailed to grant the letter of dismission.

RED OAK PASTORATE

The Stated Clerk reported to the Presbytery as to the status of the Rev. H. B. Dendy and the Red Oak Church. The Moderator ruled that the Rev. H. B. Dendy is the Stated Supply.

A letter was read from the Rev. Chas. M. Robinson, Jr. together with a report on his work as Navy Chaplain. A motion prevailed that the Moderator write Mr. Robinson expressing our appreciation of the letter and report, our continued interest in his work, and our prayers in the further carrying on of his fruitful ministry.

After prayer by the Rev. R. F. Campbell, the Presbytery took recess.

Afternoon Session.

The Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and joined in the anniversary celebration according to the following program:

Special Music
Reminiscences, Anecdotes, Historical Data
Music
Address—Rev. George Summey,
Former Pastor of the Swannanoa Church
Sermon—"Presbyterianism—A Heritage," Rev. H. B. Dendy

After which business was resumed under the direction of the Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures—J. M. McChesney, A. C. McCall.
Judiciary—C. G. Davis, G. C. Summerow.
Minutes of General Assembly—M. R. Williamson, B. H. Evans.
Minutes of Sessions—P. N. Gresham, W. P. Barnes.
Nominations—H. B. Dendy, H. V. Lofquist, H. E. Love.
Resolutions—J. H. Gruver, J. M. Stout.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

For the Trustees of Presbytery, Elder W. H. McMurray reported that nothing had come before them requiring action during the past year.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was made orally on behalf of the Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Campbell, by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

RESIGNATION OF REV. D. R. FREEMAN

The resignation of the Rev. D. R. Freeman from the pastorate of the Mills River and Etowah Churches as of August 15, 1944, was presented to the Presbytery. The Minutes of the congregational meetings of the two churches concerned concurring in the request having been authenticated, the resignation was accepted.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee on Stewardship reported through its Chairman the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

Your committee would report as follows:

Due to the substantial increase ($16,000) in the Assembly's askings for Assembly's causes approved and handed down to the Presbyteries by Synod, we renew the emphasis of last year's report:

"in view of the rapidly expanding benevolent program of our Church to undergird her work of Evangelism and Christian Education in this day of increasing opportunity and responsibility, your committee urges the Presbytery to solemnly charge the local church leaders with their responsibility to emphasize the Scriptural basis and obligation of Stewardship of life and possessions, that a due proportion on the income of each church member be devoted to the Lord's work, whatever demands may be made upon them in support of the country's war effort. True patriotism, as well as Christian loyalty, forbids that the work of the Church be allowed to lag in this time of national and spiritual crisis. Sacrificial giving must be the order of the day."

PERCENTAGE DIVISIONS

We recommend that the total benevolent budget for 1945-46 be $35,000 divided as follows:

1. Percentage Divisions.

Assembly's Causes	
Foreign Missions	26%
Assembly's Home Missions	14%
Christian Ed. and Min. Relief	6.5%
Rel. Ed. and Publication	2.4%
Assembly's Training School	.6%
Bible Cause	.5%
Synod's Causes	
King College	5%
Synod's Work	1%
Rel. Ed. in Synod	.5%
Union Theol. Seminary	.7%
Louisville Seminary	.3%
Presbytery's Causes	
Presbytery's Home Missions	25%
Mountain Orphanage	12%
Rel. Ed. in Presbytery	.5%
Montreat College	5%

In view of the request of Synod for an additional amount for a Sunday School worker we recommend that the additional money necessary for Synod's Religious Education be raised by a special offering through the Sunday Schools when and if needed.

Because of this meeting of the Presbytery of special interest

2. Church Quotas: Revised upwards.

Andrews	$ 320	Kenilworth	1,125
Asheville First	14,300	Malvern Hills	100
Bethel	305	Mills River	455
Black Mountain	1,400	Montreat	2,550
Brevard-		Morrison	45
Davidson River	950	Murphy	265
Brittain Cove	55	Oak Forest	370
Bryson City	450	Red Oak	30
Canton	1,260	Robbinsville	100
Dillingham	160	Swannanoa	1,380
Etowah	215	Sylva	50
Franklin	370	Waynesville	635
Hayesville	65	Weaverville	1,060
Hazelwood	110	West Asheville	1,060
Hendersonville	5,420	White Oak	25
Highlands	315		
Ivy Park	55		$35,000

We further recommend that the Session and Board of Deacons of each church be requested to prayerfully consider their church's quota and report to the Executive Secretary well before the January meeting of Presbytery the acceptance or rejection of Presbytery's asking; that, in case they decline the apportionment, they set a goal they deem equitable on the basis of the quotas assigned the other churches, in view of local conditions, stating the grounds upon which they reach their decisions; and that the complete schedule of quotas (accepted and rejected) be printed in the January issue of Our Mountain Work.

3. We recommend that Presbytery accept its quota of $2,000 for the Defense Service Council; and that the Presbytery request the Committee on Defense Service to apportion this amount to the churches of the Presbytery at the spring meeting.

We recommend:

1 That the churches of the Presbytery secure in needed quantity from the General Assembly's Committee on Stewardship the folder "Stewardship Education in Relation to the Financial Procedure of the Local Church" and make such use of it as may seem suited to local needs.

2. That particular attention be given by each pastor and church to recommendation 1 a of the General Assembly's Stewardship Committee "that the major emphasis of the Stewardship Committee in the task assigned it should be placed on the Scriptural standard of measuring the inidividual responsibility in giving (namely, the separated portion or tithe) rather than on the mechanics of giving (namely, the budget and the scale of percentages) and that former actions of the Assembly on this matter should be emphasized and kept constantly before our people."

3. Your Committee respectfully calls attention to the changes made in the Stewardship set-up by the Assembly and urges a thorough study by the pastor and officers of each church of the report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Stewardship.

4. That the Home Mission Committee be requested to supplement the normal February issue of Our Mountain Work in the interest of the Every Member Canvass in March.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

The Committee on Bible Cause reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Because the work of the American Bible Society is great;

Because the present emergency needs of the American Bible Society and the increased responsibility for post-war reconstruction in its specialized field will call for a substantial increase in its budget; we recommend:

1. That we continue to contribute to the work of the American Bible Society the proportionate amount of our regular benevolent budget, as in the past. That where possible, churches and individuals be urged to make extra donations to the work because of the emergency demands now made upon the Bible Society.

2. That the first Sunday in December be observed as Bible Sunday with programs suitable for that occasion.

3. That in the coming months we put forth special effort to obtain a Bible reading revival.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, who brought to the attention of the Presbytery the recommendations adopted by the Synod. A motion prevailed that Synod's recommendations be adopted as follows:

That the suggested plan as outlined by the Assembly's Committee on Evangelism be adopted by the Synod, to wit:

(1) the designation of the six weeks, March 4-April 15, as a period of special evangelistic endeavor.

(2) the holding of at least a week of evangelistic services in every church during this special period.

(3) That Presbyteries through the Committee on Evangelism present to the local churches practical plans, and encourage the holding of special services in all churches.

(4) That the Presbyteries' Committee on Evangelism shall secure and publicise a complete list of churches with the ministers conducting the special services.

(5) That personal workers' groups be organized and encouraged to do personal evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,
M. R. Willamson, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SESSIONS

The Committee on Minutes of Sessions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Sessions reports the Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville are in good condition and approved.

P. N. Gresham,
W. P. Barnes.

After prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham the Presbytery took recess until 7 P. M.

Evening Session.

The Presbytery reconvened at 7 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Rev. C. G. Davis to succeed himself for another term on the Commission on the Minister and His Work and that he be made the Chairman of the Commission.

The Rev. R. E. McClure to be elected as a member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Rev. J. H. Gruver to preach the doctrinal sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery on The Holy Spirit and Rev. H. V. Lofquist to be alternate to the Rev. J. H. Gruver.

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BILLS AND OVERTURES AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES

It was reported for the Bills and Overtures and Judiciary Committees that no matters had been placed in their hands and there was therefore nothing to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported through its Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. A motion prevailed that the matter regarding term pastorates be docketed for the Winter meeting of Presbytery and referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work to study and bring in recommendations at that time.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

A motion prevailed to accept the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville to meet there for the next Stated Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 1945.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Presbytery joined with the congregation in a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions with the Rev. C. G. Davis presiding. The Home Missions Committee reported through its Secretary, the Rev. R. E. McClure. The oral report was received and the recommendations adoptd as follows:

The Home Missions Committee recommends:

1. That the basis of Home Mission salaries in Asheville Presbytery be $2,000, effective October 1, 1944, subject to agreement with the churches approved by the Home Mission Committee.

2. That the Presbytery approve a goal of $3,148.50 for the Home Mission Emergency Fund offering, urging an offering in every church but declining to set church goals as such.

3. That the Mountain Orphanage be authorized to request a Thanksgiving offering of $10,000 to be divided as follows: The first $5,000 for current operation and the next $5,000 for repairs, equipment and permanent improvement, and all over $10,000 for current operation.

R. E. McClure.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted as follows:

Because of this meeting of the Presbytery of special interest

and importance we feel that more than usual attention should be paid to these resolutions; therefore be it resolved:

1st. That our profound gratitude be rendered to Almighty God for His abundant blessings on the Swannanoa Church in its long and eventful period of service; that we offer to Him our special thanks for the work accomplished in the world wide service of our own branch of His church through the power of His Spirit.

2nd. That we express our debt of appreciation to those who have given their time and labor to the preparation of the great sermons and addresses which we have been privileged to hear; especially to Dr. R. F. Campbell for his masterly presentation of the historic background of the church with special reference to Presbyterianism in Western North Carolina and the Swannanoa Valley; and to Dr. George Summey, who traveled a great distance to bring us a heart-warming message and interesting reminiscences of his early ministry in this church.

3rd. That we record our thanks to the Pastor, Dr. T. A. Painter, and his people of this church for their cordial welcome and their generous and abundant hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Gruver, *Chairman.*

ADJOURNMENT AND READING OF MINUTES

A motion prevailed that the Presbytery adjourn on the reading of the Minutes and the completion of the printed program. The Minutes were read and approved.

ADDRESS AND COMMUNION SERVICE

The Presbytery was addressed by the Rev. R. E. McClure on the subject "Presbyterianism—A Challenge."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated after the singing of the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The service was conducted in a very impressive manner by the Rev. George Summey, assisted by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and Elders G. C. Summerow, B. H. Evans, W. P. Barnes and C. H. Alexander. After the singing of the hymn "From Thy Table Now Retiring" the service was ended and the session of Presbytery concluded by the pronouncement of the benediction by the

Rev. George Summey.
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Temporary Clerk.*
Geo. B. Hammond, *Stated Clerk.*
R. E. McClure, *Moderator.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator
1925	Spring—Hazelwood	Elder D. M. Killian
	Fall —Murphy	Rev. B. F. Yandell
1926	Spring—Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
	Fall —Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927	Spring—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
	Fall —Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928	Spring—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
	Fall —Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. R. E. McClure, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. D. R. Freeman, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. E. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947; Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

Asheville, N. C.,
January 16, 1945.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville on Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00 o'clock. The Moderator not being present at the time for Presbytery to convene the Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. W. H. Wakefield and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

In the absence of the Rev. J. H. Gruver who had been appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to preach the doctrinal sermon the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, alternate to Mr. Gruver, preached the sermon on the subject: "The Holy Spirit" using as his text I Cor. 2:12.

At the conclusion of the sermon the Rev. R. E. McClure, Moderator of the Presbytery, having arrived, took the chair and asked that the roll of ministers and churches be called. The roll was called by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, temporary clerk, and the following were present:

Ministers—R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson.—19.

Churches Represented—Asheville First, Dr. A. C. McCall; Kenilworth, E. J. Grizzett; West Asheville, J. W. Roach; Black Mountain, E. N. White; Brittain Cove, W. P. Roberts; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, R. H. Gibson; Weaverville, R. E. Burton.—12.

Upon the call for the presentation of visiting Brethren the Rev. L. E. McNair of St. Johns Presbytery, and the Rev. James M. Carr of Knoxville Presbytery were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the host Church, presented the report of the program committee which was that the docket be followed with the exception that the

Communion service be held immediately following the lunch hour and that the memorials be also read at that time. One o'clock was set for the lunch hour; Presbytery to reconvene at 2:00 P. M. The program was adopted.

The moderator called attention to the proposed changes in the Book of Church order to be acted upon in this meeting of Presbytery. The matter was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Under the heading of Communications the clerk read letters from the Rev. J. H. Gruver, the Rev. J. C. Shive, the Rev. K. J. Foreman, and the Rev. Donald W. Richardson all expressing their regret at not being able to attend the meeting of Presbytery and asking to be excused. Their requests were granted.

A letter was read from the Rev. George B. Hammond requesting that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and the Canton Presbyterian Church effective as of December 31, 1944, and that he be given a letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Asheville to the Presbytery of Los Angeles, U. S. A. A letter was also read from the Canton Church stating that in a regularly called Congregational meeting of said church, the church concurred in the request of their pastor that the pastoral relation be dissolved in order that Mr. Hammond might take up his new work as Chaplain of the Presbyterian Hospital, Hollywood, California. These requests were granted, together with an expression of appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Hammond not only as pastor of the Canton Church but as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

The moderator called attention to the fact that with Mr. Hammond's removal from the bounds of the Presbytery we were without a Stated Clerk. The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson was nominated and elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Presbytery succeeding the Rev. George B. Hammond.

The Rev. D. R. Freeman was elected Temporary Clerk.

A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to

study the matter of ministers leaving the Presbytery without first obtaining permission of Presbytery and to report their findings to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

At the request of the newly elected Stated Clerk a committee was appointed to audit the books of the treasurer of Presbytery and report at this meeting. The following committee was appointed: Dr. A. C. McCall, R. E. Burton, and O. L. Merchant.

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was presented by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman. After the reading of the report Dr. Dendy made a stirring appeal to Presbytery to become more active in reaching children and enrolling them in our Sunday School to the end that they might become professing Christians. Dr. Dendy next presented the Rev. James M. Carr, Regional Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia who addressed the Presbytery on the Third Year of the Religious Educational Advance. At the conclusion of his address Dr. Dendy moved that Presbytery express its appreciation to Dr. Carr for his most helpful and inspiring address. The motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Education reports activity during the past year in the annual Summer conference held at Montreat; a limited number of Vacation Bible Schools; a rally in the interest of Men's work held in the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. A. R. Batchelor and Mr. S. J. Patterson as speakers.

The work was handicapped last Summer due to the prevalence of Polio, and the number of Bible Schools was smaller than usual. A few of those in progress were shortened because of the epidemic. We reported ten Vacation Bible Schools in Asheville Presbytery held in organized churches with one held in an outpost and a total enrollment of 658. The enrollment in the Presbytery in 1943 exceeded 1,000.

Plans are under way for the Young People's Conference, and the tentative dates of June 18th to 23rd have been set by the committee. Full information with reference to program and schedule will be available at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The Spring Rally of Young People is scheduled for Easter Monday afternoon and evening, and is to be held in the Henderson-

ville Church.

Tentative plans are on foot for the holding of a meeting for Men in the First Presbyterian Church at a date in February to be set. The emphasis will be on Stewardship. The invited speaker is Rev. J. G. Patton, Secretary of Stewardship for the General Assembly.

The committee calls special attention to the importance of surveying our Presbytery with a view to establishing new outpost Sunday Schools. To this end we would commend a general reading and study of Dr. McLaughlin's book, "The Gospel in Action."

Recognition was taken by the Committee of the Leadership Training School held in the First Presbyterian Church for ten weeks on successive Thursday nights during the past Fall. Representatives of a number of churches participated in this school and the results were considered gratifying in view of the limitations on travel.

The Committee looks forward to a year of progress in the work of Religious Education, and requests the earnest prayers of God's people for this phase of the work of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—L. T. Wilds, J H. McChesney, J. W. Roach.
Judiciary—R. C. Anderson, T. A. Painter, W. C. Dillingham.
Minutes of Synod—W. H. Wakefield, E. E. White.
Nominations—P. N. Gresham, D. R. Freeman, E. J. Grizzett.
Resolutions—W. H. Armistead, J. H. Flanagan.

The Rev. Ray Howland of the Presbytery of Holston, U. S. A., was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery recessed for lunch and the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. L. E. McNair.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery, after having been served a delightful lunch by the host church, reconvened at 2:00 o'clock and engaged in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Communion service was conducted by the Rev. S. R. Crockett and the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

At the conclusion of the Communion service a memorial to the late Dr. Joseph R. Sevier was read by the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The memorial follows:

Joseph Ramsey Sevier was born in Greeneville, Tenn., December 18th, 1887, and died in Hendersonville, N. C., October 16th, 1944.

He was a graduate of King College, Bristol, Tenn. and of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

He was licensed and ordained by Montgomery Presbytery in 1903 and became pastor of the Third Church (now Rivermont) in Lynchburg, Va., where he remained until 1907. The following four years were spent as pastor of the Second Church, Alexandria, Va. From 1911 to 1925 he was pastor of the First Church of Augusta, Ga.

While serving the Augusta Church in 1920 he established Greystone Camp for Girls, Tuxedo, N. C., which has since been under his direction.

In 1925 he purchased and became President of Fassifern School for Girls at Hendersonville and joined the Presbytery of Asheville. To this school for girls and the camp for girls he devoted all his time except for supplying churches from time to time.

He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from King College in 1912. He is survived by his widow; one son, John L. Sevier, who has taken his father's place as President of Fassifern School; and one daughter, Mrs. E. Langdon Hanna, who will direct Camp Greystone for Girls.

Dr. Sevier rendered a most valuable service as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in the development of Christian womanhood. Both the Camp and the School have constantly maintained a pronounced Christian atmosphere which was due largely to Dr. Sevier, their director and head.

His genial personality will be missed by his host of friends.

To his loved ones the sincere sympathy of the Presbytery is extended.

The above memorial was adopted by a rising vote of the Presbytery and prayer was offered by the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

At this point the Moderator commented upon the efforts of the Churches to raise a Thanksgiving offering for our Mountain Orphanage amounting to $10,000. He stated that the entire amount had not been secured but that there were funds which could be added to the amount already received which would bring the total to almost $10,000.

THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The report for the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Commission. His report together with the recommendation regarding the proposed addition to the Book of Church Order was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work has held three meetings since the Fall meeting of Presbytery—on October 16, December 6, and January 6.

The major problem which the Commission faces is assisting vacant churches in securing pastors. The following Churches are vacant: Montreat, Mills River and Etowah, Canton, Andrews and Robbinsville, Franklin and Morrison, Murphy and Hayesville, Highlands, Bryson City and Sylva, and Black Mountain.

The Commission has approved the Rev. W. C. McLaughlin, D. D., formerly of Haichow, China, as temporary supply of the Montreat Church.

The Rev. R. E. McClure represented the Commission at a meeting of the committee on calling a pastor in the Mills River-Etowah field. Several ministers have been approved for a call to this field. The Rev. C. B. Ratchford has been serving as temporary supply of the Etowah Church and the Rev. J. H. Gruver of the Mills River Church.

When the Commission was notified that the Rev. George B. Hammond was leaving Canton, a meeting was held there on December 6th of the Commission and the committee on calling a pastor for the Canton Church. The Commission approved the calling of the Rev. L. E. McNair of Orlando, Fla., as temporary supply for the Canton Church.

Andrews and Robbinsville are without a pastor and without a supply.

The Franklin-Morrison field has invited the Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D., from Fort Worth, Texas, to preach next Sunday, January 21, with view to a call.

The Murphy-Hayesville churches have called several ministers all of whom have declined.

The Highlands Church has called Jack Davidson, a senior in Union Theological Seminary, and he has accepted the call.

The Bryson City-Sylva churches have not called a minister recently and are without a supply.

The Commission met with the committee on calling a pastor of the Black Mountain Church on January 8th. The Black Mountain Church has been supplied since the Rev. L. N. Edmonds went into the Navy, by the Rev. T. H. Spence, Ph. D., curator of the Historical Foundation. Several ministers were approved for the Church to call in the near future.

The Commission feels that the situation in our Presbytery regarding vacant pulpits is grave and requests the prayers and cooperation of all the brethren in securing pastors for these churches. Our Executive Secretary has visited Columbia Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary in an effort to secure graduates in this year's class to fill these pulpits or serve as supplies for the Summer.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The Commission recommends that Asheville Presbytery vote against the adoption of the proposed addition to the Book of Church Order 131 B regarding term pastorates, and that this action be reported to the Permanent Committee on Minister and His Work through the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

A motion prevailed requesting the Stated Clerk to look into the matter of the cost of publishing the minutes of Presbytery and to make a recommendation at the Spring meeting regarding the advisability of printing minutes only twice a year instead of four times as is being done at present.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The committee on Foreign Missions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Armistead. His report was received and the recommendations adopted which are as follows:

1. That the urgent need for missionary recruits be put before the churches from time to time, and especially that it be laid upon the hearts of the youth.
2. That Mission Study at such times as suggested through the year be faithfully maintained in all units and to all ages in the churches.
3. That the Financial Objectives be clearly outlined to the congregations, and the various organizations, and definite action be taken by the church officers regarding quotas for each church.
4. That by prayer, not only in various regular meetings of the church, but in prayer groups at special seasons, the whole program of Foreign Missions be undergirded with a prayer-filled spirit

of deep devotion and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ and this great project of his kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
W. HUMPHREYS ARMISTEAD, *Chairman.*

DEFENSE SERVICE COUNCIL

The Committee on Defense Service reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield. The report was received and the recommendations adopted which are as follows:

1. That Sunday, May 13th, Mother's Day, bet set aside as a day for a special offering for the Defense Service Council.

2. That Presbytery endeavor to raise the full amount—$2,000 —which has been allotted Asheville Presbytery.

W. H. WAKEFIELD, *Chairman.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee on Bills and Overtures requested that a special committee be appointed to consider the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order and report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery. The moderator then ap-appointed the following to serve on the committee:

J. M. McChesney, T. A. Painter, and George H. Wright.

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod had no report as no minutes of Synod were available for them to review.

The Committee on Nominations reported through their Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham, and the report is as follows:

1. We recommend that the Rev. H. B. Dendy take the place of the Rev. George B. Hammond on the Commission an the Minister and His Work—the term expiring in the fall of 1946; that the Rev. R. C. Anderson take the place of the Rev. George B. Hammond on the Committee on Foreign Missions; that the Rev. H. V. Lofquist take the place of the Rev. George B. Hammond on the Committee of Stewardship; that the Rev. R. F. Brown take the place of the Rev. George B Hammond on the North Carolina Council of Churches.

2. We recommend that the Rev. D. R. Freeman take the place of the late Dr. Jos. R. Sevier on the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The report was adopted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The auditing committee reported that they had examined the records of the Rev. George B. Hammond, Stated Clerk and Treasurer, for the year beginning April 1st, 1944. The report is as follows:

Cash in Bank April 1st, 1944	$ 44.88
Receipts	710.14
	$752.02
Disbursements	$320.00
(Checks cleared)	
Balance in Bank 12/1/'44	432.02
	$752.02

We found the records to be correct and well kept.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. MCCALL, ROY E. BURTON, O. L. MERCHANT.

The report was adopted.

Upon motion it was voted to reconsider the action Presbytery had taken regarding the report of the committee on Bills and Overtures with reference to the proposed changes to the Book of Church Order.

A motion prevailed that inasmuch as the Rev. J. M. McChesney had been appointed at a previous meeting of Presbytery to make a study of the proposed changes and to report to Presbytery that Presbytery proceed to hear his report and to vote on the proposed changes.

The Presbytery then heard Dr. McChesney as he submitted the proposals together with his recommendations. The Presbytery voted for the approval of all changes with the exception of numbers 33, 47, 95, 108, 111, and 154.

The Presbytery voted to accept the invitation of the Rev. J. C. Plexico to hold the Spring meeting at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church on the third Tuesday in

April.

The Resolutions Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Armistead. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Asheville Presbytery extends hearty thanks to the First Presbyterian Church, to the pastor for his gracious hospitality, and to the ladies of the Church sincere appreciation of the delightful dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
W. HUMPHREYS ARMISTEAD, *Chairman.*

The Moderator announced that with reference to a committee to study the matter of Ministers leaving Presbytery without permission he had referred the matter to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The minutes of the meeting of Presbytery were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*
D. R. FREEMAN, *Temporary Clerk.*
R. E. MCCLURE, *Moderator.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1926 Spring	Ora Street	Rev. Albert E. Wallace
Fall	Cantón	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927 Spring	Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
Fall	Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928 Spring	Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure

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Asheville, North Carolina

April 17, 1945

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. D. R. Freeman, Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. E. A. Johnson, Brevard, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. E. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947; Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

The Presbytery of Asheville met in regular Stated meeting in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church on ~~Tuesday~~, April ~~17,~~ 1945, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. R. E. McClure and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. F. Campbell.

The sermon was preached by the moderator on the text I Cor. 14:3, after which the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, and the Rev. T. A. Painter.

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, K. J. Foreman, Sr., D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, and M. R. Williamson.

Ruling Elders present—G. H. Ligon, C. D. Richmond, W. T. Snider, J. M. Stout, R. L. Gash, B. C. Ward, J. E. Henderson, G. S. Stone, John Bulgin, G. C. Summerow, S. L. Woodward, Crosby Adams, Candler Morgan, W. H. McMurray, R. L. Prevost, and B. H. Evans.

The clerk presented written excuses for non-attendance at Presbytery from R. D. Bedinger, L. N. Edmunds, D. W. Richardson, and J. C. Shive. These excuses were accepted.

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Major J. C. Neville, C. R. McCubbins, and Dr. C. Maxey Smith.

The Rev. E. A. Johnson and the Rev. D. R. Freeman were nominated for Moderator, the Rev. D. R. Freeman was elected following which the Rev. E. A. Johnson was elected temporary clerk.

Upon request of the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, a letter of dismission was granted Candidate Joseph L. Auten to the Presbytery of East Hanover. The Stated Clerk was instructed to wire Mr. Auten that the letter was being mailed.

The matter of election of Commissioners to the Gen-

eral Assembly was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations for consideration, and that the committee make their report to Presbytery immediately following the ordination of Candidate Donald E. Williams who had requested through Dr. Wilds that the matter of his examination and ordination be the next order of business.

Dr. R. F. Campbell was excused from attendance upon the meeting of Presbytery after the morning session due to another pressing engagement.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds presented Candidate Donald E. Williams, a member of the graduating class of Columbia Seminary, together with satisfactory testimonials with the request that he be licensed and ordained with powers of an Evangelist.

Mr. Williams' testimonials together with his diplomas were accepted as a part of the examination. The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Campbell; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham; that on Church Government by the Rev. J. C. Plexico; and that on English Bible by the Rev. K. J. Foreman. All of these examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

A motion prevailed to recess at 12:45 and to reconvene at 2:00 o'clock.

At this point Mrs. Preston Thomas, President of Asheville Presbyterial, gave a most interesting report of the past year's activities of the Women of the Presbytery. Presbytery expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Thomas by a rising vote.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures, R. E. McClure and R. L. Gash; *Judiciary*, H. B. Dendy and R. L. Prevost; *Records of Session*, R. F. Brown, W. H. Wakefield, P. N. Gresham, J. M. McChesney, W. H. Armistead, J. H. Grover, S. R. Crockett, R. H. Evans, W. H. McMurray, G. C. Summerow, Candler Morgan, S. L. Woodward, C. D. Richmond, G. H. Ligon; *Nominations*, C. G. Davis and J. C. Plexico; *Resolutions*, H. V. Lafquist and C. B. Ratchford.

A motion prevailed that communications be deferred until the time on the docket for the reports of Standing Committees and that any overtures in the hands of the Stated Clerk be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures without reading.

Presbytery took recess for lunch and for committee meetings and reconvened at two o'clock at which time Mr. Donald E. Williams, candidate for licensure and ordination, preached a sermon on the subject: "Seeing the Invisible," used as a text Hebrews 11:27.

At the conclusion of the sermon Mr. Williams' examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and a motion prevailed that when ordained as an Evangelist he be given permission to serve as a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. Mr. Williams, after giving assent to the questions in the Book of Church order, was ordained by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Following this a charge was delivered by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. Mr. Williams was then enrolled as a member of Presbytery upon his signing the ex animo statement.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds presented John Coffee Neville, Jr. who, upon examination, was received under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. The questions were propounded by the Moderator and a brief charge delivered by the Rev. W. H. Armistead. Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery extend its apologies to Mr. Williams for such an extended discussion regarding his ordination.

Dr. R. C. Anderson spoke briefly regarding Montreat College and made announcements regarding the cancellation of the Summer Conferences due to restrictions on travel by order of the ODT.

The Presbytery heard a report of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee with reference to election of Commissioners calling attention of the Presbytery to those who had been Commissioners within recent years. The Presbytery elected the Rev. K. J. Foreman and the Rev. P. N. Gresham as Principals and the Rev. C. B. Ratchford and the Rev. W. H. Wakefield as Alternates. Ruling Elders elected were R. L. Prevost and O. E. Starnes as Principals and F. A. Bailey and C. J. Milne as Alternates.

The Stated Clerk was requested to write a letter to Dr. Dan T. Caldwell, Director of Defense Service Council, stating that Mr. Donald E. Williams had been ordained by Asheville Presbytery.

The Rev. C. R. McCubbins presented a letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Fort Worth and he was received in the Presbytery. A call for his pastoral services from the Franklin Church was placed in his hands which he accepted. April 29th was set as the date for his installation as pastor of the Franklin Church and the following Commission was appointed to install him: The Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, the Rev. S. R. Crockett, and Ruling Elders S. W. Black and J. J. Gray. It was announced that the sermon for the occasion would be preached by the Rev. George Bellingrath, Superintendent of the Rabun-Gap-Nachoochee School.

STATED CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery the Statistical Report which was incomplete due to the fact that a few of the churches were late getting their reports into the Clerk's hands. The Clerk was instructed to complete the report and to forward it to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk submits the following report on receipts and disbursements for the year beginning April 1st, 1944, and ending March 31st, 1945.

Bank Balance, April 1st, 1944 ..... $ 41.88

CHURCH RECEIPTS

Andrews	$ 4.88
Asheville, First	245.44
Asheville, Kenilworth	64.96
West Asheville	78.72
Malvern Hills	6.08
Bethel	4.48
Black Mountain	36.00
Brevard-Davidson River	45.24
Canton	34.56
Dillingham	15.00
Etowah	8.00
Franklin	13.12
Hayesville	10.24
Hendersonville	81.92
Highlands	12.96
Ivy Park	11.50

Mills River	21.60	
Murphy	9.60	
Oak Forest	21.60	
Swannanoa	30.72	
Waynesville	28.80	
Weaverville	40.00	
Total received from Churches	825.34	
		825.34
Grand Total		$867.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage and supplies		$ 22.32
Printing Minutes of Presbytery—		
Spring	$54.87	
Summer	61.76	
Fall	57.00	
Winter	47.42	221.05
Presbytery's Tax to Synod—		
1943	91.89	
1944	81.84	173.73
Salary of Stated Clerk		150.00
Total Disbursements		$567.10
Balance on hand March 31st, 1945		$300.12

The Stated Clerk would like to call attention to the fact that whereas the financial statement shows a balance of $300.12 as of March 31st our assessment to the General Assembly had not been paid due to insufficient funds. Since March 31st the Stated Clerk has sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly a check for $200.00 in part payment of our assessment of $491.04. We still owe the General Assembly $291.04 which should be paid before the Assembly meets May 24th.

In view of this situation the Stated Clerk recommends to Presbytery that our per capita tax be increased from 16 cents per member to 18 cents for the new Church year. This recommendation is offered because the last General Assembly increased its tax upon the Presbyteries from 7 to 9 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON,
Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk's report together with the recommendation was adopted and his treasurer's books and accounts placed in the hands of the Stewardship's sub-committee for examination and audit.

The Stated Clerk was requested to attempt to secure from some of the larger Churches in the Presbytery sufficient funds in payment on their new assessments to meet all outstanding obligations.

The Moderator was requested by vote of Presbytery to appoint a special committee to study the matter of Presbyterial assessment further and to bring in a report at the next meeting of Presbytery. The delinquent church accounts were referred to this committee. The Moderator appointed R. E. McClure, J. M. McChesney, and P. N. Gresham on this committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences gave his report to Presbytery. His report was received and the financial statement was adopted. The statement follows:

BENEVOLENT RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES

For The Year Ending March 31st, 1945

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 29 ARE NOT INCLUDED

These Will Be Credited On The Church Year Beginning April 1st, 1945

RECEIVED ON REGULAR BENEVOLENCES

	From Ch. Treas.	From Auxiliary	From Ch. School	From Young People	From Miscellaneous	TOTAL	ASKINGS For Year 1944-1945
Andrews	$ 269.83	$ 47.75	$	$	$	$ 317.58	$ 300.00
Asheville First	19,201.69	921.66	379.95	20.00	444.00	20,967.30	13,500.00
Bethel	289.99	40.15		11.00		341.14	290.00
Black Mountain	1,293.14	387.85	32.00			1,712.99	1,300.00
*Lakey Gap			65.40			65.40	
Brevard	488.32	357.77	57.90		1.50	905.49	900.00
Brittain's Cove	75.17					75.17	50.00
Bryson City	386.69	266.70			125.00	778.39	300.00
Canton	768.52	406.20	84.50	5.00		1,264.22	700.00
Dillingham	153.59	36.38				189.97	150.00
Etowah	173.18	56.00				229.18	200.00
Franklin	358.38	183.00			20.00	561.38	350.00
Hayesville	39.46	31.50				70.96	60.00
Hazelwood	91.97	100.30				192.27	100.00
Hendersonville	4,842.83	1,007.97	369.86			6,220.66	5,115.00
Highlands	520.53	77.90				598.43	300.00
Ivy Park	8.62	5.00				13.62	50.00
Kenilworth	511.00	409.04		5.00		925.04	1,155.00

Malvern Hills	55.00	87.20		5.00	30.00	100.00
Mills River	327.99	283.42		204.09	543.19	430.00
Montreat	123.00				4,004.67	2,400.00
Morrison	1,153.25			2.00	2.00	40.00
Murphy					410.52	100.00
Oak Forest	290.27	20.84			417.92	207.00
Red Oak	120.25					15.00
Robbinsville	397.08				55.30	75.00
Swannanoa	55.30				1,764.21	1,000.00
Sylva	1,447.61				17.00	50.00
Waynesville	316.60			10.00	746.20	600.00
Weaverville	17.00	59.50		31.00	1,449.09	500.00
West Asheville	386.25	73.74			1,123.26	800.00
White Oak	290.45			17.00		25.00
Totals	560.69				$46,132.54	$31,162.00
	365.33					
	740.93					
	$			$		

*Lakey Gap, a Mission of the Black Mountain Church.

Included in Regular Benevolences are all items reported by the Churches on the official statistical blanks as such. Such items as gifts to the Home Mission Emergency Fund, the Thanksgiving Offering, Defense Service Council, War Relief, etc., are NOT a part of the Budget Benevolences and account for the excess of total gifts over Askings. Each of these has been itemized in Our Mountain Work.

In addition to these Regular Benevolences the office of Central Treasurer has received from the Churches the following: Hendersonville Auxiliary, Birthday Offering $136.72, Historical Foundation Building $115.00, Negro Work $1.00; Kenilworth, for American Mission to Lepers $3.37; Hayesville, union service, for American Mission to Lepers $20.45; Brevard S. S., Birthday Offering $17.00; Hazelwood Auxiliary, White Cross $3.00; Bethel, Men's Broadcasting Program $3.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. McClure, *Benevolent Treasurer.*

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee on Home Missions gave its report through the Rev. R. E. McClure. His report was adopted, and is as follows:

The following is a financial report of money received and disbursed during the church year ending March 31, 1945, compared to the Budget adopted for the year involved, together with a proposed working budget for the year beginning April 1, 1945:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS

Budget Items	*Spent* 1944-1945		*Proposed* 1945-1946	
Executive Secretary				
Salary	$2,700.00		$2,700.00	
House	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	510.02		600.00	
Ministers Annuity Fund	247.50	$4,057.52	247.50	$4,147.50
Office Expense				
Secretary	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Rent	150.00		150.00	
Postage, Tel. & Tel., Printing Etc.	642.45	1,992.45	500.00	1,850.00
Our Mountain Work	1,309.47	1,309.47	1,200.00	1,200.00
Field Salaries				
Andrews-Robbinsville			1,220.00	
Murphy-Hayesville			1,110.00	
Franklin-Morrison*			860.00	
Highlands*			1,220.00	
Mills River-Etowah	329.99		972.00	
Dillingham-Ivy Park	1,062.68		1,175.00	
Malvern Hills	1,449.96		1,505.00	
Bryson City			500.00	
Lakey Gap	600.00		1,200.00	
Ministers Annuity Fund	451.16	3,893.79	732.15	10,494.15
Summer Workers	666.16*	666.16	1,000.00	1,000.00
Special Items	2,016.89**	2,016.89	308.35	308.35
		$13,936.28		$19,000.00

*These fields included under "Summer Workers."

**Special Items included:

To Arden: From 1943 H. M. E. F. $500 Special Gift, $500 on building	$1,000.00
Additional Gift on roof	300.00
To Malvern Hills: (Chairs) From Dr. R. C. Anderson $50; Gift, $50	100.00
Special Gift to Post War Fund—Designated	400.00
Miscellaneous Items	6.00
Expenses of Young People's Conference	210.89
	$2,016.89

The handicap of pastorless churches has been the outstanding feature of the year, but in spite of this fact there have been evidences of growth. Members have been received in several of these churches, and with a few exceptions the contributions to the benevolent causes of the church have reached or exceeded the Askings of the Presbytery.

We are happy to report that two ministers are already on the field. Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D. ,has moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to Franklin. Mr. J. B. Davidson, who finished his work at Union Theological Seminary in March, is on the field at Highlands.

The Murphy church has called a man, with the knowledge and consent of the Hayesville congregation, with a view to his being Stated Supply at Hayesville. An early answer to this call is anticipated.

The Andrews-Robbinsville field has not been able to find a man. The same situation exists at the Mills River-Etowah group. However the latter group has had regular services, in the main, supplied by Rev. J. H. Gruver and Rev. C. B. Ratchford.

The Bryson City church has not been formally under the Home Mission Committee, but has been promised aid from the Home Mission Emergency Fund. This congregation has invited Rev. J. T. Gillespie, D. D., of Decatur, Ga., to supply their pulpit during the summer.

At Sylva all but two of the Presbyterian families have moved away. There have been no services in the town for some months. There is held by the Home Mission Committee a sum of approximately $300.00 in cash, given for a building at that point, together with a gift of $1,000.00 invested in War Bonds for the same purpose.

Consistent effort has been put forth to secure ministers for all of these churches and the Executive Secretary has supplied all of the pulpits on as frequent a schedule as could be arranged during the year.

The Home Mission Committee is sponsoring the work of Mr. Charles McChesney at Fontana during the summer. Mr. McChesney is being employed by the Community Church on the Fontana project, with the sponsorship of the Committee being the promise of help in a Vacation Bible School, and the financial support if needed by the withdrawal of workers from the community.

Miss Mary Ann Dendy has been engaged for Vacation Bible School work, on a basis similar to that of other workers throughout the Synod.

The work of the Executive Secretary has included: office administration of trust funds; publication of Our Mountain Work each month; active participation in the administration of The Mountain Orphanage during the interim between the resignation of the former superintendent and the present, together with a much more active assistance in the business management than formerly; the receiving and disbursing of some $46,000 for the Benevolent Causes of the church; serving as director of the Young People's Conference of 1944 with about 235 young people attending; participation in a leadership training school, several conferences related to the work of Religious Education at Montreat and Richmond; taking a part in the Synod's leadership school for young people and the Westminster Fellowship of College Students in the Synod; along with the pulpit supply of vacant churches as much as possible and visit to our seminaries in search of permanent and summer workers for Presbytery. All of this involved travel in excess of 9,000 miles by car, bus and train.

The Mountain Orphanage constitutes a specific responsibility of the Home Mission Committee. During the year two outstanding factors have been faced. One was the resignation of Rev. J. H. Gruver, after serving some fourteen years, and the resignation for various reasons of every member of the staff. The other was the necessity of major repairs and improvements to the material property of the Home.

Rev. D. R. Freeman was secured as superintendent and he has labored earnestly to build a permanent staff. He has faced many discouragements and the great need at the present is for a man to direct the farm activities and have charge of the material welfare of the home. There is a vacancy at this time in the staff of matrons.

The Thanksgiving Offering produced about $4,000 which has been available for use in the general improvements and repairs. The major improvement was the construction of an apartment for a farm manager. This will cost approximately $3,000 before it is completed. Extensive repairs to the gymnasium will cost about $500. The general condition of the dormitory building was an unknown quantity until the workmen started on this project. To completely renovate this building on a really adequate basis is estimated to run

to about $12,000. The actual cost of the work of repairing, plaster and adding clothes closets, a matron's bath and overhauling the girls bathroom on the second floor of one wing has cost approximately $2,000. There is need of spending approximately $1,000 for new kitchen sinks, linoleum floor and other repairs to the kitchen and dining room. The total of $12,000 is based on these figures.

We are faced with a need at the present time of spending almost twice what was estimated when the Thanksgiving Offering was asked. At that time the repairs were estimated at about $8,000. It will run to about $16,000. Not more than $4,000 of this amount is in hand without drawing on a very small operating surplus.

These facts are brought to the attention of the Presbytery. The Home Mission Committee has voted to do the work at The Mountain Orphanage on as economical but thorough basis as possible. We be- the light of present day costs, conditions and particularly of the extensive needs that were found.
lieve the above figures represent results today and fair estimates in

The following is a financial report. We call attention to the fact that heretofore we have merely adopted one figure as a total budget, without any division of same:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Expenditures

Cash Disbursed by Treasurer:		
Administration	$3,769.91	
Institutional Care of Children:		
Household (including Matron's Salaries)		
Health Education	8,963.00	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	2,529.71	
Extra-Institutional Service	200.84	
Productive Enterprises:		
Farm		
Dairy		
Garden	3,116.59	
Total Cash Disbursements	18,580.05	
Estimated Value of Farm, Dairy Products, Contributions of Clothing, Food, ...etc.	6,000.00	$23,580.05

On the basis of fifty children, this amounts to approximately $500.00 for the year.

(Note: Due to unforeseen delays in securing the auditor's report for the church year ending March 31, 1945, we are substituting the

financial statement of cash disbursements for the calendar year of 1944, as made to the Duke Endowment. Balance on hand Mrch 31, 1945, was $4,108.22, including amounts designated for repair of the building.—R. E. McClure, Treas.)

We recommend:

1. That the working budget for Home Missions be that set forth above, with reference to administration, salaries, etc.

2. That the working budget for The Mountain Orphanage be that set forth above, with reference to administration, salaries, etc.

3. That the Home Mission Committee be authorized to underwrite the expenses of the two Young People's Conferences to an amount not to exceed $250 during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Mr. McClure requested permission from Presbytery for increased supplements to salaries for the pastors of Franklin and Highlands Churches. The requests were granted and are as follows:

"It is understood that The Home Mission Committee proposes to pay to Rev. C. R. McCubbins the sum of $860.00 per year in regular monthly payments, together with the payment of 7 and ½% of said amount to the Ministers Annuity Fund in his behalf, so long as he remains pastor of the Franklin Church and the Church continues to pay the promised sum of $1140.00 and a manse, making a total salary of $2,000."

"It is understood that the Home Mission Committee proposes to pay to Mr. J. B. Davidson the sum of $1220.00 per year in regular monthly payments, together with the payment of 7½% of said amount to the Ministers Annuity Fund in his behalf, so long as he remains pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church and the Church continues to pay the promised sum of $780.00 and a manse, making a total salary of $2,000."

The following resolution was also adopted at the request of Mr. McClure:

"Resolved that one half of the accumulated reserve to the credit of Religious Education in the Presbytery be appropriated as far as needed in paying the salaries of Vacation Bible School Workers in the Presbytery."

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Davis. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work has held frequent meetings since the last meeting of Presbytery and has kept in close touch with vacant churches.

We are happy to report that the Black Mountain Church has called Mr. Walter Styles who is graduating from Columbia Theological Seminary in May. Mr. Styles has indicated his willingness to accept the call.

The Highlands Church has called Mr. J. B. Davidson, a Senior at Union Theological Seminary, and he has indicated his willingness to accept the call.

The Canton Church has called Major W. A. Gamble. He has not thus far responded to the call.

The Franklin Church has called Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D., who has indicated his willingness to accept the call.

The Murphy-Hayesville Churches have called Rev. N. E. Oplinger, who has not responded to the call, so far.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Grier Davis, *Chairman.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

This has been a year of much activity in attempting to strengthen our Educational Institutions financially. The need here is very great, especially that of our Institutions for men, because of the decreased student bodies on account of the war.

As to Ministerial Relief, 478 homes are still on its roll, this, however, being a decrease of 34 over the preceding year. The sum of $145,648 was distributed among these homes, an average of about $325. The "Joy Gift" of Christmas made it possible to send double the usual amount in January. Asheville Presbytery has 10 of these homes on its roll, 4 ministers and 6 widows, to each of which homes an average of $358 was remitted.

The Ministers Annuity Fund has had five successful years. Since April 1940 age pensions have been granted 210 ministers, disability pensions to 23, pensions to 107 widows and 36 orphans. To these homes a total of $451,141 has been sent.

Receipts from all sources to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief amounted to $325,278, an increase of $45,488.

There is a great need for an increase of candidates for the Ministry of our Church. There are now 183 of our Candidates in the armed services of our Country and 5 have made the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Asheville Presbytery has 9 candidates on its roll, 3 of whom are in the armed services and one in preparation for the Navy Chaplaincy. Their names are—James Wade Anderson, Everett Kennedy Brown, Jack Bedford Davidson, James Dendy, Benjamin Hoyt Evans, James Clyde Plexico, Jr., Edward Brunson Whitson, Murphey Candler Wilds, and John Coffee Neville, Jr.

We recommend:

1. That we give as full support as possible to our Educational Institutions.
2. That those on our Relief roll be granted the same amount as last year with as large an increase as receipts for this cause may allow.
3. That our Ministers and Sessions make earnest and prayerful effort to increase the number of candidates for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

The report of the Standing Committee on Sessional Records was presented by the Rev. R. F. Brown and is as follows:

Your Committee on Sessional Records finds no errors in the records of the following churches: Mills River, Weaverville, Hendersonville, Black Mountain, Malvern Hills, West Asheville, First Church, Kenilworth, Franklin, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, and Hazelwood.

The sessional records of the following churches were approved with exceptions: Bethel—Only one meeting of Session reported during the year. Brevard—Members of Sessions not identified by initials or given names. Waynesville—Representative to Presbytery did not make a report to Session, no record of representative to meeting of Synod. Canton—Record does not show that the Session authorized Congregational meeting, the Rev. L. E. McNair, supply pastor, was elected to represent church at meeting of Presbytery,

no account of Sessions report to this meeting of Presbytery, representative to Presbytery failed to report attendance, no examination of treasurer's accounts.

The following churches failed to send their sessional records to this meeting of Presbytery for examination: Andrews, Brittain Cove, Bryson City, Dillingham, Etowah, Hayesville, Highlands, Ivy Park, Montreat, Morrison, Murphy, Red Oak, Robbinsville, Sylva, and White Oak.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Frederick Brown, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee was adopted, with the request of Presbytery that Churches not sending Sessional Records to this meeting send them to the July meeting.

A verbal report in behalf of the Stewardship Committee was made by the Rev. R. E. McClure. His report was received and the Stewardship Committee was directed to audit the books of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences and report at the Summer meeting.

The Rev. T. A. Painter reported that the records of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery had been placed in the hands of the Sub-Committee on Stewardship for examination and audit. His report was adopted and is as follows:

Balance in Bank January 16, 1945. (See Report of Auditing Committee Winter meeting of Presbytery)	$432.02
Outstanding Check	52.29
Cash in Bank January 30, 1945	372.76
Receipts	104.96
Total	477.72
Disbursements	177.72
Balance in Bank April 1, 1945	$300.12

We find the records well kept and correct in every detail.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*
W. H. McMurray.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was presented by the Rev. J. H. Gruver. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Women of the Presbytery report 25 working Auxiliaries with a membership of 2203, an increase of 100 over last year.

There are 62 general Circles and 15 Business Women's Circles. The total receipts for the year were $20,560, an increase of $6571. The Birthday Gift amounted to $1026, an increase of $226.

The majority of the Auxiliaries observed the Home Mission Season.

The Week of Prayer and self-denial for Foreign Missions was observed by all the Auxiliaries—a number of them using returned service men as speakers. Six delegates were sent to the Conference for Colored women in Knoxville. The boys in service were remembered with letters and gifts. Three group conferences were held, and the Bible in the Public Schools receeived special interest and attention. Twelve Auxiliaries reported clothing children at our Mountain Orphanage. Needs for the year to be emphasized are—Increased attendance of adults in Sunday School; more Church paper subscribers and readers; more personal workers groups.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Gruver, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. E. McClure. Mr. McClure stated that two overtures from the Weaverville Church has been placed in their hands and that the committee found them both in order but had no recommendation to make regarding them.

The Stated Clerk then read to the Presbytery the following overtures:

I. We the Session of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church hereby overture the Presbytery of Asheville to overture the General Assembly to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches for the following reasons:

1. Because of its doctrinal and socialistic fallacies.
2. Because of its pacifistic activities.
3. Because of its Un-American Principles.
4. Because of its Political Program.
5. Because that in all these matters the Federal Council is definitely out of accord with the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

H. B. Dendy, *Moderator.*
B. H. Evans, *Clerk.*

By order of Session
Weaverville Presbyterian Church
Weaverville, N. C.
April 15, 1945

II. Whereas, the United Presbyterian Church through its regularly appointed representatives has expressed itself as being unwilling to enter into negotiations for Union with the U. S. A. Presbyterian Church or with our Church if that involves union with the U. S. A. Church; and,

Whereas, some of the Ministers of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church have said that one of the main barriers to negotiations for Union between our Church and their Church is the present proposed plan of Union between our Church and the U. S. A. Church; and

Whereas, The present proposed plan seems unacceptable to a large number of the liberal members of the U. S. A. Church, the plan not being conservative enough for us and not liberal enough for them; and

Whereas, The further agitation of this plan is a source of disunity within our own Church;

We, the Session of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church respectfully overture the Presbytery of Asheville to overture the General Assembly to discontinue negotions for union with the U. S. A. Church and that our Committee on Cooperation and Union be dismissed.

H. B. Dendy, *Moderator.*
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A motion to table both of the overtures was lost. A motion that Presbytery take a vote on each of the overtures without debate prevailed.

Presbytery by a rising vote adopted overture Number I by a vote of 13 to 12, and overture Number II by a rising vote of 16 to 10.

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

The Stated Clerk read requests from the Oak Forest, the Waynesville, the First Church, and the West Asheville Churches for permission to increase their pastor's salaries as follows:

Oak Forest $600 per year making a salary of $2400.00, with free use of the manse, and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

Waynesville $300 per year making a salary of $2700, with free use of the manse and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

First Church $600 per year making a salary of $6000.00.

West Asheville Church $364 per year making a salary of $2964.00.

These requests were granted by vote of the Presbytery.

NEXT MEETING

Invitations for the Presbytery to hold its Summer meeting the second Tuesday in July were extended in behalf of Oak Forest, the Malvern Hills, and the Brittain Cove Churches.

Presbytery voted to accept the invitation to Brittain Cove.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following report which was adopted:

The Presbytery of Asheville herewith records its sincere thanks to the pastor and members of the West Asheville Church for their gracious hospitality. The delectable food for Spirit and body received today is accepted as God's loving kindness to us through them, and we pray God's rewarding blessing upon them.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry V. Lofquist,
Chas. B. Ratchford.

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the proceedings of Presbytery which were approved. Presbytery sang one verse of the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and was adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

D. Ralph Freeman, *Moderator.*
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
	Fall —Canton	Rev. W. K. Beaty
1927	Spring—Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
	Fall —Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928	Spring—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
	Fall —Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman

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STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1945.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Profession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Number of Outposts or Chapels	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Rel. Edu. and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Other Assembly Benevolences	Synod's Home Missions	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Other Synod and Presby. Benevolences	Congregational Missions	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total Benevolent Contributions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Other Funds Contributed: Building Expense
2. Presbytery of Asheville.																															
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																														
R. C. Anderson, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																														
W. H. Armistead	Montreat, N. C.																														
R. D. Bedinger, Sec.	Asheville, N. C.																														
R. F. Brown, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Malvern Hills†	1		9	6	45	9		74		15	25	14	5	5	2	8	4	5	5	5	1	2		2	98	450	1450	454	250
J. W. Caldwell, H. R.	Atlanta, Ga.																														
R. F. Campbell, P. Em.	Asheville, N. C.	First																													
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C.																														
S. R. Crockett, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*	3	2	1		45	1	1	64		25	9	8	3	2	2	24	1	18		9	2	50		63	216	855		311	779
" P.	Woodrow, N. C.	Bethel	3				25					77	43	21	9	2	2		3	70	32	80	3	3			345	425		30	
" P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	1				13																								
C. G. Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First*†	26	30	39	89	1634	26	26	540		3824	3186	1163	304	539	68	1551	142	5117	2145	3385	155			2026	23605	7359		22238	27314
H. B. Dendy, P., Ed.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	5	9	13	10	200	3	3	102		506	245	428	44	4	3	157	6	151	65	163	12			349	2135	2400		2802	222
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					15			30																					
" S. S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Brittain Cove	3				41		1	48		14	6	6				21		29							76	150		50	
L. N. Edmunds, Chap.	U. S. N. R.																														
K. J. Foreman, Sr., Prof.	Davidson, N. C.																												1453		
D. R. Freeman, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																														
P. N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth*†	21	27	19	26	434	8	4	367	2	176	131	91	49	5	4	20	8	258	86	175	8		498	51	1560	2760		3424	1984
J. H. Gruver	Black Mountain, N. C.																												1425		
E. A. Johnson, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	9	13	7	26	216	2	5	119		153	163	48	22	5	5		9	139	104	225	9				912	2472		1066	2332
H. V. Lofquist, Chap.	Asheville, N. C.																														
J. M. McChesney, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Oak Forest*†	6	9	11		137	8	3	122		103	81	36	5	1	1	28	2	82	23	54	2				418	1800		947	1355
R. E. McClure, P. Ex. S.	Asheville, N. C.																														
C. R. McCubbins, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	3	5	4	1	80	5	3	43		131	72	49	37	2	2	10	4	86	39	108	4	30			574	765		330	582
" S. S.	Franklin, N. C.	Morrison	2	1			25																								
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	5	7		1	136		4	104		382	318	181	27	22	6	71	11	414	122	250	11			77	1892	2200		1816	
J. C. Plexico, P.	Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	16	23	10	21	513	9	1	437		274	247	62	44	5	4	49	8	209	89	200	8		23		1222	2625		3029	5719
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																												4301		
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																														
C. M. Robinson, Chap.																															
J. C. Shive, H. R.	Asheville, N. C.																														
W. H. Wakefield, P.	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham†	4	3	4		119	3	3	113		42	13	31	9	1	1	10	2	31	19	25	2				186	600	1154	166	317
" P.	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park	1				20			34		5	2					3				3					13	130		27	48
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																														
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	11	15	8	36	336	4	10	238		1359	1083	252	208	32	31	174	53	1107	470	1285	53		36	180	6323	3000		4077	
D. E. Williams, Chap.	U. S. N. R.																														
M. R. Williams, P., S. C.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	6	13	4	3	194	1	3	129		197	114	41	16	4	1	19	6	119	68	155	6			36	782	2400		1636	535
	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews, V.*	3	1			30			48		59	52	14	31	1	1	1	75	14	76	1					325			402	
(Walter Styles)	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mtn., P.E.*†	6	10	26	7	234	26	2	141	1	488	283	132	31	20	6	96	11	310	122	328	11	23	10	182	2053	1425		1191	1041
—32	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City, V.*	3	2			61			60		91	103	33	7	2	1		3	377	33	124	3				777	58		277	
	Canton, N. C.	Canton, T. S.*†	6	9	7	5	222	3	4	126		334	176	104	42	10	5	70	8	207	96	204	8				1264	2295		2276	6925
Candidates—9	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah, T. S.	3	3	1		47	1		30		21	58	31	5	1	1	5	2	26	24	46	2				235	215			
	Hendersonville, N. C.	Mills River, T.S.*	3	9			122		2	60		134	60	30	12	2	2	30	20	75	10	50	25			2	452	475		193	115
	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville, V.	2				32																								
(J. B. Davidson)	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands, P. E.	5				81																								
	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat, T. S.*	2	3	14	10	132	9	1	450	1	1309	757	189	82	19	16	208	32	581	344	782	31		340	300	4890	1130		994	
	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy, V.*	3	4	2	2	57	2		80		45	70	16	1	1			1	135	10	128	1				408			475	
	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville, V.	2	2			26																								
	Sylva, N. C.	Sylva, V.	2				16																								
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July 10, 1945

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. D. R. Freeman, Black Mountain, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, Oren Lancaster, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1945: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947; Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—Mr. W. H. McMurray, Mr. T. D. Morrison, Mr. G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Brittain Cove Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 10th, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. D. R. Freeman, after which greetings were extended by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, who in turn presented to the Presbytery Mr. Charles Ludeking who under his direction is assisting in the work at the Brittain Cove Church.

The opening sermon of Presbytery was preached by Mr. Walter H. Styles, pastor-elect of the Black Mountain Church. Mr. Styles read the 17th chapter of the gospel of John and preached on the subject of Prayer. The sermon was greatly edifying and was accepted by Presbytery as a part of his examination for Licensure which was to follow later in the morning.

Following the sermon the Presbytery observed the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper which was administered by the Rev. R. F. Campbell and the Rev. P. N. Gresham. They were assisted by ruling Elders B. H. Evans, J. O. Williams, Charles D. Richmond, and O. L. Merchant.

At the conclusion of the Communion service Mr. Jack B. Davidson, pastor-elect of the Highlands Church, preached to the Presbytery on the text Jeremiah 9:23. The sermon was accepted as a part of the examination for Licensure which was to follow later in the day.

The roll of the Presbytery was called by the Stated Clerk and the following ministers were present:

R. C. Anderson, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. C. Plexico, J. C. Shive, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, and M. R. Williamson,(18).

On the call of the churches the following ruling elders answered present:

C. D. Richmond, J. O. Williams, B. C. Ward, C. J. Milne, G. S. Stone, L. C. Davis, Otto Summer, H. A. Yarmans, O. E. Starnes, O. L. Merchant, and B. H. Evans, (11).

The program committee presented its report through

the Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The docket was adopted with the following exceptions: the reception of candidates to take place as soon as the Committee on Christian Education was ready to report and present the candidates.

The Rev. R. E. McClure reported that at 3:00 o'clock Mr. O. E. Starnes would be present to present a brief statement regarding the King College Endowment Fund. The report of the program committee was adopted and an order of the day fixed for three o'clock.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the moderator:

Bills and Overtures—J. M. McChesney, R. D. Bedinger, and O. L. Merchant.

Judiciary—B. H. Evans, H. V. Lofquist, and C. D. Richmond.

Records of Sessions—R. F. Brown.

Minutes of Presbytery—W. H. Wakefield, C. J. Milne, and G. S. Stone.

Minutes of Synod—S. R. Crockett, H. B. Dendy, and J. C. Plexico.

Nominations—P. N. Gresham, J. O. Williams, and B. C. Ward.

Resolutions—J. H. Gruver, R. E. McClure, and L. C. Davis.

The Stated Clerk presented written excuses from the Rev. C. R. McCubbins, the Rev. D. W. Richardson, the Rev. K. J. Foreman, and the Rev. T. A. Painter for non-attendance at Presbytery. The Rev. L. T. Wilds presented an excuse for the Rev. C. B. Ratchford. These excuses were accepted.

At this point a motion prevailed that we proceed to examine candidates J. B. Davidson and W. H. Styles for licensure—both to be examined at the same time.

The Stated Clerk presented a letter of transfer from Athens Presbytery stating that Mr. Styles was a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of Athens Presbytery and was being dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Asheville. The letter was accepted and Mr. Styles was received into Asheville Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

After a bountiful lunch provided by the good ladies of the Brittain Cove Church Presbytery reconvened at 1:20 and was led in prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

At this point the Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented Robert Orr Freeman, son of the Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Freeman, who was asking to be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. The prospective candidate was examined on Experimental religion and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry by the moderator. His examination was sustained as satifactory to the Presbytery. The questions set forth in the Book of Church order regarding the reception of candidates were propounded and answered in the affirmative. Dr. R. F. Campbell delivered an appropriate charge which was followed by prayer whereupon Robert Orr Freeman was received as a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of Asheville Presbytery.

Dr. R. C. Anderson was given the privilege of the floor and gave a report as a Trustee of Davidson College. He also spoke concerning the program for the Montreat Assembly during the Conference session and the work of Montreat College making a strong appeal for Christian Education.

The Presbytery proceeded with the examination of the candidates for Licensure—J. B. Davidson and Walter H. Styles.

The college diploma of each of the candidates was accepted as a part of their examinations as required by the Book of Church order.

Dr. R. F. Campbell conducted the examination of Theology which was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on the Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Plexico and was sustained as satisfactory.

Diplomas from Union Theological Seminary in the case of Mr. Davidson and Columbia Theological Seminary in the case of Mr. Styles were accepted in lieu of examinations in the original languages of the Scriptures and Church history.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. S. R. Crockett supplemented by numerous questions and comments by other brethren of the Presbytery. Th examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds reported that each of the young men had submitted the required parts in the form of written papers which had been examined and approved by the Committee on Christian Education. The sermons preached earlier in the day were also accepted as satisfactory and a motion prevailed that the Presbytery proceed to license both of the candidates.

The moderator propounded the questions set forth in the Book of Church Order which were answered in the affirmative. After the offering of prayer suitable for the occasion they were licensed to preach the gospel.

The order of the day having arrived Mr. O. E. Starnes addressed the Presbytery regarding the King College Endowment Fund now being raised in the Synod and challenged the Presbytery to launch a campaign for its part of the Fund. At the conclusion of his address a motion prevailed that we proceed to raise in Asheville Presbytery the amount of $50,000 to be known as the R. F. Campbell Endowment Fund, honoring our own beloved Dr. Campbell, pastor Emeritus of the Asheville First Church, and an enthusiastic supporter of King College. The last two weeks of August by vote of Presbytery was set as a definite time for the securing of as much of this fund as possible.

The following commission was named to ordain and install Mr. Walter H. Styles as pastor of the Black Mountain Church on Sunday evening, July 22nd, at 8:00 o'clock; said commission to examine first the call for the pastoral services of Mr. Styles and if found in order to proceed with the ordination and installation. The following were

appointed on the commission: The Rev. H. B. Dendy to preside, preach the sermon and propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. R. E. McClure to deliver the charge to the congregation; the Rev. T. A. Painter and the Rev. W. H. Armistead to serve as alternates. Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray to deliver the charge to the minister with J. R. Rice as alternate. The Rev. D. R. Freeman was named to complete the commission.

The following commission was named to ordain and install Mr. J. B. Davidson as pastor of the Highlands Church at a date to be agreed upon by the commission and the pastor-elect: The Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. T. A. Painter, and the Rev. D. W. Richardson, with the Rev. E. A. Johnson and the Rev. C. R. McCubbins as alternates together with Ruling Elders S. F. Davidson and S. O. McCarty. It was announced that the Rev. W. T. Thompson, who would be in Highlands, would be asked by the commission to preach the sermon.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. O. E. Starnes and the Rev. P. N. Gresham gave reports of their attendance upon the meeting of the General Assembly at Montreat in May. A written report from the Rev. K. J. Foreman regarding his attendance was read by the Rev. R. E. McClure and the Stated Clerk read a report from R. L. Prevost. All of the commissioners reported faithful attendance upon the sessions of the Assembly and their gratitude to the Presbytery for having elected them as its commissioners. Their reports were received and the commissioners commended for their diligence.

The Rev. R. E. McClure reported that the commission appointed by Presbytery at the Spring meeting to install the Rev. C. R. McCubbins pastor of the Franklin Church had carried out the instructions of Presbytery but that the minutes of the commission were not available to be included in the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The Committee on Religious Education reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report with recommendations adopted by Presbytery follows:

The Young People's conferences held at Montreat for the Seniors, June 18-23, and the Pioneers, July 2-7, had a total enrollment of 188 delegates and total faculty and counsellors of 33. The exact cost of the conferences has not been determined but will be very close to the appropriation of $250.00 made by the Home Mission Committee, togther with the $75.00 contributed from the Presbyterial.

Outstanding features in the conferences were classes taught by Mr. Curry B. Hearne, Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Joseph B. Garrison, retiring Student worker for the General Assembly, in the Senior conference; and Miss Marion Wilcox in the Pioneer conference. All other faculty members and counsellors came from within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Each Conference closed with a dedication service. In the Senior Conference, we held a Communion service. On the closing night of the Senior Conference, twent-one of the sixty-six young people signed "Life Service Cards," indicating a willingness to enter into full-time religious service. At the close of the Pioneer Conference sixteen of the young people indicated their intention of uniting with the church at the earliest opportunity.

Recognizing the handicaps of this year, making two separate conferences necessary, we have taken the liberty of requesting the facilities of Montreat for the week of June 10-15 of next year, with the idea of holding both conferences simultaneously, and with a limited number of joint features. We believe we would have had 250 Young People had we been able to have comparable dates in this particular year.

The splendid cooperation of students and faculty brought forth voluntary expressions from the Mountain Retreat Association for behaviour and attitude in both conferences.

The Senior group took an offering of $12.19 to be used to send Mary Brown of the Asheville First Church to a special Young People's Conference on Missions to be held at Montreat in August.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Presbytery give its hearty endorsement to plans for the fourth year of the united Religious Education Advance commending as a goal for every church the reaching of every unchurched child, youth and adult for Christ and his church.

2. That a Church man-power enlistment campaign be commended to all congregations as an essential part of their Advance program this Fall and that sessions take the necessary steps to enlist every church member in some particular part of our church's activities during the next twelve months.

3. That church officers be urged to engage in a serious study of their congregation's educational program so that their teaching of the word of God may be more effective in the lives of their members and may result in the evangelical outreach to the unchurched in the community.

4. That all Churches observe September 30 to October 7, 1945 as Religious Education Week with a series of special inspirational services or Educational programs culminating in a successful Rally Day Sunday School program October 7, and a generous Rally Day offering.

5. That in view of the alarming number of vacant pulpits in our Assembly due to the Church's generous contribution of Chaplains to the Armed Forces our Elders and Deacons be summoned to special preparation for effective service to pastorless churches, looking to the Religious Education Committee of the Presbytery for counsel and guidance in their preparation.

6. That congregations without Religious Education Directors be urged to avail themselves of the free service offered at all times by members of the staff of the Executive Committee in Richmond.

7. That since this is Chapel year, churches be challenged to establish and maintain at least one Sunday School within walking distance of unchurched neighborhoods, with full assurance that the Executive Committee will provide free literature until such a venture can be self-supporting.

8. That attention of children's leaders be called to the tremendous missionary service open to them through organizing in unchurched neighborhoods, parents groups through which homes may be opened to the church, and children may be brought into regular contact with our organized Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee of Religious Education was followed by a brief statement from the Rev. R. E. McClure on the conferences for the Young People and the Pioneers recently held at Montreat.

THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission on the Minister and His Work did not submit a written report but the Rev. R. E. McClure

gave a verbal report to the effect that the Canton Church in cooperation with the commission had extended a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. O. McInnis, who has indicated his willingness to accept the call and would assume his work at Canton about the first of August.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE

The report on Foreign Missions submitted by the Rev. W. H. Armistead, chairman, was read by the Rev. E. A. Johnson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

In almost every phase of our Foreign Mission work during the past year, we have great cause for encouragement and gratitude to God.

Fourteen new missionaries were added to our force, the largest number by far in any single year since the war began. There were, however, almost this many lost in resignation, retirement and by death.

It is most encouraging to note that the number of professions of faith in the fields, including Africa, North Brazil, and Mexico, exceeded four thousand, which represents a considerable advance over the number for the previous year.

Another encouraging development is the sharp rise in the gifts made by the native Christians for maintenance of the work. The inflationary tendencies probably explains in part this increase. But an increase in the sense of stewardship seems to have been the major cause.

Contributions of our church to Foreign Missions during the year amounted to $878,829. This is an increase of $127,767. The Foreign Mission budget approved by the Assembly on which the Committee has been operating during the year 1944-1945 was $847,-738. It is thus seen that the budget has been oversubscribed.

While our Foreign Mission work has shown healthy growth during the year, the most conspicuous gain has been in the general expansion and improvement of equipment in the several fields. During the past three years it is likely that our progress in this respect has been greater than for any similar period of our Foreign history. A total of $340,000 has been raised in those three years for more adequate buildings and equipment for the various phases of our work in Africa, Brazil and Mexico. In particular, there has been a great strengthening of our educational institutions in providing more dormitories, classroom buildings, and other essential structures. Of special interest has been the expansion of our training centers for ministers and lay workers thus setting us in readiness for a broader program of leadership training.

Something in excess of $350,000 has been raised for our Far Eastern Reoccupation Fund approved by our Assembly in its plan in raising a $1,000,000 in preparation for the re-opening of our Far Eastern work.

The church will be interested in knowing that the plan for inaugurating a joint Presbyterian work in Portugal has been ratified by all of the cooperating bodies: The Presbyterian Church of Brazil, the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., and the Presbyterian Church U. S. It remains for a few minor details to be worked out, after which we hope the beginning of the work can take place without delay.

The greatest need today is for new missionaries. There is an immediate need for sixty new missionaries in Africa; forty-three in Brazil and eleven in Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Humphreys Armistead, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Evangelism would like to report that it stressed Evangelism at our Winter meeting of Presbytery and urged the Churches of Presbytery to hold special meetings leading up to the Easter season and to stress Evangelism in all Church organizations especially the Sunday School.

We did not make a report of this committee at our Spring meeting and we do not even now know how successful were individual church efforts along the line of Evangelism. The Statistical reports of the churches at the end of the last Church year indicate the number of those received into the church upon profession of faith. The total number reported was 178 as against 167 for the year previous. Of the churches reporting 8 reported no professions of faith during the entire church year.

We would call attention to the fact that Evangelism is becoming more and more the burden of our General Assembly. In many Presbyteries Sunday School enrollment is falling off and the General Assembly has become alarmed over this condition. Are there no children to save—or are we becoming negligent in our duty?

Personal Evangelism must be used more and more if we are to justify our existence and glorify our Lord. We must not wait for Easter to come—nor for the war to be over. We must not content ourselves by saying there are yet four months and then cometh

the harvest. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white even now to the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

Following the report on Evangelism the Rev. H. B. Dendy and the Rev. R. E. McClure spoke on the need for Evangelism in the local church, Mr. McClure calling particular attention to the need for greatly increased activity if we are to do our proportionate part of winning the 50,000 set by our General Assembly as our goal for this church year.

SABBATH AND FAMILY RELIGION

The Rev. E. A. Johnson read the report for the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion. The report was adopted and is as follows. The committee feels that the work of this important activity must be done at the level of the individual church, therefore it urges the pastors to encourage the development of family worship within the congregation and recommends to the members of Presbytery the careful reading of the report of the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath.

At this point the Rev. J. C. Plexico spoke of the great need for financial assistance for improvements at our Mountain Orphanage and urged all churches to concern themselves in raising the amount needed at this time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary.

The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Records of Session.

The report was read by the Rev. R. F. Brown, the Chairman. It was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee has examined the Sessional records of the Dillingham Church and finds no errors in the record.

The following churches failed to send their sessional records to this meeting of Presbytery although the Spring meeting ordered them to present their records to the July meeting for examination: Andrews, Brittain Cove, Bryson City, Etowah, Hayesville, Highlands, Ivy Park, Montreat, Morrison, Murphy, Red Oak, Robbinsville, Sylva, and White Oak.

We recommend that Presbytery order these records submitted to the Fall meeting of Presbytery for examination or present a reasonable excuse for their failure.

4. Minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. W. H. Wakefield reported that his committee had examined the Printed minutes of Presbytery and found them in good order. There appears nothing to be brought to attention of Presbytery. The report was adopted.

5. Minutes of Synod.

The Rev. S. R. Crockett reported that he had examined the minutes of Synod and found nothing to be brought to the attention of Presbytery.

6. Nominations.

Your committee on nominations recommends that Mr. Walter Styles be placed on the permanent committee of Foreign Missions when he is ordained and that Mr. J. B. Davidson be placed on the committee on Woman's Work when ordained. The report was submitted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham the chairman, and it was adopted.

7. Resolutions.

The Rev. R. E. McClure read the report of the committee on Resolutions which was submitted by the Rev. J. H. Gruver. The report was adpoted and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville meeting at the Brittain Cove Church desires to record its thanks to Almighty God for the blessings attending this meeting, for the fine messages from the candidates who were licensed, for the genial hospitality of the pastor host, the Rev. H. B. Dendy, and to his fellow-worker, Mr. Charles Ludeking, and especially for the "before the war" dinner so graciously served by the ladies of the community.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Dr. R. C. Anderson extended an invitation for Presbytery to hold its Fall meeting at Montreat. The invitation was accepted. Presbytery will meet at Montreat on the second Tuesday in October, the day being the 9th of the month.

The Rev. J. C. Plexico extended an invitation for Presbytery to hold its Winter meeting in the West Asheville Church, the time being the second Tuesday in January, 1946. The invitation was accepted.

The minutes of Presbytery were read by the Stated Clerk and adopted by the Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in regular Stated Session at Montreat on Tuesday, October 9th, 1945, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The meeting was closed with the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*
D. R. FREEMAN, *Moderator.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1927 Spring	Franklin	Rev. F. M. Eversole
Fall	Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928 Spring	Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. E. A. Johnson, Brevard, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Montreat, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, O. E. Starnes, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Irving Bingham. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1946: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947; Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. J. J. Stone.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman; J. B. Davidson. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948; Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

October 9, 1945.

The Presbytery of Asheville joined with the students of Montreat College for Chapel exercises at ten o'clock in the morning in Gaither Hall at Montreat, N. C. Dr. R. C. Anderson extended a welcome to the Presbytery and presented the Rev. R. E. McClure who led the devotional speaking briefly on the subject—The Philosophy of Life. At the conclusion of the devotional Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. D. R. Freeman and constituted with prayer. Following the singing of a hymn the moderator preached on the subject—"The Voice of the Prophet," using as a text Amos 3:8, "The Lion hath roared, who can but tremble, the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy."

Following the preaching of the sermon Presbytery engaged in the observance of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper. The service was conducted by Dr. R. C. Anderson and the Rev. Walter H. Styles.

The Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, C. R. McCubbins, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, Walter H. Styles, L. T. Wilds, and M. R. Williamson (20).

The following Churches were represented by ruling elders whose names appear in connection with each church represented:

Asheville First, Walter Abernathy; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; West Asheville, A. C. Choate; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Brittain Cove, W. P. Roberts; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Etowah, J. M. Gash; Hazelwood, W. B. Winchester; Hendersonville, J. F. Goodman; Montreat, Crosby Adams; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, R. H. Gibson; Weaverville, R. T. Reid (14).

The Rev. T. H. Spence, curator of the Montreat Historical Foundation and a member of Concord Presbytery

together with the Rev. D. O. McInnes also a member of Concord Presbytery, were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The Rev. E. A. Johnson was nominated and unanimously elected as moderator of the Presbytery and the Rev. W. H. Armistead was elected Temporary Clerk.

The report of the program committee was presented by Dr. R. C. Anderson which was that Presbytery follow the prepared docket recessing at one o'clock for lunch which would be served in the dining room of Assembly Inn.

Written excuses for non-attendance at Presbytery were presented by the clerk in behalf of the Rev. K. J. Foreman, Chaplain L. N. Edmunds, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger and the Rev. D. W. Richardson. Oral excuses were presented in behalf of the Rev. R. F. Brown, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield, and the Rev. C. B. Ratchford. The excuses were accepted. A motion prevailed that the Clerk write Chaplain Edmunds thanking him for submitting a report of his activities to Presbytery.

The Clerk read a letter received from Ruling Elder F. A. Bailey with regard to the matter of dismissing members to other churches. The letter was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Clerk stated that he had sent greetings of Asheville Presbytery to the Presbytery of Orange upon the occasion of their recent celebration of their 175th anniversary.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Appalachia with reference to a plan for self-entertainment of Synod was referred to the Stewardship Committee with the request that they report on the matter at this meeting of Presbytery if possible.

A letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Concord to the Presbytery of Asheville for the Rev. D. O. McInnes was read. A motion prevailed that Presbytery proceed with the examination with the view of receiving him into the Presbytery. The examination on experimental religion was conducted by the moderator and was sustained as satisfactory. Dr. R. F. Campbell conducted the examination on his Theological views which was sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Church government was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Plexico and sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. D. O. McInnes was then by vote of the Presbytery received into the Presbytery upon his signing the ex animo statement.

The Clerk called attention to reports of Commissions which had been placed in his hands with reference to the installation services for the Rev. C. R. McCubbins, the Rev. Walter H. Styles, and the Rev. J. B. Davidson. These reports were ordered admitted to record.

INSTALLATION OF REV. C. R. BcCUBBINS

The Commission to install Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D., as pastor of the Franklin Church met at Franklin prior to the evening service on April 29th, and was called to order and opened with prayer by the Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure.

Acting under the motion made at Presbytery, naming one minister and one ruling elder as a quorum of the Commission, Mr. McClure and Ruling Elder J. J. Gray formally organized for the work assigned.

Rev. George Bellingrath, Ph. D., Superintendent of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, was present, and preached the installation sermon by special request.

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and the congregation, and duly declared Dr. McCubbins installed pastor of this church, in accordance with the Book of Church Order.

The Commission was adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

R. E. McClure,
Chairman and Clerk.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION LICENTIATE W. H. STYLES

The Commission to ordain and install Licentiate Walter H. Styles as pastor of the Black Mountain Church met prior to the evening service at 7:45 Sunday, July 22nd, and was called to order and opened with prayer by the Chairman, Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D. Present were Dr. Dendy, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. W. H. Armistead, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray; together with alternates Rev. D. R. Freeman and Ruling Elder J. C. Rice. Mr. McClure was appointed secretary of the Commission.

In accordance with the instruction of the Presbytery, the call for the pastoral services of Mr. Styles was presented to the Commission, and found in order. It was placed in the hands of Mr. Styles, and he indicated his acceptance of same.

The installation service was conducted by the Chairman, Dr. Dendy, who preached the sermon, propounded the constitutional questions, and offered the ordination prayer.

The charge to the minister was delivered by Mr. McMurray, and to the congregation by Mr. McClure.

Dr. Dendy formally and officially pronounced Licentiate Walter H. Styles to have been regularly ordained and installed as pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a benediction pronounced by Dr. Dendy.

R. E. McClure,
Secretary of the Commission.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION LICENTIATE J. B. DAVIDSON

The Commission met at the Highlands Presbyterian Church, Highlands, N. C., on Sunday, August 5, 1945. At 11:00 A. M. the Commission was called to order and constituted with prayer by Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman. Those present were: Ministers: R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, E. A. Johnson; Ruling Elder, J. H. Davidson of the Swannanoa Church. Rev. E. A. Johnson was elected clerk.

The sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Painter from the passage, Heb. 2:1-11, after which Rev. R. E. McClure instructed the congregation in the purpose and nature of the service. The constitutional questions were asked by the chairman of the licentiate and the congregation. When the questions had been answered in the affirmative Jack B. Davidson was ordained to the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands and the pastoral relationship with the Highlands Church was established.

The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. E. A. Johnson from II Tim. 4:2. Mr. J. H. Davidson charged the congregation speaking from I Cor. 1:10.

After the singing of a hymn the service was concluded and the commission adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

E. A. Johnson, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS

The Rev. R. E. McClure gave a verbal report of the condition of the Home Mission field in Asheville Presbytery emphasizing the fact that some of our vacant churches

have been recently supplied with pastors and stressing the need for the Home Mission Emergency Fund.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. W. H. Styles, and A. C. Choate.

Judiciary—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. R. E. McClure, and E. E. White.

Records of Session—Rev. J. C. Plexico, J. M. Gash, and H. E. Lamb.

Minutes of General Assembly—Rev. S. R. Crockett.

Nominations—Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. L. T. Wilds, and C. D. Richmond.

Resolutions—Rev. J. H. Gruver and R. T. Reid.

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for lunch and reconvened at 2:15 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:15 o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The report on Bible Cause was presented by the Rev. P. N. Gresham. His report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE

We give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of His Word to needy souls, and for crowning the work of the American Bible Society during the past year with great success. Six major developments have marked the year:

1. The largest total distribution in the history of the Society, 12,403,541 Bible, Testaments, and Portions, and a circulation of whole Bibles, 825,857 larger by 65 per cent than any previous year.

2. A new record in the supply of Scriptures to the men and women of the armed forces notable especially for the large number of

whole Bibles; 258,536 Bibles, 1,549,657 Testaments, 922,472 Gospels and other portions. The total of Scriptures furnished during the period of the war has been 330,671 Bibles, 5,117,129 Testaments, and 1,704,460 Gospels making a grand total of 7,152,260.

3. A new record in circulation in Latin America: distributing 133,816 Bibles, 233,760 Testaments, 3,247,444 Gospels, a total of 3,615,020. The nearest records in previous years were: 74,649 Bibles in 1939; 296,880 Testaments in 1930; 1,759,102 Gospels in 1943; 1,895,468 total Scriptures in 1943.

4. A new record in support by living donors who gave as individuals, as local churches, denominations, and auxiliaries, $600,947 to the regular work, and $423,010 to the War Emergency Fund, a total of more than a million dollars. In spite of the fine increase the War Emergency Fund was overspent nearly $300,000.

5. The Nation-wide Bible Reading between Thanksgiving and Christmas: mentioned by the President of the United States in his Thanksgiving Proclamation, this reading sponsored by a body of distinguished citizens and initiated and financed by the Society, required some 14,000,000 of the folders listing the readings—evidence of the most widespread contact with multitudes of people the Society has ever had.

6. The launching of the great Emergency and Post-war Rehabilitation Fund campaign: for $2,962,000 to continue the service to the armed forces and prisoners of war and especially to meet the great needs of the countries liberated, and to be liberated, which have been without supplies of Scriptures during the war years.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the Presbytery approve the work of the American Bible Society, and encourage it to continue its work of fostering the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

2. That Presbytery urge each church to observe Universal Bible Sunday, December 2, 1945.

3. That the Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overture the General Assembly to fix the date of Universal Bible Sunday in agreement with the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL N. GRESHAM, *Chairman.*

The Commission on the Minister and His Work presented its report through the Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman. He recommended that the call to the Canton Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. O. McInnes be placed in his hands. Upon the acknowledgment of the acceptance of the call by the Rev. Mr. McInnes Presbytery

appointed the following Commission to install him: The Rev. R. E. McClure, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, the Rev. R. C. Anderson and Ruling Elders Howell Adams and R. L. Prevost. The date of installation to be fixed by the church and the Commission.

At this point the Rev. R. T. L. Liston, President of King College, was presented to the Presbytery. He spoke briefly and encouragingly of the work of King College. Following his presentation of the work of King College the Rev. C. Grier Davis spoke on the King College Endowment Fund Campaign calling attention to gifts already made and urging all churches in the Presbytery to participate in this Fund as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The Rev. T. A. Painter presented the report for the Committee on Stewardship which was adopted as presented with the exception of three changes in the percentage table on Assembly's causes. The report with the revised tables of percentages is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Statistical and Promotional

Complying with a request of the Assembly's Stewardship Committee that the presbyteries study their rating on the basis of per capita giving in the tables supplied by the Committe, we call your attention to the following facts:

Asheville Presbytery stands 37th among all the presbyteries in total gifts, with a per capita rating of $32.79; second among the presbyteries of the Synod of Appalachia.

In gifts for benevolences, Asheville stands 43rd among the presbyteries of the Assembly; 3rd in the Synod, with a per capita rating of $9.02.

Asheville Presbytery's per capita rating in total gifts was slightly above the average for the General Assembly ($32.10); and slightly below in benevolences (Assembly $9.74).

Presbytery's report to the General Assembly, 1945, shows an increase in total benevolent gifts of $12,362 over the previous year; an increase in gifts to Assembly's causes of $5,197 over the previous year.

The General Assembly and the Synod of Appalachia ask for a very substantial increase in benevolences for the church year 1946-47.

In view of these increased askings, we would call attention to the following excerpts from the report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Stewardship:

"That the Assembly call upon all its churches to join in thanksgiving to God for the increased gifts to the benevolent causes during the past year.

"That our people be urged to pray that God may increasingly pour out upon our people the spirit of liberality.

"That Stewardship Committes in synods and presbyteries be urged to lead in the increased effort to bring our Church up to the Scriptural standard of giving.

"That the General Assembly reaffirm its deep conviction that, in view of the urgency of our world task and God's gracious provision for our spiritual and material needs, each of our members should express his love to Christ and his devotion to the Kingdom of God by a sacred consecration of at least one-tenth of his income to the Christian enterprise.

"That our people be urged to formulate their standards of giving by the teachings of God's Word, their giving reflecting the sincerity of their love to Christ, and not a sense of the necessity of raising a church budget."

In keeping with the burden of these quotations, we recommend:

1. That the Presbytery participate in the United Stewardship Enlistment Year, 1946-47, and that the program be launched in the churches in June, 1946.

2. That, if at all practicable, Stewardship Committees be set up in local churches and charged with the responsibility of promoting Stewardship in the congregation with particular emphasis upon a period of Stewardship study, using as a text "When Love Dictates the Tithe" (Rev. James M. Blackwood, D. D.) and other materials recommended by the Secretary of Stewardship, Dr. J. G. Patton, Jr.

3. That the Presbytery endorse the Assembly's recommendation that the annual report of Presbytery's Committees on Stewardship be prepared and distributed as promotional literature by the presbyteries.

4. That the total budget for the Presbytery for 1946-1947 be $40,000, divided among the causes as follows:

ASSEMBLY CAUSES		
Foreign Missions	25.5%	
Home Missions	12.5	
C. E. and M. R.	5.5	
Rel. Ed. and Publication	2.0	
Ass. Training School	1.0	
Bible Cause	.5	
Defense Servcie Council	1.0	
War Relief, Evangelism, Radio	2.0	50.0%
SYNOD CAUSES		
King College	4.5	
Student Work	1.0	
Religious Education	1.5	
Stonewall Jackson	2.2	
PRESBYTERY CAUSES		
Home Missions	22.5	
Mountain Orphanage	12.5	
Montreat College	4.5	
Union Seminary	.6	
Louisville Seminary	.3	
Religious Education	.4	50.0%

5. That the askings of each church be fixed at 20% over the accepted askings of 1945-46; or an amount equal to the approximate gifts of the church in 1944-45, plus 10%, which ever be the larger sum.

6. That each church be notified through the pastor and the treasurer of the amount assigned to said church, together with the reasons for the substantial increase.

7. That each church be given until January 1, 1946, to indicate its acceptance of these askings, and that final action be taken by Asheville Presbytery at the mid-winter meeting, in the light of the replies received from the churches.

8. That the final figure for each church be published in the Minutes of the January meeting.

The Committee on Stewardship also reported on the matter of the plan for self-entertainment of Synod and recommended that the plan be approved with the understanding that it be not put into operation until April 1st following final adoption by Synod.

Presbytery accepted the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee. The proposed plan is as follows:

PROPOSED PLAN for self entertainment of Appalachia Synod, considered again by Synod in its 1945 meeting, and again referred to the constituent presbyteries:

1. That Synod pay to the entertaining church the amount of $4.00 per capita for the commissioners in attendance; 75% of the

estimated total to be remitted by Synod's Treasurer to the church ten days before Synod convenes, and the balance to be paid before Synod adjourns. . .

A slightly larger amount per capita—say $5.00—probably would enable Synod to meet in a town or city and use the church there for its sessions, but pay its own way entirely in the hotels or boarding-houses of the community.

2. That Synod pay traveling expenses of the representatives as follows: First, those who travel by train or bus to be allowed the actual cost of such transportation; Second, those who travel by automobile to be allowed travel expense on the following basis—One man, two cents per mile; Two men, three cents per mile; Three men, four cents per mile; Four, Five or more men, five cents per mile; Third, it is to be understood that travel expenses shall ordinarily be paid only to those representatives who attend all the sessions of Synod.

3. That Synod set up a committee composed of one member from each presbytery, whose duty it shall be to receive, consider and approve (or disapprove) the travel expense accounts of the representatives before sending such accounts to the Treasurer for payment.

4. The Synod bear expense, in connection with its meetings, for members of only those presbyteries whose per capita assessments have been paid as they fell due.

5. That, in order to put the plan into operation, Synod ask the several presbyteries for an increase in their remittance of 3½ cents per capita, more or less, of their membership.

The following overture was ordered by Presbytery sent to the next meeting of the Synod of Appalachia.

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the Synod of Appalachia to consider the advisability of changing the date of meeting of Synod.

At this point the Rev. R. E. McClure spoke concerning the work being carried on at our Mountain Orphanage requesting that the sum of $25,000.00 be fixed by Presbytery as the amount of askings for the Orphanage this coming Thanksgiving season. The request was granted by action of Presbytery.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson spoke briefly about the plan of Visitation Evangelism adopted by our General

Assembly and stressed at the recent meeting of the Synod. He called attention to the plan of conducting throughout the Assembly meetings for preachers and laymen under the direction of Dr. H. H. Thompson and urged that our Presbytery take advantage of these meetings. The Rev. C. Grier Davis then announced plans for conducting such a meeting in the First Church, Asheville to be held each evening during the week of October 14th. A motion prevailed that the Churches of the Presbytery be urged to take advantage of this series of meetings on Visitation Evangelism.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no matters had been placed in its hands.

The Rev. R. E. McClure reported for the Judiciary Committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Judicial Business acknowledges the letter from Mr. Frank A. Bailey, addressed to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

We recommend:

That the attention of the churches of Asheville Presbytery be called to the requirement of the Book of Church Order that acknowledgments shall be sent to all churches when individuals are received by letter;

That Mr. Bailey be advised that the popular procedure with reference to counting the names of those who have been dismissed is that all names of persons for whom church letters have been issued shall not be counted as members of that church from which they have been dismissed, unless it is definitely known that they have not placed their church letter in some other congregation.

REV. R. F. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

The Rev. J. C. Plexico reporting for the Committee on Sessional Records stated that there had been placed in the hands of the committee for examination the sessional records of the Brittain Cove, Etowah, and Morrison Churches and recommended that the records be approved. The report was adopted.

The Rev. S. R. Crockett reported that he had examined the Minutes of the General Assembly and that he found no matters to be called to the attention of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk called attention to a number of typographical errors in the 1945 Minutes of General Assembly and placed in the hands of ministers present copies of printed corrections furnished by the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

NOMINATIONS

The Rev. C. Grier Davis made the following report for the Committee on Nominations requesting that O. E. Starnes be elected in the place of Oren Lancaster on the Executive Committee of Home Missions; that on the Commission of the Minister and His Work that the Rev. J. M. McChesney and R. E. Burton be reelected to succeed themselves for a three year term; that Rev. Walter H. Styles be added to the committee on Foreign Missions and that Rev. J. B. Davidson be added to the committee on Women's Work. He recommended further that J. J. Stone be elected to succeed T. D. Morrison, deceased, as a trustee of Presbytery. The report of the committee was adopted.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

After considerable discussion with reference to a Moderator presiding over two Stated meetings of Presbytery which is not in conformity with the Book of Church Order a motion prevailed that we hold in the future four Stated meetings of Presbytery as at present but that we elect a Moderator at each Stated Meeting and that at two meetings a year (Winter and Summer) the retiring moderator preach a doctrinal sermon on a subject assigned him by the Presbytery.

In keeping with the above motion the nominating committee requested that the doctrinal subject for the Winter meeting be—"The Church in the Post-war World." The subject by action of Presbytery was then assigned the moderator to be used at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville meeting with the Montreat Presbyterian Church on October 9th, 1945, desires to record its thanks to Almighty God for His blessings attending this meeting; for the sermon of the retiring moderator, for the message from the Rev. R. E. McClure, for the music of the Montreat Choir, for the hospitality of Dr. Anderson and the Montreat management—especially for the dinner.

J. H. Gruver and R. T. Reid.

The report was adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

An invitation was extended the Presbytery to hold its next Stated meeting in the Canton Church. The invitation was accepted. The next Stated Meeting will be held the second Tuesday in January—the date being January 8th, 1946, and the hour 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of Presbytery which were adopted after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. R. F. Campbell.

E. A. Johnson, *Moderator.*
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
Fall	—Andrews	Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg
1928 Spring	—Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson

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Canton, North Carolina

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. R. F. Brown, Asheville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, O. E. Starnes, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1946: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton. Term expires Fall 1946; Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947; Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. J. J. Stone.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman; J. B. Davidson. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1946: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

January 8, 1946.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Presbyterian Church of Canton, N. C. for its Stated Winter meeting on Tuesday, January 8th, 1946, at ten o'clock in the morning. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. E. A. Johnson, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter. After the singing of a hymn the moderator preached the doctrinal sermon on the theme "The Church In The Post-War World" using as his text:—Luke 4:18-19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Following the preaching of the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. D. O. McInnes and the Rev. M. R. Williamson.

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. D. Bedinger, R. F. Brown, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Kenneth J. Foreman, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, D. O. McInnes, Walter H. Styles, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (19).

On the roll call of churches the following ruling elders were present representing the churches:

Asheville First, Walter Abernethy; Kenilworth, Charles D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, C. W. Dixon; West Asheville, John Z. Russell; Black Mountain, William Griffin; Canton, Thomas Furness; Highlands, Sidney McCartney; Hendersonville, H. G. Love; Murphy, J. B. Gray; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, J. C. Rose; Weaverville, R. T. Reed (13).

At this point it was reported that Ruling Elder Crosby Adams was critically ill at Montreat and Presbytery paused while the moderator led in prayer for Mr. Adams.

The Rev. Milton P. Reid was introduced to Presbytery from the Presbytery of Holston and invited to sit as a

visiting brother. It was stated that Mr. Reid had accepted a call to the Bryson City Church and that he was serving the church pending his reception into the Presbytery of Asheville.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Upon nomination the Rev. R. F. Brown was elected Moderator of the Presbytery and the Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. D. O. McInnes. The report was that the docket be followed and that the Presbytery recess at noon for committee meetings to be followed by lunch at 12:30 o'clock, Presbytery reconvening at 1:30.

Written and oral excuses were presented in behalf of the following brethren for non-attendance at this meeting of Presbytery: S. R. Crockett, C. B. Ratchford, C. Grier Davis, and Ruling Elder Crosby Adams. It was reported that Rev. J. B. Davidson and his Ruling Elder from Highlands had been delayed en route but would be present during the course of the day. The Rev. H. B. Dendy requested permission to be excused after the morning session in order to attend a funeral. A motion prevailed that these excuses and requests be accepted and granted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk called attention to a letter addressed to the Presbytery from the Rev. John Scott Johnson of Augusta Presbytery. The communication was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Rev. P. N. Gresham requested that Presbytery appoint a Commission for the purpose of organizing the Arden Presbyterian Church—the organization to take place on Sunday, March 31st. The request was granted and the following commission appointed: Rev. P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. H. B. Dendy and Ruling Elders E. C. Dickenson, C. D. Richmond, and J. Z. Russell. The quorum for the commission was fixed at two ministers and one Ruling Elder and the time set March 31st, 1946, at 3:00 o'clock in the

afternoon.

The Rev. J. Clyde Plexico requested that a letter of transfer be granted his son, J. Clyde Plexico, Jr., a candidate for the gospel ministry under care of Asheville Presbytery to the Presbytery of East Alabama. Mr. Plexico stated that his son would soon graduate from Columbia Theological Seminary and that he had accepted the call of a Church in East Alabama Presbytery. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk instructed to issue the letter of transfer and to write a letter in behalf of the Presbytery commending Mr. Plexico for the fine record he has made in his preparation for the gospel ministry.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery at the proper time proceed to examine the Rev. Milton P. Reid and that pending the reception of his letter of transfer from Holston Presbytery a commission be appointed to install him as pastor of the Bryson City Church.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overture—E. A. Johnson, C. W. Dixon, J. C. Rose.
Judiciary—L. T. Wilds, R. E. McClure, O. L. Merchant.
Minutes of Synod—D. R. Freeman, William Griffin, H. G. Love.
Nominations—Clyde Plexico, Walter Abernethy, Charles D. Richmond.
Resolutions—R. D. Bedinger, John Z. Russell, Thomas Furness.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

The report of the Commission appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to install the Rev. D. O. McInnes, pastor of the Canton Church, was read and ordered admitted to record. The report is as follows:

Your Commission composed of Rev. R. E. McClure, Dr. R. C. Anderson, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and Ruling Elder Howell Adams herewith report the completion of their assigned duties. The Commission met in the Canton Church, Sunday morning, November fourth. It was organized with prayer and was concluded with the benediction following the installation service. Rev. R. E. McClure,

Chairman, presided and propounded the constitutional questions to the Rev. Donald O. McInnes and to the congregation of the Canton Church. Dr. R. C. Anderson preached the sermon. Ruling Elder Howell Adams gave the charge to the minister and the Rev. H. V. Lofquist gave the charge to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) H. V. Lorquist,
Secretary of the Commission.

The Stated Clerk requested that a special committee appointed at the Spring meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of studying further the matter of Presbyterial assessment be requested to report at this meeting. The request was granted.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was presented by the Rev. R. E. McClure. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Education reports to Asheville Presbytery as follows:

Under the sponsorship of your committee, two very successful Young People's Conferences were held at Montreat during the summer of 1945. It was necessary to have the Seniors in June, and the Pioneers in July, with a registration of 66 Young People in attendance upon the Senior Conference, with 15 adult leaders, and 123 in the Pioneer Conference, with 17 adult leaders. In connection with the Senior Conference, there were 21 who indicated a willingness to enter full-time Christian service, and in connection with the Pioneer Conference, there were 16 who indicated their intention of uniting with the Church upon profession or faith at the arliest opportunity.

We are happy to report 16 Vacation Bible Schools held during the summer, with a total of 883 pupils, and 100 teachers, making a grand total of 988. It is possible that this list is not compete (see January issue of *Our Mountain Work* for details). We urge a report from any church that is not included in this list.

We report to Presbytery a successful meeting held on December 11th, in the interests of Sunday School Superintendents. Action taken at this meeting requested your committee to arrange for subsequent gatherings. The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery was asked to associate a number of Sunday School Superintendents with him and arrange for such a meeting in the early fall.

The attention of the Presbytery is called to the fact that we have

31 churches in the Presbytery, with a total membership of 5,625. There are only 28 Sunday Schools reported in the Assembly's Minutes. 4 of these are outpost Sunday Schools. The following churches do not have Sunday Schools, according to the Minutes of the General Assembly as printed: Bethel, White Oak, Morrison, Hayesville, Highlands, Robbinsville and Sylva. We recognize an error with reference to the Highlands Church, and the fact that a Sunday School has subsequently been established at Morrison.

The Religoius Education Committee recommends that Rev. Walter H. Styles be named Dean of the Senior Conference, and Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson be named Dean of the Pioneer Conference, to be held simultaneously at Montreat from June 10th-15th, 1946.

The committee is making plans for a Men's Supper Conference, to be held in the near future, under the leadership of a committee composed of Mr. Walter Abernethy as Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure, and Rev. J. C. Plexico.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D.

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a verbal statement regarding the work of the Commission on the Minister and His Work followed by a statement regarding Our Mountain Work.

Presbytery recessed until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. W. H. Armistead.

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer for the Rev. T. G. Tate from the Presbytery of St. Johns to the Presbytery of Asheville. The letter was accepted and a motion prevailed to proceed with the examination of the Rev. Mr. Tate together with that of the Rev. Milton P. Reid.

The examinations on experimental religion were conducted by the Moderator and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on Views in Theology were conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on the Sacraments were conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on Church Government were conducted by the Moderator and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations in the whole were sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. T. G. Tate was received into the Presbytery upon his signing the ex animo statement.

The call of the Murphy Church was then placed in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Tate stipulating that he was to receive from the Murphy Church the sum of $810.00 per annum, this amount to be supplemented by the Home Mission Committee making the total salary $2,000.00 per annum with 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Minister's Annuity Fund. The call was accepted and the following commission appointed to install him pastor of the Murphy Church: R. E. McClure, Chairman; C. R. McCubbins, J. B. Davidson, M. R. Williamson, Alternate, Ruling Elder L. B. Nichols, T. C. Gray, Alternate. The date of the installation and assignment of parts was left with the commission.

Upon receipt of the letter of transfer from Holston Presbytery for the Rev. Milton P. Reid the following commission was authorized to install him pastor of the Bryson City Church: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman; Rev. C. R. McCubbins, Rev. T. G. Tate, with Rev. M. R. Williamson as alternate, and Ruling Elder J. B. Gray, with L. B. Nichols as alternate. A quorum was fixed at two ministers and one Ruling Elder and the time and assignment of parts left with the commission.

Dr. R. C. Anderson spoke to the Presbytery concerning the loss of the Alba Hotel at Montreat by fire during the Christmas holidays. He called attention to the personal losses sustained by the girls who were rooming in the Alba and expressed the hope that the people in our Churches would aid the girls in replacing their personal losses. He called attention to the need for replacing the Alba with a permanent structure in keeping with the other buildings built within recent years at Montreat.

At the conclusion of Dr. Anderson's remarks a motion prevailed that the Executive Secretary send an appeal to the Auxiliaries of our Churches for funds to be used in helping replace personal losses sustained by the girls at Montreat due to the burning of the Alba.

At this point Dr. R. D. Bedinger was invited to address the Presbytery regarding his work as Director of the Negro Work for the Assembly. Dr. Bedinger spoke interestingly of his work calling attention to some of the difficulties confronting this work and pleading for a more sympathetic understanding of our work among the negroes.

At the conclusion of his address, Dr. Bedinger stated that it was his intention to move his residence from Asheville to Jackson, Miss. in order to be located more nearly in the center of his work. He requested, therefore, that a letter of transfer be granted him from the Presbytery of Asheville to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi. His request was granted and the Stated Clerk instructed to issue the letter of transfer and to express to Dr. Bedinger our regrets on his leaving the Presbytery and our best wishes for his continued success in his present field of labor.

Dr. James M. Carr, Regional Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia, was presented to the Presbytery and spoke on the subject of Religious Education.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The Rev. W. H. Armistead gave an interesting report on Foreign Missions calling special attention to some facts and figures issued by our Executive Committee on Foreign Missions. His report was received at information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

The Judiciary Committee reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report of the committee was adopted and is as follows:

In response to the request of the Rev. John Scott Johnson of Augusta Presbytery, we recommend that our answer to him be—

First, that we agree with him that this is a matter for the General Assembly and not Asheville Presbytery; and Second, that it is our opinion that his complaint has been satisfactorily answered by the

member of Asheville Presbytery concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, Chairman.

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Plexico. The committee recommended Edward G. Roberts be elected a member of the Committee of Religious Education replacing Irving Bingham. The report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. R. D. Bedinger. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville records its hearty thanks to the pastor, officers and members of the Canton Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality. Further, it expresses to the ladies of the Church its warm appreciation of the lovely meal served by them.

R. D. BEDINGER, Chairman.

The Rev. R. E. McClure reported for the Committee which had been previously appointed for the purpose of studying the matter of Presbyterial assessments. The committee recommended that in view of the fact that present Presbyterial assessments would not provide sufficient funds to enable the treasurer of Presbytery to meet all obligations within the current Church year that the Stated Clerk be authorized to secure on a pro rata basis $300 from the churches of the Presbytery over and above their present tax in order to meet all obligations by March 31st. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a statement for the Committee on Stewardship calling attention to several changes which had been requested by churches regarding their benevolent askings for the year 1946-1947. The schedule of askings was adopted and is as follows:

In accordance with the action of the Presbytery in October, adjustments were allowed in certain Benevolent Askings for 1946-1947 and the following amounts adopted for each of the churches:

Andrews	$ 288.00
Asheville First	17,160,00
Bethel	365.00
Black Mountain	1,560.00
Brevard	1,140.00

Brittain's Cove	70.00
Bryson City	540.00
Canton	800.00
Dilingham	180.00
Etowah	200.00
Franklin	445.00
Hayesville	80.00
Hazelwood	135.00
Hendersonville	6,500.00
Highlands	136.00
Ivy Park	50.00
Kenilworth	600.00
Malvern Hills	120.00
Mills River	300.00
Montreat	2,200.00
Morrison	55.00
Murphy	150.00
Oak Forest	420.00
Red Oak	40.00
Robbinsville	75.00
Swannanoa	1,440.00
Sylva	30.00
Waynesville	765.00
Weaverville	1,275.00
West Asheville	1,275.00
White Oak	30.00

PLACE OF MEETING

The Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Highlands Church to hold its next Stated meeting in Highlands. Presbytery will, therefore, hold its Stated Spring meeting in the Highlands Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, April 23rd, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The Stated Clerk read the minutes which were approved, and Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

R. F. BROWN, *Moderator.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1928 Spring	Hendersonville	Elder S. L. Woodward
Fall	Weaverville	Rev. W. A. Murray
1929 Spring	Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown

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Highlands, North Carolina

April 23, 1946

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. W. H. Armistead.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Bank Bldg., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, O. E. Starnes, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery. The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1946: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947; Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, E. A. Johnson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Minister: J. H. Gruver, Chairman; J. B. Davidson. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. A. Johnson, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: W. H. Wakefield, Chairman; R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. R. F. Campbell, Rev. T. A. Painter.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ASHEVILLE

April 23, 1946.

The Presbytery of Asheville met for its Stated Spring meeting in the Highlands Presbyterian Church on Tuesday morning, April 23, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock. The Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the moderator, the Rev. R. F. Brown after the singing of the Doxology.

The Scripture lesson for the worship service was read by the Rev. J. B. Davidson after which prayer was offered by the Rev. W. H. Wakefield. The sermon was preached by the moderator on the theme—"Spiritual growth as an orderly process," using as a text Mark 4:28. The sermon was followed by a brief prayer.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The communion service was conducted by the Rev. T. G. Tate and the Rev. Milton P. Reid. The ministers were assisted by the following ruling Elders: R. L. Prevost, J. T. Bailey, J. H. Flanagan, and E. H. Brumley.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Kenneth J. Foreman, Sr., D. R. Freeman, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnes, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, M. P. Reid, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (21).

On the roll call of Churches the following ruling Elders were present:

George H. Wright, Asheville First; C. M. Sawyer, Kenilworth; Frank Foster, West Asheville; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; Paul Baker, Brevard-Davidson-River; W. P. Robbins, Brittain Cove; J. T. Bailey, Canton; H. J. Nicholson, Etowah; J. S. Gray, Franklin; J. H. Flanagan, Hendersonville; J. J. Gray, Morrison; E. H. Brumley, Murphy; George Horton, Oak Forest; W. L. Patton, Swannanoa; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; and R. T. Reid, Weaverville (16).

SAFETY FILM

Dr. Watson Fairley and Chaplain J. C. Time were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The following were nominated for moderator: Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Rev. D. C. McInnes, and ruling Elder J. T. Bailey. The Rev. Mr. Armistead was elected. Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected as temporary clerk.

The Rev. J. B. Davidson, host pastor, presented the report for the program committee which was that the docket be followed and the time for lunch be fixed at one o'clock.

At this point a motion prevailed to hear Mrs. Preston Thomas, President of Asheville Presbyterial. She addressed the Presbytery on the work of the women in the Presbytery and at the conclusion of her address her report was received and the appreciation of the Presbytery expressed by a rising vote.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following ministers and ruling Elders were elected as Commissioners to the General Assembly to convene at Montreat on May 23rd. Ministers, Principals, D. R. Freeman and L. T. Wilds; Alternates, C. G. Davis and Kenneth J. Foreman. Ruling Elders, Principals, George H. Wright and L. B. Nichols; Alternates, J. O. Williams and Sidney McCarty.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read the following communications: One from Dr. D. W. Richardson expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the meeting of Presbytery and asking to be excused; his request was granted. Verbal excuses were presented in behalf of C. B. Ratchford, R. C. Anderson, and P. N. Gresham. These brethren were excused.

One from the Rev. C. R. McCubbins requesting that the pastoral relation between himself and the Franklin

Church be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of St. Johns in order that he might accept work at Safety Harbor, Fla. These requests were granted. One from the Rev. Charles M. Robinson, Jr. requesting that he be granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Southwest Georgia in order that he might accept a call to Cairo, Georgia. This request was granted. One from the Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery, it being a letter of transfer for the Rev. J. C. Neville to the Presbytery of Asheville. This letter was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work. One from the Weaverville Presbyterian Church addressed to the Presbytery of Asheville, it being an overture. This was referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—George H. Wright, L. T. Wilds, and J. T. Bailey.
Records of Session—J. M. McChesney, W. L. Patton, W. H. Wakefield, R. L. Prevost, and M. P. Reid.
Nominations—D. R. Freeman, J. O. Williams, and J. S. Gray.
Minutes of Synod—H. B. Dendy, George Horton, and Frank Foster.
Judiciary—J. C. Plexico, C. M. Sawyer, and Paul Baker.
Resolutions—E. A. Johnson and R. L. Prevost.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:20 o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

The Presbytery heard reports of Commissions which had been appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery. These reports were ordered admitted to record and the Arden Church enrolled in the Presbytery. The reports follow:

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. T. G. TATE

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to install Rev. T. G. Tate as pastor at the Murphy Church met in the church at the time of the vesper services at five p.m., February 10, 1946.

Present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Ruling Elder L. T. Nichols, Principal, and Ruling Elder T. C. Gray, Alternate. By order of the Presbytery, one minister and one ruling elder were to constitute a quorum.

The meeting of the Commission was opened with prayer, and in the presence of the congregation a sermon was preached by the chairman, the constitutional questions propounded to Mr. Tate and the congregation, and satisfactorily answered by both.

Whereupon the chairman declared that Rev. T. G. Tate had been duly elected and installed pastor of the Murphy Church.

A brief charge was delivered to the congregation by Mr. Nichols and to the minister by Mr. Gray.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and benediction.

R. E. McClure, *Chairman,*
L. T. Nichols, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. MILTON P. REID, BRYSON CITY, N. C.

The Commission appointed by the Winter Meeting of Asheville Presbytery to install the Rev. Milton P. Reid pastor of the Bryson City Church met at the Church in Bryson City at 4:45 P.M., Sunday, March 17th, 1946.

The commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure and the following members were present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. T. G. Tate, Rev. M. R. Williamson, and Ruling Elder J. B. Gray. The Stated Clerk presented a letter of dismission for the Rev. Milton P. Reid from the Presbytery of Holston. The letter was found in order and Mr. Reid by vote of the commission was received into the Presbytery of Asheville.

The copy of the Call from the Bryson City Church was then placed in Mr. Reid's hands and he accepted the call.

Following this the Commission engaged in public worship with the congregation of the Bryson City Church at 5:00 o'clock. The Rev. R. E. McClure presided and propounded the constitutional questions. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. G. Tate on the text Romans 12:4-5 using as his theme Cooperation. The Charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. M. R. Williamson and the Charge to the Congregation by Ruling Elder J. B. Gray. The Rev. Mr. Reid was then installed pastor of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church agreeable to the word of God and according to the Book of Church Order.

The service was concluded with the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. Milton P. Reid.

Malcolm R. Williamson,
Secretary of The Commission.

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT ARDEN

The Commission of Asheville Presbytery to organize a church at Arden met in the Arden Chapel at three p.m., Sunday, March 31, 1946, and was opened with prayer by the chairman, Rev. P. N. Gresham. Other members of the commission present were Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. R. E. McClure, Ruling Elder C. D. Richmond, and Ruling Elder J. Z. Russell. Rev. R. E. McClure was named clerk of the commission.

A petition to be organized into a Presbyterian church, signed by fifty-six persons, was presented to the commission of the Presbytery, found in order, and upon motion, the commission proceeded with the organization of the church.

The following named persons were received by letter from the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church:

Miss Edna Branks
B. B. Brooks
Mrs. B. B. Brooks
Jack R. Brooks
James Blaine Brooks
Mrs. Nannie L. Brown
Mrs. Ella Mae Brown
Louis David Brown
Ella Ruth Brown
R. A. Case
Mrs. R. A. Case
William Lee Cox
Mrs. William Lee Cox
William Lee Cox, Jr.
Jasper F. Garren
Mrs. Annie Garren
Bennie Franklin Garren
Margaret Garren
Mrs. Mark Garren
Robert H. Guess
Mrs. Robert H. Guess
Robert Hubert Guess
W. E. Hawes
Mrs. W. E. Hawes
Betty Hawes Graham
Dr. S. M. Huntley
Mrs. S. M. Huntley
Stephen Huntley
J. O. Kiser
Mrs. J. O. Kiser
Mrs. Lawrence C. Lance
John Lance
Mary June Lance
Mrs. Effie Lance
Coline Lance
H. M. Lance, Jr.
Mrs. H. M. Lance, Jr.
Mrs. Grace Eve Mills
Mrs. Margaret McLain
William Nettles
Mrs. G. S. Rogers
Mrs. Virginia R. Conner
Mrs. Mildred Schreiber
Tommy Schreiber
Jimmy Schreiber
C. G. Worley
Mrs. C. G. Worley
Mrs. Ward Motte Legare
Motte Legare
T. D. Hunter
Mrs. T. D. Hunter
Robert Hunter
Randolph Weltz
Mrs. G. W. Wells
A. J. Francis
Mrs. A. J. Francis

Mr. M. J. Garren, Sr., was received by statement as a member of the Calvary Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Eva Sharpe was received upon statement of membership of the Baptist Church of Leaksville, N. C.

The chairman propounded the constitutional questions, and the individuals present assumed the necessary vows for the organization of a church.

The following were elected and installed as ruling elders: Dr. S. M. Huntley, B. B. Brooks, and C. G. Worley. W. E. Hawes was

elected and installed a deacon. A. J. Francis and William Nettles were elected deacons; neither of these being present, they were not installed.

By vote of the congregation, the name of the new organization is the Arden Presbyterian Church.

By vote of the congregation, it was ordered that the charter roll of membership be kept open until the day of ordination and installation of the pastor.

Rev. R. E. McClure was asked to preside in connection with the election of a minister. A call for the pastoral services of Paul F. Warren, a senior at Union Theological Seminary, was ordered placed in his hands, offering him a salary of one thousand dollars and 7½% payments to the Ministers' Annuity Fund in his behalf. It was explained to the congregation that the Kenilworth Church would pay Three Hundred Dollars of this amount through the treasurer of the Arden Church. The Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery will pay One Thousand Dollars directly to the minister.

There being no further business, the commission adjourned with prayer and the benediction of the chairman.

R. E. McClure, *Clerk.*

Attest:
Paul N. Gresham, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Chairman of the Committee on Sessional Records requested permission to make his report at this time so that time would be permitted to write in the exceptions sustained by Presbytery and have the books properly signed before adjournment of Presbytery. The permission was granted and the report as approved by Presbytery follows:

We recommend that the following books be approved without exception, Asheville First, Oak Forest, Mills River, Kenilworth, Brevard-Davidson River, Hendersonville, Black Mountain, Murphy, Weaverville, Swannanoa and Hayesville. That the following be approved with the following exceptions: Highlands, Names of Elders at Session meetings not recorded, No representatives appointed to Church Courts. Waynesville, Representatives to Presbytery did not report attendance, No financial report from the Board of Deacons. Etowah, Quarterly meetings not held, Records of members not kept, Minutes not submitted to Presbytery last year. Montreat, No record of report of representative to Presbytery, Sassional records for the years 1944 and 1945 not approved by Presbytery. Hazelwood, Names of two children omitted from record. Dillingham, Representatives not elected to Synod, Delegates to Presbytery did not report attendance. Bryson City, Quarterly meetings not held, Meetings not opened and closed with prayer, No representatives to Church courts appointed, No Statistical report recorded, Minutes not submitted to Presbytery last year. Franklin, Representative not appointed to Synod, Representative not appointed to Presbytery, No minutes of Congregational Meeting. Canton, Representative not appointed to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. McChesney, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Rev. C. Grier Davis. He reported that there has been placed in his hands a call from the Mills River and Etowah Churches for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. C. Neville and that he also had a letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg to the Presbytery of Asheville for Mr. Neville.

A motion prevailed that the Rev. J. C. Neville be received into the Presbytery of Asheville by letter from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg pending his passing a satisfactory examination. Mr. Neville was examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order and his examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The calls from the Mills River and the Etowah Churches were then placed in the hands of Mr. Neville who accepted them. The calls supplemented by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery provided a salary of $2,000 per annum, a manse and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The Rev. J. C. Neville was then received into the Presbytery of Asheville upon his signing the "ex animo" statement in the Presbytery's register of Ministers.

The Presbytery appointed the following Commission to install the Rev. J. C. Neville as pastor of the Mills River and Etowah Churches: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. D. R. Freeman, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, George H. Wright, and J. H. Flanagan. A quorum was fixed at one Minister and

one ruling Elder—the date and the assignment of parts was left with the commission.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

The request from the Brittain Cove Church that the Rev. H. B. Dendy be given permission to serve that church as Stated Supply for a period of six months was granted.

The request from the Brevard-Davidson River Church to increase their pastor's salary from $2,300 per annum to $2,600 was granted.

The request from the Home Mission Committee that the salary of the Executive Secretary of Presbytery be increased from $2,700 to $3,000 per annum was granted.

The request from the Asheville First Church that they be permitted to increase their pastor's salary from $6,000 per annum to $6,600 was granted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The report of the Executive Secretary was presented by the Rev. R. E. McClure and is as follows:

Your Executive Secretary reports in outline as follows:

He has travelled approximately 10,000 miles by train and bus in visiting vacant fields, seeking ministers, and in various other duties, together with approximately 2,500 miles by private car, making a total of 12,500 miles.

On an average of three Sundays out of each month some pulpit has been supplied, and frequent engagements have been filled during the week with Auxiliaries, Young People's gatherings, etc.

The expense account of $410.00 does not represent a normal figure, for the extensive travel by train and bus was at much less cost than the allowance for a car, in which two-thirds of this distance would have been made, had a new car been available.

The office expense, including $1,200 for a secretary, has amounted to approximately $2,700. Six hundred dollars of this was pro-rated from the Benevolent Contributions, and the balance divided equally between the cause of Presbytery's Home Missions and the Mountain Orphanage.

Twelve issues of *Our Mountain Work* have been published, with a minimum of 2,500-2,600 copies being mailed monthly to as many different families. The cost of the paper exceeded the $1,200 set in the budget by some $450, of which excess approximately $300

was met by advertisements from church and church related agencies.

Two Young People's Conferences were held at Montreat at a total cost to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committe of $342. Of this amount, $75 was paid by the Presbyterial Auxiliary. There were 129 pioneers and 66 seniors in attendance in addition to the adult leaders.

The effort to raise funds for the Robert F. Campbell Endowment Fund for King College was promoted by the office of the Executive Secretary. A total of over $5,000 has been collected in cash, and there is about $1,500 additional in unpaid pledges on file.

The annual Thanksgiving Offering for The Mountain Orphanage was promoted by the office, and resulted in total gifts of $13,000.

The Home Mission Emergency Fund was directed, with a result that the quota of the Presbytery was raised with a margin, for the fourth consecutive year. The Presbytery gave to this fund, $3,523.12.

Appropriations to the Presbytery from this fund include:

1. A return of $925, being the excess over the quota, and one-fourth of the contributions after deducting an allowance for general expenses and a share of a "normal" Self Denial Offering for Home Missions.

2. An appropriation to the Franklin Church of $1,100 for their Educational Building.

3. An appropriation to the purchase of a lot in North Asheville in the amount of $1,500.

This is a grand total of $3,525, or approximately the total amount contributed by the Presbytery.

In addition to the above, the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly shared in our current budget on the basis of $3,900, to be paid on the ratio of $1.25 for every $1.00 we contributed to that cause (except through the Home Mission Emergency Fund).

We collected all but approximately $200 of this total, and asked for a special appropriation of $500 (including this unused balance) for the educational building of the Murphy Church. This latter request was granted at the end of the year, when it was certain that funds would be available.

Contributions actually forwarded to this Committee amounted to $4,152 on the percentage distribution of the regular benevolent gifts.

The Committee has granted an appropriation of $5,000 for the new year, on the ratio of $1.25 to $1.00. This means that this Presbytery must contribute at least $4,000 to this cause, over and above the Home Mission Emergency Fund, to receive the appropriation.

A survey of the entire Presbytery reveals definite progress. Church membership has shown a net increase of at least 200. Additions on Profession in the churches were approximately 20% more than the year previous. Additions on certificate were approximately

50% greater. These are shown in a table in the April issue of *Our Mountain Work.*

As Benevolent Treasurer of the Presbytery, $61,828.56 was received, as shown in a table in the April issue of *Our Mountain Work.*

The books of the office are in the process of being audited by the office of Mr. Bowen Henderson, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. As soon as the audit is completed, a summary financial statement of Presbytery's Home Missions and the Mountain Orphanage will be furnished the Stated Clerk for inclusion in the minutes.

Financial statements were mailed to each church, through the individual in each church who remitted the church contributions to our office.

At the present time there are two vacant fields in the Presbytery.

Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D., has left Franklin due to his health. He has taken work in Safety Harbor, Florida. Dr. Joseph Hopper is supplying this field for a few weeks on a temporary basis.

During his stay at Franklin, Dr. McCubbins led the people to plan for an educational building, tentative plans for which have been drawn by Mr. Anthony Lord, of Asheville. Home Mission Emergency Fund has made an appropriation of $1,100 to this project. Dr. McCubbins also re-opened the work at Morrison. He has organized a Sunday School at that place, and conducted a Vacation Bible School there last summer.

The other vacant field is at Andrews and Robbinsville. The Executive Secretary is supplying these churches monthly. There is some possibility of participating in a union project at Fontana in connection with these churches.

Rev. T. G. Tate moved to Murphy in October. He has been leading these people aggressively. There has been an increase of over 25% in the membership of the Murphy Church at this time. The people are enthusiastic in plans for an educational building, and are talking in terms of being self-supporting in the matter of a few years.

Mr. Tate has been supplying Hayesville. He also has visited the union work at Hiawassee Dam, and begun regular preaching services at a point near Hayesville.

Rev. M. P. Reid moved to Bryson City in December. This work is growing. Mr. Reid also preaches at Sylva and visits the students on the campus of the Western Carolina Teacher's College at Cullowhee.

Rev. R. F. Brown continues his work at Malvern Hills. The Committee has purchased a lot for this congregation, considered to be an excellent location for a permanent church building. The present building was sold at a reasonable profit. The church paid a nominal rental on the present building, which went as interest on the investment funds of The Mountain Orphanage, after certain charges were paid on same.

The Mills River and Etowah Churches have called Rev. J. C. Neville, and he has moved into the Mills River Manse. He asked to be received at this meeting of the Presbytery. Prospects are excellent for this pastorate.

The outpost of the Kenilworth Church, at Arden, was organized with fifty-eight charter members on March 31, 1946. Paul F. Warren, senior at Union Theological Seminary, was called to this church and plans to accept the call shortly after graduation.

The report of the Commission to organize this congregation is being made at this meeting of the Presbytery, so that the church can be enrolled.

Rev. W. H. Wakefield continues his work at Dillingham and Ivy Park.

The work at Lakey Gap was for a while sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Committee and the Black Mountain Church, during the time that that congregation was without a pastor. Rev. J. H. Gruver supplied this outpost. The work has been turned back to the church.

The work at the Montreat Gate, under the name "Fellowship Chapel," is now under the Home Mission Committee, jointly with the Montreat Church. Rev. W. H. Armistead has been employed on a part-time salary as a supply for this point. A Sunday school enrollment of over 100 is reported and outlook for the work is extremely bright.

As Treasurer of the Mountain Orphanage, the Executive Secretary has given much time to this phase of the work. For some time practically all correspondence concerning applications for admission to the home has been handled through his office, together with a large part of the correspondence regarding securing matrons.

The great need of the institution is for Christian women of physical strength and dedication to undertake full-time permanent work at this home. Too much credit cannot be given to those who have served as matrons. Many, for varying reasons, have found that they were unable to remain permanently and the home and the children have suffered from this.

No minister of the Presbytery can render a finer service than that of accepting the personal responsibility for his share of the success of this home. This responsibility should be expressed in earnest prayer, practical and positive recommendation of capable and earnest Christian women who might be able to assume work as matrons.

The urgent need at the moment is for a matron in the kitchen and dining room. This matron takes a large share of the planning

and preparation of meals, and through this the training of the girls who assist in this work.

We wish to express our gratitude to God for the strength to continue the work, and to the excellent cooperation of members of the Presbytery.

In a work such as that asked of the Executive Secretary there will always be a vast amount of work left undone, that might have been done. An effort has been to attend to the most important, as those various responsibilities arose.

We wish to call attention to a vast amount of work done through the administrative office, in correspondence, promotion, and active business administration in connection with the work of the Presbytery and the handling of the trust funds of the Presbytery.

The audit for the year, now being made, will show extensive loans made on first mortgage real estate Deeds of Trust, the sale and purchase of property, and the use of undesignated trust funds to finance the extensive repairs at The Mountain Orphanage. All together these transactions will doubtless total well over $100,000 for the year.

By permission of the Presbytery, we file herewith a summary statement made to the Duke Endowment, covering the calendar year of 1945. After the audit is complete, we propose to furnish a statement of the present standing of the loan for permanent improvements, which will show that there still exists an indebtedness of from $10,000 to $12,000 on the extensive improvements made during the year.

For general information, it should be noted that these improvements include:

1. Approximately $4,000 addition to the laundry building in the new apartment and other improvements.

2. Approximately $4,000 addition to the main building in new closets, a new bath and extensive additions to the heating systems.

3. The remainder, roughly $17,000, was used in major repairs and replacements of windows, etc., to the main building and gymnasium.

Ministers receiving salary from the Home Mission Committee:

Rev. R. E. McClure (with allowance for manse),	$2,700
Rev. W. H. Wakefield	1,175
Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D.	860
Rev. J. H. Gruver	800
Rev. J. B. Davidson	1,220
Rev. T. G. Tate	628
Rev. M. P. Reid	226
Rev. W. H. Armistead	325
Rev. R. F. Brown	1,505

Minister receiving salary from the Mountain Orphanage:

Rev. D. R. Freeman (with manse)	1,800

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Mountain Orphanage

(As furnished Duke Foundation, 1945)

Income			
Contributions:			
Public Funds: State	$ 900.00		
County	224.26	1,124.25	
Organizations:			
Religious	14,730.67		
Duke Endowment	1,851.98	16,582.65	
Individual: Legacies	404.29		
Parents, Relatives	1,279.71		
Other	3,755.63	5,439.63	23,146.54
Investments:			
Special Funds	$ 1,776.15	$ 1,776.15	$ 1,776.15
Total Operationg Income			$24,922.69
Expense			
Administration:			
Salaries			$ 2,520.75
Insurance and Interest			553.21
Supplies and Expense			1,160.40
			4,234.36
Institutional Care of Children:			
Food: Purchases	4,618.17		
Donated	1,200.00		
Produced	2,688.84		8,507.01
Household Salaries			3,300.52
Supplies and Expenses			1,911.20
Clothing: Purchases	1,631.11		
Donated	500.00		2,131.11
Health			211.66
Recreation			47.29
			16,108.79
Plant Operation and Maintenance:			
Fuel, Light, Power, Ice and Water			1,569.80
Replacement and Repair			9,269.17
			10,838.97

Sub-total: Administration, Institutional Care of Children, Plant Operation ..		31,182.12
Institutional Education		99.31
Public Education		900.00
Total Cost of Operation		32,181.43
Surplus	(Deficit)	7,258.74
Total (same as total income above)		$24,922.69

REPORT OF STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

The Stated Clerk and Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31st. The report together with all treasurer's records and cancelled bank vouchers was placed in the hands of the Stewardship Committee for audit.

The Treasurer's Report is as follows:

Balance in Bank, April 1, 1945 .....$ 300.12

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES

Regular per Capita Tax

Andrews	$ 5.40
Asheville First	294.12
Asheville, Kenilworth	78.12
Asheville, West	92.34
Asheville, Malvern Hills	8.10
Brittain Cove	6.56
Bethel	
Black Mountain	42.12
Brevard-Davidson River	68.88
Bryson City	20.58
Canton	39.96
Dillingham	
Etowah	8.46
Franklin	15.84
Hayesville	
Hazelwood	16.26
Hendersonville	94.68
Highlands	14.58
Ivy Park	
Mills River	23.76
Montreat	56.12
Morrison	

Murphy	10.26	
Oak Forest	24.66	
Red Oak	2.56	
Robbinsville		
Swannanoa	33.30	
Sylva		
Waynesville	33.12	
		$ 989.78

(Of this amount $85.68 represents payments on accounts of previous year or old accounts)

Special Tax at 6 Cents Per Capita

Andrews	$ 1.80	
Asheville First	98.04	
Asheville, West	30.78	
Bryson City	3.66	
Canton	13.32	
Etowah	2.82	
Franklin	5.28	
Highlands	4.86	
Hazelwood	2.70	
Hendersonville	31.56	
Mills River	7.92	
Montreat	9.12	
Murphy	3.42	
Swannanoa	11.10	
Waynesville	11.04	
		$ 237.42
Grand Total		$1,527.32

There has been received since March 31st the following amount:

Regular Tax

Weaverville .....$ 48.42

Special Tax

Weaverville	16.44
Kenilworth	26.04
Black Mountain	14.04

DISBURSEMENTS

E. C. Scott, S. C.	$200.00
E. C. Scott, S. C. (balance Assembly tax)	291.04
Von Beekman Jones Co. (Statistical Reports)	8.50
The Inland Press (Spring Minutes)	69.59
M. R. Williamson (postage and supplies)	7.88

The Inland Press (Summer Minutes)	49.51	
The Inland Press (Fall Minutes)	47.06	
Fred S. McCorkle (Synod's tax)	112.50	
Presbyterian Committee of Publication (Statistical blanks)	4.15	
M. R. Williamson (salary)	150.00	
		$ 940.23
Bank Balance, March 31, 1946		$ 587.09

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON,
Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

The Stated Clerk also submitted for examination the Statistical Report which was received by Presbytery and ordered sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. A copy of the report is reproduced as an appendix to this copy of the Minutes of Presbytery.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

This report was adopted by Presbytery and George H. Wright and W. H. Armistead were named as the committee to report on this matter at the Summer meeting of Presbytery.

Your committee on Bills and Overtures reports that it had referred to it one overture from the Weaverville Presbyterian Church which reads as follows:

As to the overture we recommend that the same be referred to a committee of the Presbytery to fully consider and report on the matter of local church property and the power of higher church courts with respect thereto. The committee shall report to the Presbytery at its July meeting any action deemed by its appropriate to be taken by it in the premises.

G. H. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was presented by the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

1. Candidates for the Ministry.

Our Presbytery has 8 candidates for the ministry under its care. No financial aid from the church was asked by any of them during the last year.

Our Church has 488 candidates for the ministry, 9 young men and one young woman preparing to be medical missionaries. There have been 226 in the armed services, of whom 143 are still in the service, 8 have been dropped from the roll and 10 died in the service. Candidates for the ministry and other full time workers are greatly needed, and we should do everything possible to secure worthy young men and women for this service, praying the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

2. Ministerial Relief.

In our Presbytery we have 6 widows and 4 ministers receiving aid from this source. Last year they received an average of about $400 each.

Our church has 456 homes on the roll of Ministerial Relief—a decrease of 23 homes from the preceding year. Last year these homes received an average of about $355 each.

The "Joy Gift" at Christmas is still very necessary. By means of it a double check was sent each home in January and many emergencies were met.

3. Christian Educational Institutions.

Last year was a year of much and encouraging activity in strengthening these institutions. But some of them are still in a critical position for lack of funds.

Recommendations:

1. That the same amounts as last year be allotted to those of our Presbytery on Ministerial Relief, and as much more as possible, on account of the increased cost of living.

2. That we be diligent in interesting young men and women of our Churches in giving themselves to full time service in the Church.

3. That we seek to make the "Joy Gift" at Christmas of this year the largest we have ever given.

4. That we give our interest, prayers, and personal support to Christian Education of our Church which is fundamental to the work and very life of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman.*

WOMAN'S WORK

I beg leave to submit the following report for 1945-46:

For the first time in three years five group Conferences have been held. All Conferences carried out the theme: Evangelism through the Home, Church, Community and the World. Conferences were held at Weaverville, Oct. 11, 1945, attendance 67; at Montreat, Oct. 8, attendance 61; Bryson City, Oct. 30, attendance 33; Etowah, Oct. 13, attendance 33, and Canton, Oct. 18, attendance 35. Total attendance 229.

The membership of the Presbyterial Auxiliary is 2,168. There are 26 auxiliaries with 56 General Circles; 18 Business Women's Circles with a membership of 452, a gain of 3 Business Women's Circles and 33 members. Gifts to benevolences total $18,948.40; gifts to local church causes $4,501.31, total $23,444.29—an increase of $2,884 over last year. Gifts show $10.81 per capita. The auxiliaries have contributed $551.59 to the Historical Foundation at Montreat. The auxiliaries were 100% in contributions to the Birthday Gift which totaled $1,143.69, an increase of $115.44 over last year's gift which was the largest in the history of Presbyterial Auxiliary.

An auxiliary was organized at Arden Presbyterian Church with sixteen members on April 9, 1946. It was formed from a circle of Kenilworth Church after the Arden Presbyterian Church was organized.

The Business Women's Circles have done outstanding work. They have had interesting programs and have participated in all the activities of general circles; one circle gives scholarships to 2 negro students who are planning to do religious work. One circle set up an Advancement Committee which arranged a Leadership school and a Daily Vacation Bible School, conducted a church nursery and was instrumental in setting up a Church Council.

The auxiliaries report an increase in interest in Foreign Mission study using the study book, Cross Over Africa. The majority of the auxiliaries observed the Foreign Mission study season and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

$64.00 has been sent for White Cross work to Dr. Nettie Grier at Montreat for instruments to be used in the clinic.

There was the usual number of subscriptions to Church Papers. A loss in number of Day by Days was reported.

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions was observed by a majority of the auxiliaries. Twenty auxiliaries reported an Emergency Fund offering of $941.75. Readers of "These Moving Times" were 386.

Sixteen auxiliaries promoted the study of Christian witnessing. Auxiliaries contributed to Bible in schools. One auxiliary member teaches Bible weekly in grammar grades. The auxiliaries have

actively participated in the Religious Education program of the Church; sending Young People to Conferences; working in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, in outpost Sunday Schools; have given 5 College scholarships to Young People and 4 scholarships to negro students.

The Mountain Orphanage has been supported by clothing children, donating linen, special gifts on birthdays and holidays and in Thanksgiving Offering. Donations have been made for girls who were at Alba Hotel at time of the fire.

Auxiliary members have visited County Homes, Prison Camps, Sanitariums, have kept in touch with servicemen and assisted returning service men and women. Day by Day has been given to Presbyterian patients in one sanitarium; have contributed to Florence Calloway Scholarship. Boxes of clothing, food and Christmas gifts have been sent overseas.

All auxiliaries contributed to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief through the budget; all contributed to the Joy Gift. The work done by our auxiliaries at home, in schools and colleges has been excellent. The auxiliary members are asked to pray earnestly that more of our young people be led to become candidates for the ministry and for mission service.

There is a need for reports to be sent in promptly by the local officers. The work is being done but it is not being reported. Correct reports cannot be made by Presbyterial officers if local auxiliary reports are not received. We need more personal workers groups, more Christian Witnesses, inspired to do the Lord's work.

The President wishes to express her heart-felt thanks and appreciation to her loyal corps of officers and workers during her term of office and asks that the same loyalty and service be given her successor.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. PRESTON THOMAS.

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands for consideration.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported that it found no matters in the Minutes which required action of Presbytery other than those we had already acted upon.

The Committe on Nominations recommends that the Rev. C. G. Davis be re-elected as a Trustee to Davidson College for a three year term. The recommendation was adopted.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Committee reports that it has examined and found correct the accounts of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer to March 31, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

The report of the Stewardship Committee was adopted.

At this point the Rev. R. E. McClure made a statement to the effect that two young women would be available in the Presbytery to assist in conducting Daily Vacation Church Schools.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

An invitation to hold the Stated Summer Meeting at the Mountain Orphanage was extended the Presbytery by the Superintendent, D. R. Freeman. The invitation was accepted.

The Presbytery also accepted an invitation from the Kenilworth Church to hold its Fall Meeting with them.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned to meet the Tuesday after the second Sunday in July—the date being July 16, 1946.

The Apostolic benediction was given by the Moderator.

W. H. ARMISTEAD, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

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STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1946.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Profession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Number of Outposts or Chapels	BENEVOLENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTED: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Rel. Edu and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Other Assembly Benevolences	Synod's Home Missions	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Other Synod and Presby. Benevolence	Congregational Missions	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total Benevolent Contributions	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Other Funds Contributed: Building Expense
2. Presbytery of Asheville.																															
J. P. Anderson, H. R	Bristol, Tenn																														
R. C. Anderson, Pres	Montreat, N. C																												325		
W. H. Armistead, P.H.M	Montreat, N. C																														
R. F. Brown, P	Asheville, N. C	Malvern Hills†	3	3	12	3	59	10		74		34	54	7	3	1	1		1	29	11	42	1				184	495	1505	531	
J. W. Caldwell, H. R	Atlanta, Ga																											2100			
R. F. Campbell, P. Em	Asheville, N. C	First																													
W. P. Chedester	Montreat, N. C																														
S. R. Crockett, P	Hazelwood, N. C	Hazelwood*†	3	3	3	2	50	3	2	71		41	28	21	2	1	1	77	1		11	22	1	55		168	429	980		529	294
" P	Woodrow, N. C	Bethel	3	4			35					54	36	15	7	1	1	20	2	48	22	50	2				260	425		59	
" P	Cove Creek, N. C	White Oak	1				13																						1220		
J. B. Davidson, P	Highlands, N. C	Highlands	5				81																								
C. Grier Davis, P	Asheville, N. C	First*†	34	30	38	100	1600	20	24	1219		4153	3767	1144	452	86	72	1481	143	9559	4359	3616	141			1872	30845	6000		24700	13483
H. B. Dendy, P., Ed	Weaverville, N. C	Weaverville*	5	9	18	4	284	16	2	151		375	210	170	26	6	5	147	11	146	155	265	27			221	1764	2400		2973	700
" P	Alexander, N. C	Red Oak					15			30																				37	
" S. S	Weaverville, N. C	Brittain Cove	3				41			48		10		19				8			10						47	55		155	
L. N. Edmunds, Chap	U. S. N. R																														
Kenneth J. Foreman, Prof	Davidson, N. C																												1800		
D. R. Freeman, Supt	Black Mountain, N. C																														
P. N. Gresham, P	Asheville, N. C	Kenilworth*†	15	24	22	22	408	9	3	287	1	230	167	104	54	4	4	35	6	509	317	257	62		152	120	2021	2760		3458	3261
J. H. Gruver	Black Mountain, N. C																												800		
E. A. Johnson, P	Brevard, N. C	Brevard-Davidson River*†	10	14	10	18	238	2	7	130		122	133	62	23	6	5		10	253	105	202	10			25	966	2300		1655	2338
H. V. Loftquist, Chap	Asheville, N. C																														
J. M. McCheeney	Asheville, N. C., R. 3																														
" P	Candler, N. C., R. 2	Oak Forest*†	6	6	13	2	148	12		165		92	54	28	11	2	2	30	3	82	1064	50	15			70	1503	2400		793	476
R. E. McClure, P. Ex. S	Asheville, N. C																												2700		
D. O. McInnis, P	Canton, N. C	Canton*†	6	10	4	5	212	3		182		380	211	130	57	6	5	19	9	202	116	212	9		45	52	1453	2506		2919	2150
J. C. Neville, P. E	Horse Shoe, N. C	Mills River*	3	9			126			19		91	56	23	12	5	7		4	125	39	87	4				453	398		179	
" P. E	Etowah, N. C	Etowah	4	2		2	49			30		35	32	14	5	2	2		2	35	23	64	2				216	175		25	
T. A. Painter, P	Swannanoa, N. C	Swannanoa*†	7	8	5	1	185	1	2	111		543	324	149	45	20	6	134	12	253	1289	393	12			274	3454	2200		2032	153
J. C. Plexico, P	Asheville, N. C	West Asheville*†	15	23	17	32	549	14	5	448		482	223	101	30	6	5	121	11	1183	289	385	11		117	19	2983	2964		5534	1452
C. B. Ratchford, H. R	Hendersonville, N. C																														
Milton P. Reid, P	Bryson City, N. C	Bryson City*	3	3	3	12	79		1	97		64	46	36	2			12	1	499	8	124	1			10	803	713	226	633	
" P	Sylva, N. C	Sylva	2				16																								
Donald W. Richardson, Prof	Richmond, Va																														
Charles M. Robinson, In trans	Cairo, Ga																														
J. C. Shive, H. R	Asheville, N. C																														
Walter H. Styles, P	Black Mountain, N. C	Black Mountain*†	7	9	19	17	254	13	1	166	1	395	272	97	46	8	12	131	13	610	203	450	13			6	2256	2090		1973	301
T. G. Tate, P	Murphy, N. C	Murphy*†	3	4	1	15	76		1	53		52	61	33	1			18	1	112	16	61	1		100	11	467	373	628	857	
" P	Hayesville, N. C	Hayesville†	2				22			15	1	26	19	9	1			6	1	19	7		50	1		40	179			58	
W. H. Wakefield, P	Barnardsville, N. C	Dillingham*	4	3		1	117			113		8	14	5	7	1			1	37	17	20	1				111	650	1175	82	52
" P	Democrat, N. C	Ivy Park	1			1	19			24		2	6	1						22	4	3					38	160		13	
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn																														
L. T. Wilds, P	Hendersonville, N. C	Hendersonville*†	14	16	10	41	570	5	4	300		2181	1190	579	396	33	27	451	54	3016	596	1655	54			26	10258	3105		3123	1800
Donald E. Williams, Chap	U. S. N. R																														
Malcolm R. Williamson, P., S.C.	Waynesville, N. C	Waynesville*†	5	15	4	22	196		4	109		188	127	43	6	2	1	2	9	215	26	132	2				753	2700		2209	1320
—36	Andrews, N. C	Andrews*	2	1	1		28	1				59	33	20	9	1	1		2	71	317	133	2				648	123		211	476
(T. H. Spence, Jr., T. S.)	Montreat, N. C	Montreat*	2	3	18	7	164	15		564	1	1391	707	191	102	19	11	364	18	636	532	625	18		851	411	5876	1380		1630	729
	Robbinsonville, N. C	Robbinsville, V	2	2			28																								
Candidates—8	Franklin, N. C	Franklin, V.*†	3	6	1	4	87	1	2	51		126	133	43	41	2	2	26	4	117	41	92	4			15	646	1140	860	776	
	Franklin, N. C., R. 2	Morrison†	1		2		27	1		37		5	5	7						5						3	25	82		37	
		—31	174	207	201	311	5775	126	58	4494	4	11139	7910	3051	1238	212	170	3062	319	17783	9577	8940	443	56	1265	3343	68628	40674		57200	28965

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1929	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. L. T. Wilds
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall —Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead

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July 16, 1946

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. H. V. Lofquist. Asheville, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.

Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.

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Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES
STATED SUMMER MEETING

July 16th, 1946.

The Presbytery of Asheville met for its regular Stated Summer Meeting at the Mountain Orphanage on Tuesday, July 16, 1946 at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the moderator, the Rev. W. H. Armistead. The moderator preached to the Presbytery on the subject "The Lost Christ" basing his message on the fifth chapter of the Gospel of John.

The Communion service was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Dendy and the Rev. Hoyt Evans.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Presbytery and the following ministers were found to be present:

W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, K. J. Foreman, D. R. Freeman, J. H. Gruver, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, D. W. Richardson, M. P. Reid, D. O. McInnes, J. C. Neville, W. H. Styles, J. C. Shive, T. G. Tate, W. H. Wakefield, and Malcolm R. Williamson (23).

On the roll call of churches the following ruling elders were present:

A. C. McCall, Asheville First; C. D. Richmond, Kenilworth; E. G. Roberts, West Asheville; W. P. Whitesides, Bethel; J. M. Stout, Black Mountain; W. P. Barnes, Canton; John Bulgin, Etowah; Oren Lancaster, Hendersonville; Hugh Lamb, Oak Forest; Roy W. Alexander, Swannanoa; R. H. Gibson, Waynesville; and B. H. Evans, Weaverville (12).

The Rev. J. C. Lime and the Rev. James M. Carr were introduced as visiting brethren and invited to sit with the Presbytery.

Written and oral excuses were presented in behalf of the following ministers who were unable to attend the meeting: R. F. Campbell, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, and L. T. Wilds. These brethren were excused and special prayer was offered in behalf of those who were ill or had illness in their families. The prayer was led by the Rev. J. H. Gruver.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. H. V. Lofquist was nominated and elected as Moderator and the Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. J. C. Shive stated that he was away from the Presbytery a great deal of his time and requested permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for the next six months. The request was granted.

The program committee presented its report through the Rev. Ralph Freeman, the host minister and Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage. The report, which was that the docket be followed with the lunch hour fixed at 12:15 and that upon reconvening at 1:30 the Presbytery hear the Orphanage Choir under the direction of Miss Constance Coty King, was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*, W. H. Armistead and A. C. McCall.
2. *Judiciary*, J. B. Davidson and Roy Alexander.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery*, T. G. Tate, Oren Lancaster, and John Bulgin.
4. *Nominations*, H. B. Dendy and W. P. Barnes.
5. *Resolutions*, E. A. Johnson and W. P. Chedester.

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

The Stated Clerk read the unprinted minutes of the called meeting of Asheville Presbytery held at Weaverville on July 7th, 1946. The minutes were approved and ordered admitted to record. The minutes of the meeting follow:

The Presbytery of Asheville met for an adjourned meeting in the Weaverville Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, July 7, 1946, at 4:00 o'clock. The meeting of Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Armistead.

A most helpful worship service was conducted by the pastor and congregation of the Weaverville Church. The Scripture lesson

was read by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, after which prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The sermon was preached by candidate Hoyt Evans on the theme of "Spiritual Gifts." The sermon was a part of the requirements for ordination. Mr. Evans used as a text I Cor. 12:7.

The Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected temporary clerk of the meeting of Presbytery.

The Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following were present: W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, H. B. Dendy, D. R. Freeman, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, W. H. Styles, and W. H. Wakefield (12).

On the roll call of churches the following ruling Elders were present; J. O. Williams, Black Mountain; John Bulgin, Franklin; W. L. Patton, Swannanoa; and R. E. Burton, Weaverville (4).

Presbytery proceeded to the examination for ordination of candidate Hoyt Evans. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Armistead. A motion prevailed that the examination be sustained as satisfactory.

Dr. R. F. Campbell conducted the examination on Theology which was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on the Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. R. E. McClure. The examination was accepted as satisfactory.

The Rev. J. C. Plexico conducted a thorough examination on Church Government which was sustained satisfactory.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter. The examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy reported for the Rev. L. T. Wilds that the thesis, exegesis, and lecture had been prepared by Mr. Evans and were found to be in order. Presbytery accepted the report.

A motion was made and duly passed that the examination as a whole be sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. R. E. McClure reported for the Commission on the Minister and His Work. Mr. McClure stated that the call for the pastoral services of Mr. Evans, as extended by the Franklin Church, was in proper form, and promised Mr. Evans a salary of $1,276 per year, with a manse and payment of 7½% of same to the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

Mr. McClure moved that the call be found in order and placed in Mr. Evans' hands. It was so ordered.

Mr. Evans indicated his willingness to accept the call.

Mr. McClure made the supplementary statement that the Home Mission Committee had agreed to pay Mr. Evans the sum of $724 per year together with payment of 7½% of same to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, making a total of $2,000 per year with manse and Ministers' Annuity Fund payments.

Upon motion, duly carried, Mr. Evans was instructed to name a commission to install him at Franklin, the time and parts to be left to the commission, with the understanding that any two ministers and one ruling Elder should constitute a quorum.

Mr. Evans named the following cimmission: Ministers—Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. H. B. Dendy, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Davidson; Elders—E. G. Roberts and B. H. Evans, Sr.

A motion prevailed that Ruling Elders E. G. Roberts and B. H. Evans, Sr.—Cousin and Father of the candidate—be given the honor of laying hands on candidate Hoyt Evans.

The constitutional questions were propounded by the Moderator. The ordination of Hoyt Evans was concluded by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery and prayer by the Moderator.

A motion was duly carried that the Rev. Hoyt Evans be granted the opportunity to pronounce the Apostolic benediction with which Presbytery was closed.

W. H. Styles, *Temporary Clerk.*

A motion prevailed that the Rev. Hoyt Evans who had been ordained to the gospel ministry be enrolled a member of Presbytery upon his signing the "Ex Animo" statement. The statement was signed by the Rev. Mr. Evans and he was enrolled.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery the following Communications:

1. A request from the Rev. J. H. Gruver that he be retired from the active ministry effective as May 4th, 1946. The request was granted.

2. A request from Chaplain Donald E. Williams that Presbytery endorse his application to the Foreign Mission Committee for Foreign Mission Service. The request was granted.

3. A Communication from Chaplain L. N. Edmunds giving to Presbytery a report of his activities as a Chaplain in the Navy. The Stated Clerk was requested to write an acknowledgment of the communication to Chaplain Edmunds and that the report be sent to the Historical Foundation at Montreat.

Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 o'clock and was delighted with a brief program of vocal numbers given by the Mountain Orphanage Choir directed by Miss Constance Coty King.

ORDINATION SERVICE

The Stated Clerk presented a letter of dismission of Candidate Paul Warren from Charleston Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery. Upon motion Mr. Warren was received as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry into Asheville Presbytery.

At this point Mr. Warren preached to Presbytery using as a subject "The Basis of True Greatness." The sermon was a part of the examination for ordination to the gospel ministry. At the conclusion of the sermon Presbytery proceeded to examine Candidate Warren. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator. The examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory with the suggestion that Mr. Warren by private study deepen his knowledge of Theology.

The examination on the Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson and sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Brown and sustained as satisfactory.

Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman reported that he had carefully examined a thesis written by Mr. Warren and recommended that Presbytery accept the thesis as satisfactory. The recommendation was adopted.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by Dr. K. J. Foreman and sustained as satisfactory.

Inasmuch as Mr. Warren was to be ordained under the "extraordinary clause" Presbytery voted to omit the

paper on exegesis and the popular lecture from the examination.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery accept his certificate of graduation from Union Theological Seminary in lieu of further examination, and that his diploma from Davidson College be accepted in lieu of an examination in academic studies.

The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory, whereupon the Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary, stated that a call for the pastoral services of Mr. Warren from the Arden Church was in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work; that the call was in proper form promising to Mr. Warren the sum of $1,000 per annum and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund, this amount to be supplemented by a like amount from the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery.

Candidate Paul Warren was then ordained to the gospel ministry by answering in the affirmation the constitutional questions propounded by the moderator, the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and prayer which was led by the Rev. D. W. Richardson.

The call of the Arden Church was placed in his hands. The call was accepted and the following Commission appointed to install him pastor of the Arden Church: Ministers, R. E. McClure, P. N. Gresham, J. C. Neville, and R. F. Brown; Ruling Elders, C. D. Richmond and J. L. Walters. The date of the installation was to be fixed by the Commission.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

1. The Stated Clerk read the reports of the Commissions appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to install the Rev. J. C. Neville, pastor of the Mills River and Etowah Churches. The reports were received, the action of the Commission with reference to the installation at Etowah validated, and both reports admitted to record. The reports follow:

The Commission appointed to install Rev. J. C. Neville at the Etowah Presbyterain Church met at eleven a.m. Sunday, June 16th. Present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. D. R. Freeman, Clerk. The Commission was opened with prayer, and it was noted that there was not a quorum present due to the absence of a ruling elder, ruling elders George H. Wright and G. M. Flanagan being unable to attend.

The meeting having originally been planned for June 2nd, and postponed because neither of the elders were able to attend, and the congregation having assembled at the appointed hour, the chairman presided, propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and the concregation, and delivered a brief charge to each. Rev. D. R. Freeman preached the sermon, and the commission was adjourned with prayer.

R. E. McClure, *Chairman.*
D. R. Freeman, *Clerk.*

The Commission respectfully requests Asheville Presbytery to validate the irregular action taken as recorded above, on the following grounds:

It is recorded in the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1901 that under given circumstances a commission met to ordain a minister, and found that they did not have a quorum. They proposed the situation to the 1901 General Assembly, and the General Assembly replied that while the procedure was irregular, nevertheless the ordination should be declared valid when the action of the commission had been approved by the Presbytery in question.

In view of the fact that a postponement to a subsequent date would work a hardship on the congregation, we respectfully request the Presbytery to endorse this action, and to declare their approval of the installation of Mr. Neville at the Etowah Church.

The Commission appointed to install Rev. J. C. Neville at Mills River met at the church on May 5th at eight p.m., and was convened with prayer by the chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure. Mr. George H. Wright was named clerk. Other members present were Rev. H. V. Lofquist and Rev. D. R. Freeman, former pastor of this congregation.

Rev. Mr. Freeman preached the installation sermon and the chairman propounded the questions required by the Book of Church Order to both minister and people. Mr. Wright delivered a charge to the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Lofquist to the minister.

The chairman then declared that Rev. Mr. Neville was duly elected and installed as pastor of the Church, and the meeting was closed by the benediction pronounced by the pastor.

R. E. McClure, *Chairman.*
George H. Wright, *Clerk.*

2. The Rev. D. R. Freeman reported his attendance as a Commissioner from Asheville Presbytery to the meeting of the General Assembly. A motion prevailed that his report be accepted and that he be commended for his parsimony.

The Stated Clerk was requested to write the other three Commissioners who were not present and request that they make a report of their attendance in writing or in person to the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a verbal report for the Executive Committee of Religious Education and submitted the following written report on the Young People's Conference held at Montreat in June. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Religious Education Committee reports as follows regarding the Young People's Conference:

Two hundred and thirty-four Young People from twenty-four churches, led by thirty-five workers, conducted the 1946 Y. P. Conference at Montreat from June 10th to 15th.

Outstanding features of the conferences included vesper services, which were conducted each evening under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Hopper, D. D., missionary from Korea, and the closing consecration service at the end of this series. There were eleven professions of faith, and thirty-nine reconsecrations.

An appeal for commitment to full-time Christian service resulted in the signing of twenty-five cards, indicating three who intended to be ministers, nine for the foreign field, four for directors of Religious Education, and nine who did not designate a particular field of service.

The net cost of this conference to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was $344.08, less the offering of $66.30 from the Asheville Presbyterial, and a contribution of $10.00 from the Cooper Memorial Church of Marshall.

In addition to these amounts, the general fund of the Committee has absorbed the promotional expenses involved in publicity through *Our Mountain Work*, and cost of postage, telephone, etc.

R. E. McClure.

The Rev. R. E. McClure gave a verbal report in behalf of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Rev. W. H. Armistead reported that he had misplaced the material supplied him by the Foreign Mission Committee and that he had no report to make.

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its Chairman, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Evangelism is happy to report that according to our records for the past year there has been an increased emphasis on Evangelism as reflected in the Statistical report at the end of our Church year on March 31st. Our Churches reported 311 received on profession of Faith as compared to 256 the previous year.

Quite a number of our Churches have since our last report on this cause held a special series of meetings while most of them held pre-Easter services resulting in a number of professions.

We would remind all of our Churches that Evangelism is still the main task of the Church and that there needs to be a constant emphasis in the Sunday School, the preaching services, and all of the Church organizations to the end that there might be added to the Church daily such as should be saved.

We commend to all Churches the use of the services of Dr. H. H. Thompson, the General Assembly's Director of Evangelism, the use of such literature as is provided by the committee, and the organization where possible of personal workers groups that men might be saved.

Respectfully submitted,
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands and that they had no report.

The Committee on Minutes of Presbytery made the following report which was adopted:

We have examined the Minutes of Asheville Presbytery for Summer and Fall Meetings 1945 and Winter and Spring of 1946 and find them in good order and recommend that these copies be the official copies for the dates mentioned.

To this committee there was given for examination the Sessional Record of the Bethel Church. We recommend that the Book be approved with the following exceptions: 1. No meeting of Session

from February 18, 1946 until March 10, 1946. 2. The Book was not submitted to Presbytery at its Spring Meetings in 1946.

T. G. TATE, *Chairman*,
OREN W. LANCASTER,
JOHN BULGIN.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

1. That the name of D. O. McInnes be added to the Committee on Religious Education. 2. That the name of T. G. Tate be added to the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. 3. That the name of Hoyt Evans be added to the Committee on Bible Cause. 4. That the name of Paul Warren be added to the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion. 5. That the name of J. C. Neville be added to the Committee on Stewardship. 6. That the name of Milton P. Reid be added to the Defense Service Committee. 7. That the name of S. R. Crockett be added to the Committee on Evanglism. 8. That the names of the officers of the Men of the Presbytery, namely E. G. Roberts, President; Dr. L. N. Bell, Vice-President; and R. E. Burton, Secretary-Treasurer, be printed in the Directory of Presbytery.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted:

Whereas Asheville Presbytery has been most hospitably entertained by the Superintendent, Staff, and children of the Mountain Orphanage; therefore be it resolved that Asheville Presbytery express its hearty appreciation and extend its wishes for the continued service of this institution, and that special thanks be extended to those who prepared and served the midday meal.

E. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman*,
W. P. WHITESIDES.

A motion prevailed that the Stated Clerk write a letter to Miss Constance Coty King expressing the appreciation of the Presbytery for services as director of music at the Orphanage.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with the singing of the

Hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator.

The State Fall Meeting to be held by a previous acceptance of an invitation at the Kenilworth Church on Tuesday, October 15th, 1946, this being the Tuesday after the second Sunday in the month.

H. V. LOFQUIST, *Moderator*.
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk*.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1929 Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. J. A. Flanagan
1930 Spring	—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931 Spring	—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932 Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
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Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.

Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1948: Rev. R. C. Anderson.

North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

E. G. Roberts, President; Dr. L. N. Bell, Vice-President; R. E. Burton, Secretary-Treasurer.

CALLED MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY KING COLLEGE

September 18, 1946.

In pursuance of the following call:

The undersigned Ministers and Ruling Elders of Asheville Presbytery request the Synod of Appalachia t oorder a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to be held at the lunch hour at King College on Wednesday, September 18, 1946, to transact the following business:

1. To receive and examine candidates for the Gospel Ministry.
2. To act upon Asheville Presbytery's quota for the Home Mission Emergency Fund.

R. E. McClure, B. H. Evans,
T. G. Tate, Hoyt Evans.

the Synod of Appalachia ordered a meeting of Asheville Presbytery to be held at the luncheon period on Wednesday, September 18th, during the meeting of the Synod.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Walter H. Styles.

The following ministers were present:

R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, L. T. Wilds, E. A. Johnson, Hoyt Evans, H. B. Dendy, J. C. Neville, T. G. Tate, Walter H. Styles, H. V. Lofquist, R. C. Anderson, J. C. Plexico, and Malcolm R. Williamson. Ruling Elders present were W. H. McMurray, B. H. Evans, G. H. Ligon, E. G. Roberts, and J. O. Williams.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented to Presbytery Garland Price and Kay Moser Misenheimer with the recommendation that they be examined and received under the care of Presbytery as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

The Moderator examined the young men on their Christian Experience and their motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry.

A motion prevailed that they be received as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, after giving assent to the questions required in the Book of Church Order. A charge was delivered by the Rev. T. A. Painter and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

The Rev. R. E. McClure stated that Asheville Presbytery's goal for the Home Mission Emergency Fund had been fixed by Synod at $5,701.50 and requested that Presbytery approve this asking of Synod. The request was granted and the goal approved.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Moderator.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON,
Stated Clerk.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES
STATED FALL MEETING

October 15, 1946.

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Kenilworth Church for its Stated Fall meeting on October 15th, 1946, at ten o'clock in the morning. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

After reading a passage of Scripture from the fourth chapter of the Gospel of John the Moderator preached on the subject, "The Christian in Our World."

Following the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Brown and the Rev. J. C. Neville.

At the conclusion of the Communion service a memorial to Dr. J. W. Caldwell was read by Dr. R. C. Anderson. The memorial was adopted and Presbytery engaged in prayer led by Dr. R. F. Campbell. The memorial is as follows:

DR. JOHN WILLIAMSON CALDWELL

Rev. John Williamson Caldwell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, December 25, 1872.

His father was John Williamson Caldwell, and his mother, Mary Howe Palmer. His grandfather was Benjamin Morgan Palmer, one of the great preachers of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

He attended Tulane University 1886-92, graduating with degree of B. A., post graduate work at Tulane 1892-93. He attended Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, 1893-96, was licensed June 28, 1895, and was ordained June 28, 1896, by New Orleans Presbytery.

On February 14, 1901, he was married to Elvira Grattan Parker. They had two children, Mary Palmer, and Jack, who died in early manhood.

He served the following churches:

Carrollton Church, New Orleans, 1896-1919.

Westminster Church, Atlanta, 1919-1930.

Montreat Church, 1931-1943.

For several years he was program chairman and platform manager for the summer conferences in Montreat.

On account of failing health he retired in 1943, and spent the following three years with his daughter, Mrs. Robert McFarlane, in Atlanta.

On August 9, 1946, he was called to his heavenly home.

Dr. Caldwell inherited from his grandfather, Dr. Palmer, the gift of preaching, clear, forcible, and deeply spiritual. A Methodist woman who loved to hear Dr. Caldwell preach, said he always gave her some precious truth to take with her.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following answered present:

R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, K. J. Foreman, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, E. A. Johnson, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, M. P. Reid, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, Paul Warren, Donald E. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (28).

The roll of churches was called and the following Ruling Elders were found to be present:

C. A. Brown, Andrews; George Terry, Asheville First; John L. Walters, Kenilworth; H. B. Crawford, Black Mountain; S. W. Black, Bryson City; A. E. Henderson, Canton; H. J. Nicholson, Etowah; J. S. Gray, Franklin; L. C. Davis, Hazelwood; H. G. Love, Hendersonville; M. E. Lance, Mills River; L. N. Bell, Montreat; George Horton, Murphy; S. F. Davidson, Swannanoa; R. L. Prevost, Waynesville; B. H. Evans, Weaverville (16).

Dr. Robert King, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, and the Rev. O. F. Yates were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected as Moderator of the Presbytery and Rev. E. A. Johnson was elected Temporary Clerk.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Rev. P. N. Gresham which was that the docket of Presbytery be followed with the exception that the brethren to be received into Presbytery be received following the reading of the Communications and that recess for lunch be taken at 12:30 o'clock. The report was adopted. The unprinted Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read by the Stated Clerk: One from the Rev. L. N. Edmunds requesting that he be granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Norfolk. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk intructed to wire the action of Presbytery to him in Newport News, Va., where the Presbytery of Norfolk is in Session.

Written excuses for not attending this meeting of Presbytery were presented in behalf of Rev. J. H. Gruver, Rev. D. O. McInnes, and Rev. D. W. Richardson. A verbal excuse was presented in behalf of Rev. C. B. Ratchford. These excuses were accepted and the brethren excused. The Rev. J. H. Gruver was also granted as per his request permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for the next six months.

A letter from the Session of the Dillingham Church stating that in a regular called congregational meeting the Church had concurred with is pastor in his request to Presbytery that the pastoral relation be dissolved. The communication was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

An overture from the Waynesville Church requesting Presbytery to hold only two Stated Meetings of Presbytery per annum and two adjourned meetings was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Communications from George H. Wright and L. B. Nichols reporting their attendance as Commissioners to the last meeting of the General Assembly were read. Rev. L. T. Wilds also reported his attendance as a Commissioner.

These reports were received and the Commissioners commended for their diligence.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Rev. Robert King and the Rev. J. C. Lime were presented to Presbytery to be examined with a view to their reception into the Presbytery.

These brethren were examined on Experimental Religion by the Moderator. The examination was sustained as satisfactory.

Dr. R. F. Campbell conducted the examination on Theology. At the conclusion of which other members of Presbytery engaged in the examination.

The hour for the recess for lunch having arrived Presbytery arrested the examination and recessed to reconvene at 2:00 P. M.

Before taking recess the Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—K. J. Foreman, L. N. Bell, B. H. Evans.
Judiciary—L. T. Wilds, George Horton, S. F. Davidson.
Minutes of General Assembly—M. P. Reid, H. D. Crawford, M. E. Lance.
Nominations—J. M. McChesney, H. G. Love, S. W. Black.
Resolutions—T. G. Tate, R. L. Prevost, J. S. Gray.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and the examination of the Rev. J. C. Lime was concluded. The call to the Andrews Church was placed in his hands and accepted after the Presbytery had voted to accept him pending the receipt of his letter of transfer from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, U. S. A.

The call to the Andrews Church stipulated a salary of $600 per annum with free use of the manse and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund. The Executive Secretary stated that this salary would be supplemented by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery to make the total salary $2000.00 and that the Home Mission Committee would pay its proportionate part of the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The following Commission was appointed to install Rev. J. C. Lime pastor of the Andrews Church: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. T. G. Tate, Rev. Milton Reid, S. W. Black, and J. B. Gray. The date of installation to be set by the Commission after the receipt of the letter of transfer from the New Brunswick Presbytery.

The examination of Dr. Robert King continued on his views on Theology. After having given satisfactory answers to all questions propounded him the examination was sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Church Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Brown and sustained together with the whole examination.

A letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Winston-Salem was presented by the Stated Clerk, the letter was accepted and Dr. Robert King was received into the Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement of Presbytery.

The call of the Montreat Church was placed in Dr. King's hands and accepted by him. The call stipulated a salary of $3000.00 per annum with free use of the manse and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The following Commission was appointed to install Dr. Robert King pastor of the Montreat Church: Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. Walter H. Styles, Rev. R. E. McClure, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray. The Rev. H. V. Lofquist was named alternate to Rev. R. E. McClure and Ruling Elder H. D. Crawford alternate to W. H. McMurray.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Rev. K. J. Foreman requested permission to report for the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The permission was granted. The report follows:

Your Committe on Bills and Overtures reports that one overture from the Waynesville Church, requesting that Presbytery hold only two Stated Meetings per annum and two adjourned meetings, has

been placed in our hands. We recommend that this action be taken by Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
KENNETH J. FOREMAN, *Chairman.*

The recommendation was adopted by Presbytery by a small majority but inasmuch as a two thirds majority is required to make a change in the working rules of Presbytery the matter was tabled.

At this point the Rev. J. M. Carr made a brief statement to Presbytery regarding the Church School Conferences to be held soon within the bounds of Synod calling attention particularly to the one to be held in Asheville on October 31st.

HOME MISSION REPORT

The Rev. R. E. McClure reported for the Committee on Home Missions. His report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Asheville Presbytery authorize the Home Mission Committee to take such steps as may be necessary to incorporate the Mountain Orphanage under the laws of the State of North Carolina.
2. That the Committee be authorized to revise the incorporation papers of the Home Mission Committee to meet the needs of the work in a more satisfactory way, subject in their final form to the approval of Presbytery.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Rev. C. Grier Davis. He reported with reference to the request for the dissolution of th pastoral relations existing between the Rev. W. H. Wakefield and the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches. The request from the Pastor and these Churches that the relationship be dissolved was granted effective October 31st. The Rev. W. H. Wakefield was given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for a period of six months.

The report continued by stating that the Rev. R. F. Brown had resigned as pastor of the Malvern Hills Church and that he had requested Presbytery to dissolve the pas-

toral relationship effective September 30th, 1946. The Rev. R. E. McClure made a statement to Presbytery that at a regularly called congregational meeting of the Malvern Hills Church they had concurred in the request that the relationship be dissolved. Presbytery voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship and the Rev. R. F. Brown was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.

FOREIGN MISSION SERVICE

The Rev. R. F. Campbell called attention to the fact that Rev. Donald E. Williams, formerly Chaplain in the U. S. N. R., had been accepted by our Foreign Mission Committee and was under appointment to leave soon for Brazil. A motion prevailed that we assure our Brother Williams of our interest and prayers as he leaves for the Mission Field. Presbytery engaged in prayer led by Dr. Campbell.

BIBLE CAUSE

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Bible Cause makes the following report:

Fact One: The world today is in great need of more Bibles. For example, the immediate need in Japan is for 2,500,000 New Testaments in Jananese, 100,000 Bibles in Japanese, and 100,000 New Testaments in English.

For China, 300,000 Bibles, 1,000,000 Testaments, and 10,000,000 Gospels. For Germany, 900,000 Bibles, 2,800,000 Testaments and 2,800,000 Gospels. And for the rest of Europe and the Philippines and Korea and other areas in the Pacific additional large orders have to be met.

Fact Two: The responsibility for the use of the Bible and its circulation among all the nations of men rests primarily upon the churches. The American Bible Society is the servant of the churches.

Fact Three: It is the duty of church to do more now in spreading the Book containing the messages which must furnish the basis for a better world.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we again endorse the work of the American Bible Society, and recommended to the deep interest and loyal support of our people.

2. The observance of Bible Sunday on the second Sunday of December, which is Universal Bible Sunday.

3. That we again place emphasis on Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. Gresham,
Hoyt Evans.

The Rev. T. A. Painter made the report for the Committee on Stewardship. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Stewardship Committee of Asheville Presbytery reports as follows:

The General Assembly has substantially increased the amount being asked of the churches for the year beginning April 1, 1947, and has added two new causes to the list, Negro Work, and Christian Relations. The Synod of Appalachia was assigned a quota which the Synod adopted, and in turn requested that Asheville Presbytery accept $30,000 as our part of the General Assembly's benevolent budget.

The Synod of Appalachia proposed a budget of $31,000 for Synod's Causes and designated an amount to each. Asheville Presbytery was asked to accept $4,850 as our share of this budget. Montreat College was added by the Synod as a new cause in the Synod's budget, to receive $1,000.

Since acceptance of both totals would mean a budget of $60,000, whereas the budget for the present year is $40,000, the Stewardship Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That we accept $25,000 instead of $30,000 as the goal for the Assembly's causes.

2. That the goal for the Assembly's causes be divided on a percentage basis in accordance with the instructions from the General Assembly, and constitute 50% of the total budget of the Presbytery.

3. That we accept $4,200 of the total budget of $4,850 asked by the Synod.

4. That the goal for the Synod's causes be divided on a percentage basis so that each of these causes shall bear the same percentage relationship to each other as the totals adopted by the Synod of Appalachia.

5. That the balance of the total budget of $50,000 be allocated to causes of the Presbytery, on substantially the same percentage basis as this year.

These percentages are identical with last year's figures, except that .5% is added to Presbytery's Home Missions, and .3% is added to Religious Education in the Presbytery.

6. In view of the increase granted to Religious Education in the Presbytery it is recommended that this cause underwrite the Young People's Conference of the Presbytery to as large an extent as possible.

7. That the following table be adopted (this table has been calculated to the nearest practical percentage in accordance with the above recommendations):

	1947-48 *Percentage*	1947-48 *Amount*
ASSEMBLY CAUSES		
Foreign Missions	23.0	$11.500
Home Missions	11.25	5,625
Christian Ed. and Ministerial Relief	5.62	2,810
Religious Education	2.0	1,000
Assembly's Training School	1.25	625
Bible Cauce	.38	190
War Relief	1.5	750
Evangelism	.38	190
Radio	1.0	500
Negro Work	1.62	810
Defense Service Council	1.62	810
Christian Relations	.38	190
SYNOD CAUSES		
King College	4.5	2,250
Religious Education	1.2	600
Student Work	.8	400
Montreat College	.3	150
Stonewall Jackson	1.6	800
PRESBYTERY CAUSES		
Presbytery's Home Missions	23.0	11.500
Mountain Orphanage	12.5	6,250
Montreat College	4.5	2,250
Union Seminary	.6	300
Louisville Seminary	.3	150
Religious Education	.7	350

8. That the Calendar of special days and seasons, adopted by the Assembly, (Pages 17, 18, Minutes 1946) be adopted and recommended to the churches.

9. That the churches be urged to give special attention to a complete response to the Every Member Canvass on March 9th, 1947, or thereabouts, and that Tithing as a spiritual principle, and not merely as a money raising device, be urged upon the churches to the end that members be made conscious that they are giving to God, and not merely to the budget.

10. That the askings of each church be fixed at 25% over the

accepted askings of 1946-47; or an amount equal to the approximate gifts of the church in 1945-46 plus 10%, whichever be the larger sum.

11. That each church be notified through the pastor and the treasurer of the amount assigned to said church, together with the reasons for the substantial increase.

12. That each church be given until January 1, 1947 to indicate its acceptance of these askings, and that final action be taken by Asheville Presbytery at the mid-winder meeting, in the light of the replies received from the churches.

13. That the final figure for each church be published in the Minutes of the January meeting.

14. That the Stewardship Committee be allowed to work out the askings for the individual churches in the light of the above recommendations.

T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported through its Chairman, the Rev. Milton P. Reid. The report which was adpoted is as follows:

Your Committe on Minutes of the General Assembly reports that the Minutes were examined and one of our Commissioners to the General Assembly, the Rev. L. T. Wilds, was interviewed. It was found that the Commission on the Minister and His Work in the Presbytery has been asked by the General Assembly to study plans for term pastorates as recorded on pages 172 and 173 of the General Assembly Minutes for 1946 and to offer suggestions and criticisms regarding the same.

The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

We recommend that Rev. H. B. Dendy and Ruling Elder J. J. Stone, whose terms expire on the Commission of the Minister and His Work, with this meeting of Presbytery, be re-elected for a term of three years.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. McCHESNEY, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Whereas, Asheville Presbytery in its Fall Session has been hospitably and delightfully entertained by the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church and its pastor, the Rev. P. N. Gresham, therefore Asheville Presbytery wishes to express its hearty appreciation for their hospitality, noting with special thanks the ladies who prepared and served the bountiful midday meal and those who decorated the church with such beautiful flowers.

We note with much gratitude to God the recovery of Rev. P. N. Gresham and pray God's continued healing upon him and blessing upon his ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
T. G. TATE, *Chairman.*

The resolutions were adopted.

At this point a motion prevailed that Presbytery be closed with a prayer of thanksgiving for the recovery of Rev. P. N. Gresham and the prayer also include petitions in behalf of Dr. Maxey Smith.

NEXT MEETING

An invitation to hold the Stated Winter Meeting of Presbytery in the West Asheville Church was accepted. The time for the meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th, 1947.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator.

W. H. STYLES, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1930	Spring—Montreat	Rev. E. D. McMahan
	Fall —Black Mountain	Rev. J. R. Sevier
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall —Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.

Temporary Clerk—Rev. D. O. McInnis, Canton, N. C.

Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: R. F. Campbell, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, C. G. Davis, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure, J. Rupert McGregor. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, O. E. Starnes, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright, Irving Bingham, C. W. Gordon.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947: Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney, T. G. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Ministers: J. B. Davidson, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, S. R. Crockett, Robert King. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown, M. P. Reid. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

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Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.

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MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

E. G. Roberts, President; Dr. L. N. Bell, Vice-President; R. E. Burton, Secretary-Treasurer.

CALLED MEETING ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

December 6, 1946.

In pursuance of the following call—

The undersigned ministers and ruling elders request that in compliance with paragraph 78, Book of Church Order, you call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery on Friday, Dec. 6, 1946, at 2:00 P. M., at the Mountain Orphanage for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship existing between the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church and Rev. E. Ashby Johnson and grant him a letter of dismission to Louisville Presbytery that he may receive a call from the Crescent Hill Church of that Presbytery.

the Presbytery of Asheville met at the Mountain Orphanage on Friday afternoon, December 6th, 1946.

The meeting was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The following members of Presbytery were present:

Ministers: R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, D. R. Freeman, E. A. Johnson, R. E. McClure, J. C. Plexico, W. H. Styles, and Malcolm R. Williamson. Elders: J. O. Williams, R. L. Prevost. and J. L. Walters.

The call was read and found in order and the requests mentioned in the call were granted, namely that the pastoral relation between the Rev. E. A. Johnson and the Brevard-Davidson River Church be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of dismissal from Asheville Presbytery to the Presbytery of Louisville in order that he might accept a call to the Crescent Hill Church of that Presbytery.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis spoke with appreciation of the services Mr. Johnson has rendered both as pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church and as a member of Presbytery.

A motion prevailed that the Stated Clerk forward with his letter of dismissal to the Stated Clerk of Louisville Presbytery a letter of commendation expressing our regrets at his leaving our Presbytery and commending him to the brethren of Louisville Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Styles.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON,
Stated Clerk.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES
STATED WINTER MEETING

January 14, 1947.

The Presbytery of Asheville met at the West Asheville Church for its Stated Winter Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, 1947, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. The meeting was opened with a worship service conducted by the Rev. J. C. Plexico, the sermon being preached by the Moderator, the Rev. W. H. Styles, on the text I Corinthians 11:25, "This do in remembrance of Me."

Following the preaching of the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. Robert King and the Rev. Paul Warren.

At the conclusion of the Communion service Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and constituted with prayer led by the Rev. R. F. Campbell.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Presbytery and the following ministers were present:

R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, R. F. Campbell, W. P. Chedester, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, Robert King, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. C. Neville, J. C. Plexico, W. H. Styles, Paul Warren, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm Williamson (22).

The following ruling elders representing the churches named were present:

Andrews, C. A. Brown; Asheville First, Irving Bingham; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; West Asheville, C. C. Demaree; Black Mountain, W. A. Allison; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Hendersonville, E. C. Love; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, R. H. Gibson; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (14).

The Rev. Rupert McGregor of the Presbytery of Birmingham was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother pending his reception into Presbytery.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Mr. O. L. Merchant, ruling elder representing the Swannanoa Church, was elected Moderator and the Rev. D. O. McInnis was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was heard and Presbytery adopted the report which was that the docket be followed recessing for lunch at 12:45 and reconvening at 2:00 o'clock; the first order after lunch to be the reception of Candidates for the ministry.

UNPRINTED MINUTES

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of a called meeting of Presbytery which was held at Mountain Orphanage, December 6th, 1946. The minutes were approved and ordered admitted to record.

BRETHREN EXCUSED

The Rev. K. J. Foreman and the Rev. D. W. Richardson presented through the Stated Clerk written excuses for non-attendance at Presbytery and requests that they be excused. The requests were granted. Verbal excuses were presented in behalf of the Rev. T. A. Painter and the Rev. C. B. Ratchford. These brethren were also excused.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read an overture from the Canton Church relative to the extension of time at the close of the Church year to enable Church treasurers to get their remittances into the hands of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences before he closed his books. This overture was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of Birmingham Presbytery commending the Rev. Rupert McGregor was read to the Presbytery together with a statement that there was in the hands of the Stated Clerk a letter of transfer of the

Rev. Mr. McGregor from the Presbytery of Birmingham to the Presbytery of Asheville. Presbytery moved to proceed with the examination with a view to receiving him into Asheville Presbytery.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. L. T. Wilds and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on views on Theology was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Campbell and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on the Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Brown and sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained and after the reading of the letter of transfer the Rev. Mr. McGregor was received into Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement.

The statement was made to Presbytery that the Rev. Rupert McGregor had recently moved to Montreat and had accepted the Presidency of the Mountain Retreat Association. Presbytery expressed by a rising vote of thanks its appreciation to Dr. R. C. Anderson, the retiring President, for his long and faithful service as President of the Mountain Retreat Association and requested that he speak to the Presbytery. Dr. Anderson responded by thanking the Presbytery for their expression of appreciation, and expressing confidence in the newly elected President.

Dr. McGregor also made a brief statement to Presbytery regarding his new position at Montreat and Presbytery was led in prayer for God's blessing upon him in his new field of labors.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—H. B. Dendy, J. C. Neville, and C. D. Richmond.

Judiciary—L. T. Wilds and J. T. Bailey.

Minutes of Synod—C. G. Davis, J. M. McChesney, and J. S. Gray.

Nominations—P. N. Gresham, W. H. Styles, C. A. Brown, and W. A. Allison.

Resolutions—Paul Warren and Candler Morgan.

COMMISSION REPORTS

The Commission to install the Rev. J. C. Lime pastor of the Andrews Church made the following report:

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery at its Fall Meeting, October 15th, 1946, to install the Rev. J. C. Lime as pastor of the Andrews Church met in the Andrews Church on November 3rd, 1946, at 7:15 P. M. with the following members of the Commission present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. T. G. Tate, Rev. M. P. Reid, and Ruling Elders J. B. Gray and S. W. Black. The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, and Rev. M. P. Reid was designated as Clerk. A letter of transfer from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Presbyterian Church U. S. A. to the Presbytery of Asheville for the Rev. J. C. Lime was read by the Chairman of the Commission. The Rev. Mr. Lime was received into the Presbytery by the Commission and the call of the Andrews Church was placed in his hands. The call having been accepted the Commission adjourned to the Church service for the installation.

The Rev. R. E. McClure presided and propounded the constitutional questions to the pastor and the people which were answered in the affirmative. He also preached the sermon on the text Romans 10:14 using as his subject: "The Greatest Preachers."

The Rev. T. G. Tate delivered the charge to the pastor and Ruling Elder J. B. Gray the charge to the congregation. The service closed with the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. J. C. Lime.

MILTON P. REID, *Clerk.*

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. Robert King pastor of the Montreat Church made the following report:

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to install Rev. Robert King, D. D., as pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church met at the church on Sunday evening, November 10th, and was called to order by the chairman, Rev. T. A. Painter, D. D.

The Commission was organized by the election of Rev. R. E. McClure as secretary, after which the chairman presided at the meeting of the congregation, and propounded the constitutional questions to the pastor-elect. Rev. Walter H. Styles preached the installation sermon, Mr. McClure delivered the charge to the pastor-elect, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray the charge to the congregation.

Dr. King answered the constitutional questions satisfactorily,

the congregation responded to their obligation, and Dr. King was declared installed according to the Book of Church Order.

The Commission adjourned with prayer.

T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*
R. E. MCCLURE, *Clerk.*

The reports were received and ordered admitted to record.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was made by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, Chairman. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Religious Education Committee of the Presbytery reports as follows, with recommendations in connection with each sub-committee's report:

1. During the summer of 1946, there were 26 Vacation Bible Schools conducted in 21 of our churches, with a total enrollment of 1,662. 5 schools were held in outposts, or as union projects with other churches in the community.

It is recommended that every church in Asheville Presbytery endeavor to have a Vacation Bible School during the current church year. Requests for help on the part of summer workers in Vacation Bible Schools should be made to the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery prior to April 22nd.

2. Asheville Presbytery reports that a Men's Organization has been set up in this Presbytery, and is functioning under the direction of Mr. Ed Roberts. The next meeting of the Men of the Presbytery is to be held on March 20th or thereabouts at Asheville, N. C., with Dr. J. P. McCallie, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the speaker.

3. The Young People's Conference was held last summer, and reports of same were made at the meeting of Presbytery in July. A Y. P. Rally was held at the Mills River Church on August 5th, with an attendance of over 100.

The new Youth Fellowship Program is being rapidly adopted by many churches, and it is recommended that every church in the Presbytery reorganize its Y. P. work along this new plan by April 1st, if possible.

24 Young People from Asheville Presbytery attended the Fourth Quadrennial Youth Convention on World Missions held in Nashville, Tennessee, December 27-30. Several of the Young People going from this Presbytery made decisions at this convention to enter full-time religious service, and all found much inspiration in the experience.

4. A Leadership School was held in the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville from October 21-25, with a total attendance of approximately 80. 14 credits were issued for work done in the five classes of the school.

A one-day school for workers in the various departments of the church was held in the First Church, Asheville, on Thursday, October 31st, with an attendance of about 15.

It is recommended that every church in Asheville Presbytery conduct a leadership training class or classes in their own congregation or jointly with some other church during the current church year.

5. In view of the need of intelligent church expansion, it is urged that every church conduct a survey of neglected people within the bounds of each congregation, and make definite plans to meet their needs through an adequate Sunday School Extension program.

6. It is recommended that larger emphasis be placed upon the teaching of Bible in our public schools, and that churches engaged in such a program be commended for their work.

The attention of the Presbytery is called to the Spring Rally for the Young People, to be held in Canton on Easter Monday, April 7, 1947.

The Committee reports that they have appointed Rev. R. E. McClure as Director and Business Manager of the 1947 Young People's Conference; Rev. M. R. Williamson Dean of the Pioneer Group; and Rev. W. H. Styles as Dean of the Senior Group. Rev. D. O. McInnis and Rev. J. C. Plexico were named to work on the program and plans for the Pioneer Group; and Rev. C. Grier Davis and Rev. H. B. Dendy on a similar committee for the Senior Group. These latter seven were authorized to make all plans in connection with the 1947 Young People's Conference in the Presbytery.

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*
R. E. MCCLURE, *Secretary.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Rev. R. E. McClure reporting for the Stewardship Committee stated that the Fall Meeting of Presbytery adopted percentages and quotas with the understanding that askings for individual churches be accepted at this meeting of Presbytery.

The schedule of askings received and ordered printed in the minutes of Presbytery is as follows:

BENEVOLENT ASKINGS—CHURCH YEAR 1947-48
Approved By Presbytery—January 14, 1947

Arden, $125,00; Andrews, $350.00; Asheville First, $21,-445.00; Bethel, $435.00; Black Mountain, $1,950.00; Brevard, $1,425.00; Brittain's Cove, $90.00; Bryson City, $600.00; Canton, $1,000.00; Dillingham, $225.00; Etowah, $250.00; Franklin, $555.00; Hayesville, $100.00; Hazelwood, $170.00; Hendersonville, $8,125.00; Highlands, $170.00; Ivy Park, $65.00; Kenilworth, $750.00; Malvern Hills, $150.00; Mills River, $375.00; Montreat, $2,750.00; Morrison, $70.00; Murphy, $190.00; Oak Forest, $525.00; Red Oak, $50.00; Robbinsville, $95.00; Swannanoa, $1,500.00; Sylva, $40.00; Waynesville, $955.00; Weaverville, $1,590.00; West Asheville, $1,590.00; White Oak, $40.00; Total, $47,770.00.

Presbytery recessed for lunch after a prayer led by Rev. R. E. McClure.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at two o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. Hoyt Evans.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

The Rev. L. T. Wilds presented to Presbytery Robert Collins and Frank Sanford stating that they had been recommended to the Committee on Christian Education by the sessions of the Asheville First and the Hendersonville Churches, respectively. That they had appeared before the Committee requesting that they be received under care of Presbytery as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry. Dr. Wilds then requested that Presbytery proceed with the examination with the view to their reception. After passing a satisfactory examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Gospel Ministry Presbytery received them under its care as Candidates. A charge was delivered the Candidates by the Rev. C. G. Davis and prayer was offered in their behalf by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Rev. C. G. Davis reported for the Commission on the Minister and His Work stating that no matters had

been transacted by the Commission since the last meeting of Presbytery.

The Foreign Mission report was given by the Rev. W. H. Armistead, Chairman of the Committee. The report was received as information. At the conclusion of the report Miss Zunita Wakefield and the Rev. R. E. McClure spoke briefly of the recent Youth Convention held at Nashville and Presbytery engaged in prayer for our Foreign Mission work. The prayer was led by the Rev. D. R. Freeman.

The Rev. R. F. Brown made the report for the Committee on Defense Service. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Churches of the Presbytery forward to the Defense Service Council names of all young people entering the Service, also the names of those in hospitals, so that they can be sent to nearby pastors and Chaplains.

2. That our Churches be urged to continue their gifts to the work of the Council.

3. That they also be urged to continue much in prayer for the young people still in the Service, at home and abroad, and for the Chaplains who are on duty with these young people.

4. That the amount of $810.00 adopted by Presbytery be raised for the Defense Service Council.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy reporting for the Committee on Bills and Overtures stated that the following overture had been placed in their hands:

Whereas, the time allowed after the close of the church year 1945-'46 was not sufficient to allow the treasurer of benevolences of our Church to make the final remittance for the year;

And, whereas other churches of the Presbytery have experienced like difficulties;

And, whereas, we would like to have adequate time, after the close of the fiscal year before the close of the Treasurer's books of the Presbytery to complete our records and to make final remittance of all receipts during the year;

Therefore, we, the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Canton,

respectfully overture the Presbytery of Asheville to allow all local Trasurers of Benevolences one week, following the close of the fiscal year, to complete their own records and to make final remittance to the treasurer of Presbytery. And we further request that any remittance received by the Treasurer of Presbytery, after the close of this week of grace, be credited to the current year.

By action of th Session of the Presbyterian Church of Canton, December 29, 1946.

D. O. McInnis, *Moderator.*
J. T. Bailey, *Clerk.*

With reference to the above overture your Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to have all Agency Treasurers hold their books open until April 10th of each year.

The recommendation was adopted.

2. Judiciary.

This Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Synod.

This report was made by the Rev. J. M. McChesney who stated that he had reviewed the Minutes of Synod. He urged that the Minutes be given more careful attention by pastors and ruling elders and that all of us give more attention to the great work of Evangelism. He called attention to the fact that the Minutes of Synod had just arrived through the mails from the Stated Clerk of Synod and requested that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery write the Stated Clerk of Synod requesting that in the future Minutes of Synod be printed and mailed as soon as possible after the meeting of that Church Court.

4. Nominations.

The report for the Committee on Nominations was made by the Rev. W. H. Styles. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations recommends that the following changes be made in the Directory of Presbytery: that the Rev. Robert King be added to the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion and that he be made Chairman of the Committee, that the Rev. J. C. Neville be added to the Committee on Defense Service and that he be made Chairman of the Committee, that the Rev. J. B. Davidson be made Chairman of the Committee on Women's Work, that the Rev. J. Rupert McGregor and Ruling Elder Irving W. Bingham and C. W. Gordon be added to the Committee on Home Missions, that the Rev. W. H. Styles be added to the Committee on Religious Education, that the Rev. J. C. Lime be added to the Committee on Bible Cause, and that the Rev. Robert King be added to the Committee on Evangelism.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

5. Resolutions.

The Rev. Paul F. Warren submitted the following resolution for the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Asheville Presbytery in its Winter Session has been hospitably received and entertained by the West Asheville Church and its pastor, Rev. J. C. Plexico, we wish to express our hearty appreciation for their gracious reception and would like to offer a special word of thanks to the ladies of the Church for the delicious and bountiful meal, and all who have given of their time and talents for the making of our visit to this church one of the most pleasant.

Be it also resolved that this resolution be read to the West Asheville Church at an appropriate time and that this resolution be made a permanent part of the Minutes of Asheville Presbytery. The resolution was adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Waynesville Church to hold its Stated Spring Meeting in Waynesville. The meeting will be held the Tuesday after the third Sunday in April, the date being April 22nd, 1947.

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

Presbytery engaged in the singing of the Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

O. L. Merchant, *Moderator.*
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator
1931	Spring—Brevard	Rev. W. F. Creson
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. P. Walker
1932	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
	Fall —Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933	Spring—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Fall —Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall —Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. D. O. McInnis, Cnton, N. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.

Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.

Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Missions—Ministers: C. G. Davis, Chairman; L. T. Wilds, R. C. Anderson, H. B. Dendy, J. C. Plexico, R. E. McClure, J. Rupert McGregor. Elders: J. T. Bailey, R. P. Booth, O. L. Merchant, Bernard Smith, Ruffner Campbell, O. E. Starnes, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost, George H. Wright, Irving Bignham, C. W. Gordon.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Term expires Fall 1947: Rev. C. G. Davis, Chairman, Rev. R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: Rev. J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.

Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; Rev. D. R. Freeman, K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney, T. G. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.

Bible Cause—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; J. C. Shive, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.

Women's Work—Ministers: J. B. Davidson, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.

Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.

Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, S. R. Crockett, Robert King, J. R. Williams. Eders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.

Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown, M. P. Reid. Elder: O. L. Merchant.

Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. K. J. Foreman, Rev. S. R. Crockett.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.

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Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, W. P. Baldwin, D. O. McInnis. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.

Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman; J. C. Plexico. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

James Howell, President; H. E. Lamb, Vice-President; Harold Flanagan, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES

Stated Spring Meeting

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1947, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, O. L. Merchant and constituted with prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

The Rev. John R. Williams by appointment of the moderator preached the opening sermon on the subject, "Revival" using at a text Habakkuk 3:2.

Following the sermon the communion service was conducted by the Rev. C. Grier Davis and the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

At the conclusion of the Communion service the Rev. C. Grier Davis stated that he would like to have more time to prepare a memorial to the late Dr. R. F. Campbell. A motion prevailed that this memorial be prepared and presented at the July Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

R. C. Anderson, W. H. Armistead, W. P. Chedester, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, K. J. Foreman, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, Robert King, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, Paul Warren, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (26).

The following churches were represented by the ruling elders indicated:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, L. B. Ordway; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, C. W. Dixon; West Asheville, George McCrary; Black Mountain, A. F. Tyson; Brevard-Davidson River, R. L. Gash; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Etowah, J. M. Gash; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, John L. Brown; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Morrison, J. J. Gray; Murphy, E. H. Brummitt; Oak Forest, E. E. Brown; Swannanoa, O. L. Merchant; Waynesville, Joe E. Rose; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (20).

The following visiting ministers were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: J. M. Carr from the

Presbytery of Knoxville, John R. Williams from the Presbytery of Enoree, and W. P. Baldwin from the Presbytery of Congaree.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. D. O. McInnis was nominated and elected moderator by acclamation and the Rev. W. H. Styles was elected temporary clerk.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

The following ministers were elected Commissioners to the meeting of the General Assembly: R. E. McClure and C. Grier Davis. T. G. Tate was elected alternate for the Rev. Mr. McClure and D. O. McInnis was elected alternate for the Rev. Dr. Davis. Ruling Elders T. D. Hunter and C. D. Richmond were elected principals and Ruling Elders Joe E. Rose and George McCrary alternates.

PROGRAM COMMITTE REPORT

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson presented the report of the program committee which was that the docket be followed and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 to reconvene at 1:45 and that Presbytery examine the Rev. C. C. West for reception into the Presbytery at 3:00 o'clock.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The Rev. John R. Williams presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Enoree and the Rev. W. P. Baldwin, Jr. presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Congaree.

Presbytery proceeded to examine the above named brethren with a view to their being received into Asheville Presbytery. The examinations on experimental religion were conducted by the moderator and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on their views on Theology were conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on Church government were conducted by the Rev. J. C. Plexico and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on the Sacraments were conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory. Upon motion the examinations were sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. John R. Williams and

the Rev. W. P. Baldwin were received into the Presbytery upon their signing the "ex animo" statement.

The Call of the Brevard-Davidson River Church was placed in the Rev. W. P. Baldwin's hands and accepted. The following commission was appointed to install him pastor of the Church: Rev. John C. Neville, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. B. Davidson and Ruling Elder J. L. Gash. Presbytery granted the Rev. John R. Williams the privilege of continuing in the work of general evangelist.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read the communications in his hands to the Presbytery. The Communication on Christian Relations was placed in the hands of the Nominating Committee. The Communication from the American Bible Society was placed in the hands of the Committee on Bible Cause.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy introduced a resolution that Presbytery overture the General Assembly to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

SALARY INCREASES

Presbytery granted the requests of the following Churches to increase their pastor's salaries: The Canton Church to increase their pastor's salary in the amount of $300 per annum; the Asheville First to increase their pastor's salary from $6,600 per annum to $7,000; the West Asheville Church to increase their pastor's salary from $2,964 per annum to $3,274; and the Waynesville Church to increase their pastor's salary from $2,700 per annum to $3,000.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, and *C. D. Richmond.*
2. *Judiciary*—T. A. Painter, B. Hoyt Evans, and J. L. Gash.
3. *Records of Session*—J. C. Neville, Joe E. Rose, and J. C. Lime.

4. *Nominations*—C. G. Davis, J. T. Bailey, O. L. Merchant, and S. R. Crockett.

5. *Resolutions*—Robert King and F. A. Bailey.

Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:45 P. M

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. and at the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education the Rev. J. M. Carr was heard on the work of Religious Education in the Synod.

REPORTS

The Stated Clerk read to Presbytery his report as treasurer. The report was received as information pending the report of the Stewardship Committee regarding the audit of said report. The report is as follows:

Receipts from Churches April 1st, 1946-March 31st, 1947

Churches	*Amounts*
Weaverville	$ 64.56
Kenilworth	26.04
Black Mountain	14.04
Oak Forest (old Acc.)	8.22
Brittain Cove (old Acc.)	9.84
Synod's Committee on Evangelism	20.00
Swannanoa	33.30
Malvern Hills	5.31
Andrews	5.04
Bethel	6.30
Bryson City	14.22
Etowah	8.82
West Asheville	98.82
Brevard-Davidson River	42.84
Waynesville	35.10
Murphy	13.68
Ivy Park	3.50
Arden	10.08
Franklin	15.66
Oak Forest	26.64
Weaverville	51.12
Black Mountain	22.86
Canton	38.16
Kenilworth	73.44
Hendersonville	102.60
Asheville First	147.00

Highlands	10.80
Robbinsville	5.04
Dillingham	20.06
Sylva	2.88
Montreat	29.52
Total Receipts	$957.49

Received since March 31st

Asheville First	$147.00
Hazelwood	9.00
Malvern Hills	5.31
Hayesville	3.96
	$165.27

Unpaid tax

Brittain Cove	$ 7.38
Black Mountain	22.66
Mills River	22.68
Morrison	4.86
Red Oak	2.70
	$60.48

Disbursements

Postage and Stationery	$ 7.00
The Inland Press (Winter Minutes)	35.96
E. C. Scott (Assembly Tax)	562.50
M. R. Williamson (April)	12.50
M. R. Williamson (May)	12.50
Von-Boekman Jones (Printing Statistical Report)	8.50
The Inland Press (Spring Minutes)	77.95
M. R. Williamson (June)	12.50
The Inland Press (Summer Minutes)	53.79
M. R. Williamson (July-Aug.-Sept.)	37.50
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod's Tax)	115.50
M. R. Williamson (October)	12.50
M. R. Williamson (November)	12.50
The Inland Press (Fall Minutes)	60.13
M. R. Williamson (December)	12.50
M. R. Williamson (January)	12.50
M. R. Williamson (February)	12.50
Presbyterian Committee of Publication (Report blanks)	5.02
The Inland Press (Winter Minutes)	53.70
M. R. Williamson (March)	12.50
Total	$1,122.05

Balance on hand April 1st, 1946	$ 587.09
Received during the year	957.49
Total	1,544.58
Disbursements	1,122.05
Balance	$ 422.53
Check outstanding	53.70
(Bank Balance, March 31st)	$ 476.23

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery the Statistical Report which was approved and ordered sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. A copy of this report is appended to these minutes. (See report on inside of back cover.)

PROPOSED CHANGES IN MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE CHARTER

Mr. George H. Wright addressed the Presbytery on the proposed changes in the charter of the Mountain Orphanage. Presbytery adopted the resolution proposed by Mr. Wright as amended by Presbytery. The resolution in its final form is as follows:

Resolved, that the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, which is a corporation under the laws of North Carolina, be authorized and directed to secure an amendment to its charter so as to provide that the affairs of the corporation shall be managed by twelve member-trustees divided into three groups of four members each, one group to be elected annually by the Presbytery and the members to serve for a term of three years, all member-trustees of the corporation to be members of Asheville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States or of some constituent Church thereof.

Resolved further that the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery be authorized and directed to secure a separate incorporation of the Mountain Orphanage under the name of The Mountain Orphanage of Asheville Presbytery, Incorporated, the management and control of the orphanage to be in the hands of twelve member-trustees, divided into three classes of four members each, all member-trustees to be members of Asheville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States or of some constituent church thereof and one trustee of each class to be a woman, all member-trustees to be elected by Asheville Presbytery.

Resolved, further, that both the amendments to the charter of the Home Mission Committee and the Charter of the Orphanage be

submitted to Presbytery for approval at the July 1947 meeting and that at that time the member-trustees of both corporations be named.

The following ad interim committee was appointed to nominate the member-trustees of the above named corporation and to report to Presbytery at the July meeting: L. T. Wilds, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey, and O. E. Starnes.

The Rev. C. G. Davis was named by Presbytery as Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery.

RECEPTION OF REV. C. C. WEST

The Rev. C. C. West presented himself for membership into Asheville Presbytery. The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery a letter of transfer of the Rev. Mr. West from the Presbytery of Athens. Presbytery proceeded to examine the Rev. Mr. West, the examination on experimental religion being conducted by the Moderator and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on his views on Theology was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on the sacraments was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Church government was conducted by the Rev. L. T. Wilds and sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. C. C. West was received into Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement. The Rev. Mr. West indicated his acceptance of the call of the Malvern Hills Church and the following commission was appointed to install him pastor: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. R. McGregor, Rev. D. R. Freeman, George H. Wright, and J. J. Stone. The date of the installation to be fixed by the Chairman of the Commission and the pastor-elect of the Church. A quorum for the commission was fixed at two ministers and one ruling elder.

Presbytery paused for prayer in behalf of the three ministers who had been received. The prayer was led by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Presbytery, made the following report:

Your Executive Secretary reports as follows:

During the past year, he has traveled approximately 9,000 miles in performing the duties of the office both in and out of the Presbytery. An average of three Sundays each month has been devoted to supplying the pulpit of vacant churches or preaching upon invitation in churches supplied with ministers. He has served on programs of Auxiliary, Young People, and other gatherings in both local churches and Presbytery-wide groups. The office of Executive Secretary has promoted through mail the attendance at the various meetings of men and young people throughout the year. The office expense will be reflected in the statistical report which is attached hereto, subject to correction when the auditor finishes his work. The Young People's Conferences held at Montreat last year attended by 94 Seniors and 140 Pioneers, and at these conferences there were 11 professions of faith, 30 re-consecrations, and 25 cards signed indicating the intention of each to give his full time to religious service. The cost of the conference was borne by the Home Missions Committee with the aid of contributions from the Presbyterial Auxiliary and the Presbyterian Church at Marshall.

Twelve copies of Our Mountain Work going to about 2700 different people was published during the year. Due to the increase in cost of labor and paper, this publication has exceeded the prescribed budget about $400.00. A larger amount is included in the new budget and we will effect certain economies so that the new budget will absorb this deficit.

The annual Thanksgiving offering to the Mountain Orphanage resulted in gifts of approximately $9,000.00. We are furnishing herewith a copy of the financial statement given the Duke Endowment for the calendar year ending December 31, 1946. The cost of operation during the last year as reflected in the report was about $2,000.00 less than in 1945. This includes an estimated amount, in accordance with the rules of the Duke Endowment, of approximately $2,550.00, as the contribution of the state in the public school costs in behalf of these children.

We are happy to report that the status in the fields of the Presbytery is the best in the four years of service of your Executive Secretary. Rev. C. C. West of Athens Presbytery is appearing today before Asheville Presbytery to be received as a member, in accepting the call of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church. The Dillingham-Ivy Park field is vacant and we are searching for a minister for the Sylva field in order to develop it. The resignation of Rev. R. Frederick Brown at Malvern Hills and of Rev. W. H. Wakefield at Dillingham-Ivy Park were the only changes in the pastorates as they stood on April 1, 1946. We have been fortunate in securing Rev. Paul Warren for the Arden field, Rev. Hoyt Evans for the Franklin field, and Rev. J. C. Lime for the Andrews field.

The Presbytery gave a total of $6,515.61 to the Home Mission

Emergency Fund in November, being the only Presbytery in the Synod to reach the goal set for us. We received from the Home Mission Emergency Fund a check for $3,844.98, and in addition a special appropriation was made in the amount of $900.00 for the building of a church at Malvern Hills.

With reference to the Mountain Orphanage, we have observed with pleasure the self-sacrificing service of our superintendent, Rev. D. R. Freeman. Mr. Freeman has suffered seriously in the last few months, due to his illness, and he was given an extended vacation in Florida to recuperate. He has been handicapped during the whole year by a lack of permanent staff. In spite of these handicaps., the Home is continuing with approximately 45 to 49 children throughout the year. Too much praise cannot be given to those on the staff and other temporary workers who did double duty during the superintendent's absence. No children have been received in the Home for some time, and by order of the Board none will be received until we are adequately staffed.

The financial statement furnished herewith shows the amounts actually paid each minister during the past year, and reflects the standing of the Home Mission operating funds during the year. We wish to supplement this statement with a capital asset statement on he basis of the auditor's report to be included in the minutes of the Presbytery in July.

Your Executive Secretary, by reason of his relationship to the Young People's Conference, has been asked to participate in a meeting in May at which time a manual for Young People's Conferences is to be prepared.

During the past year, we have prepared for the Presbyterian Survey two articles which have been published outlining the growth of Asheville Presbytery, and emphasizes its strategic place as a Home Mission field of our church.

In 1947, the two Young People's groups will be divided into a camp and conference, the Pioneers are to meet in a camp near Canton and the seniors in a conference at Montreat, the week of June 9 to 14.

With gratitude to God for His blessings in the past and looking forward to a new year in which Asheville Presbytery will grow substantially, this report is

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. McClure.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Mountain Orphanage
(As furnished Duke Foundation, 1946)

Income
Contributions:

Public Funds State	$ 2,550.00	
County		
Municipal ...		$ 2,550.00

Organizations:			
Religious	$11,866.86		
Fraternal			
Civic			
Duke Endowment	1,444.27	13,311.13	
Individuals: Legacies	$ 714.58		
Parents and relatives	1,579.82		
Other	5,867.23	8,161.63	$24,022.76
Investments:			
Special Funds (net)	$ 259,16	$ 259.16	
Productive enterprises (net)			259.16
Total Operating Income			24,281.92
Expense			
Administration:			
Salaries			$ 2,290.93
Insurance and Interest			777.70
Supplies and Expenses			2,446.28
			$5 514.91
Institutional Care of Children:			
Food: Purchased		$ 3,077.61	
Donated		1,500.00	
Produced		4,126.99	$ 8,704.60
Household Salaries			3,753.71
Supplies and Expenses			1,861.04
Clothing: Purchased $1,462.66; Donated $1,500.00; Produced $			2,962.66
Health			619.81
Recreation			144.56
			$18,046.38
Plant Operation and Maintenance:			
Fuel, Light, Power, Ice and Water			$ 1,817.54
Replacement and Repair			2,045.27
			$ 3,862.81
Sub-total: Administration, Institutional Care of Children, Plant Operation			$27,424.10
Institutional Education			97.49
Public Education			2,550.00

Total Cost of Operation	$30,071.59
Sub-total	30,071.59
Surplus (Deficit)	$ 5,789.67
Total (same as total income above)	$24,281.92

MORRISON CHURCH REQUEST

The Executive Secretary read a request from the members of the Morrison Church requesting that the Church be dissolved. The matter by vote of Presbytery was referred to the Home Mission Committee for further study.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TREASURER

The Central Treasurer of Benevolences reported the receipts from all Churches for Benevolent Causes. The report was received and a motion prevailed that the report be printed in "Our Mountain Work."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Home Mission Committee stated that their report was included in the report of the Executive Secretary which had already been adopted.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported that it had reported in the previous business of the day in the matters of calls being extended to pastors for the Malvern Hills and the Brevard-Davidson River Churches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief makes the following report:

First, On Christian Education. The number of candidates for the Ministry of our Southern Presbyterian Church is 519. In addition to this number there are ten young men and one young woman studying to be medical missionaries and 27 young women studying for missionary service. The number of candidates on the roll of our

Presbytery is now 10 and it is gratifying that we are now regularly receiving additional young men for this service. Gratifying progress has been made during the past year in strengthening our Christian Education Institutions, though some of them are still in a critical condition because of lack of funds.

Second, Ministerial Relief. The number of homes aided last year was 451, an average of $377 each. The liberal Christmas Joy Gift enabled the sending of double the monthly amounts to December and March plus an additional $25 in March. Besides this, many emergency needs were met. The 10 beneficiaries of Asheville Presbytery received aid in the amount of $4,340, an average of $430 which is $53 above the average allotted throughout the church.

We recommend:

1. That the same amounts as last year be sent to the 10 beneficiaries of Asheville Presbytery and as much more as may be possible.

2. That the Joy Gift at Christmas time be emphasized in all of our Churches.

3. That special effort be made by pastors and sessions to secure candidates for the ministry and missionary service of the Church.

4. That by application of candidate Murphey Wilds, he be granted a certificate of dismission to Winston-Salem Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
L. T. Wilds, *Chairman.*

The Stewardship Committee reported through its Chairman. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee reports that it has duly checked the accounts of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer to March 31, 1947 and finds them correct with a bank balance of $422.53 as of that date.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. Painter, *Chairman.*

The report on Woman's Work was read by C. D. Richmond. The report was received as information.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that there had been placed in their hands the following resolution by the Rev. H. B. Dendy:

That Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Your Committee recommends that this resolution be answered in the affirmative.

H. B. Dendy, *Chairman.*
P. N. Gresham.
C. D. Richmond.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted.

2. The Judiciary Committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. The Committee on Records of Session was presented by the Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Neville. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Sessional Records has examined and found in order the records of the following Churches: Swannanoa, Etowah, Robbinsville, Waynesville, Asheville First, West Asheville, Kenilworth, Montreat, Franklin, Weaverville, Mills River, Hayesville, Andrews, Black Mountain, Brevard and Hazelwood.

We have examined also the records of the Murphy, Bryson City, Canton and Oak Forest Churches and recommend the approval of these with the following exceptions: Murphy, minutes of one meeting of session on scratch paper. Bryson City Sessional Record begins with May 12th, 1946 and Canton begins with May 5th, 1946. The records did not show the approval of Presbytery at its Stated Spring meeting one year ago. The Oak Forest Sessional Record did not show that a meeting was held at least once each quarter and there was no statistical report for the year.

There were no books submitted from Arden, Bethel, Brittain's Cove, Dillingham, Hendersonville, Ivy Park, Malvern Hills, Morrison, Red Oak, Sylva and White Oak.

We recommend that books not submitted at this meeting of Presbytery be ordered by Presbytery submitted at its Stated July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Neville, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was adopted.

4. The Committee on Nominations made its report

through its Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We recommend that

1. Rev. J. R. Williams be added to the Committee on Evangelism.

2. Rev. T. A. Painter be made Chairman of the Committee on Examinations on Theology and that Rev. L. T. Wilds be added to the committee.

3. That Asheville Presbytery appoint the following Committee on Christian Relations: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, W. P. Baldwin, D. O. McInnis, L. B. Ordway, and R. L. Gash.

4. Men of Presbytery: James Howell, President; H. E. Lamb, Vice President; Harold Flanagan, Sec. Treas.

5. Radio Committee: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman; J. C. Plexico, James Howell, H. E. Lamb, and Harold Flanagan.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report through its Chairman, the Rev. Robert King. The report was adopted and is as follows:

To Almighty God we express our gratitude:

1st. For His long suffering patience and forbearance to us in these days of global confusion and commotion, and that great grace in the face of our grievous failure in Christian Testimony.

2nd. For His lavish provision for all our needs in body, mind, and spirit.

3rd. For His rich mercy toward Asheville Presbytery, for His eager readiness, so manifested, to refresh our Church with a great revival.

4th. For our happy fellowship in Christ during these hours here together.

5th. For the sumptous provision He has extended toward us through the hospitality of the Waynesville Church.

We also rejoice with them in the beautiful appointments He has added to their house of worship. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Weaverville Church to hold its Stated Summer Meeting with them. The date for the meeting to be the Tuesday after the second Sunday, July 15th, 1947.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery stand in memory of the late Dr. R. F. Campbell and that we be led in prayer by the Rev. L. T. Wilds. Presbytery engaged in prayer.

The minutes of the meeting of Presbytery were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with apostolic benediction by the moderator.

D. O. McInnis, *Moderator.*

Malcolm R. Williamson, *Stated Clerk.*

1946 Winter—Canton ..... Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring—Highlands ..... Rev. W. H. Armistead
1947 Winter—West Asheville ..... O. L. Merchant
Spring—Waynesville ..... Rev. D. O. McInnis

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator
1932 Spring	West Asheville	Rev. J. H. Gruver
Fall	Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1947.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Profession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Number of Outposts or Chapels	Contributions to Benevolences: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Ed. Edu. and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Other Assembly Benevolences	Synod's Home Missions	Loans	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Other Synod and Presby. Benevolences	Congregational Missions	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total to Benevolences	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Other Funds Contributed: Building Expenses
2. Presbytery of Asheville.																															
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																														
R. C. Anderson, Pres. Edu.	Montreat, N. C.																														
W. H. Armistead, P.H.M.	Montreat, N. C.																												1400		
W. P. Baldwin, P. E.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	11	15	2	15	250	2	9	122		172	205	94	16	8	4	75		421	100	186	16	8			1305	2095		3142	2960
R. Frederick Brown	Asheville, N. C.																												751		
W. P. Chedester	Asheville, N. C.																														
S. R. Crockett, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*†	3	5	2	2	54			75		38	24	30	17	2	1	20		65	18	35	3	1			244	1200		341	446
" P.	Canton, N. C., R. 3	Bethel	3	4	7		55	5				35	44	8	3	2	1	5		20	18	33	3	2			177	425		177	
" P.	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	1				13																								
J. B. Davidson, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands*†	5				81					58	301	27	8	2	1	7		209	28	52	4	2			699		1392		
C. Grier Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	First*†	21	30	25	129	1628	7	39	1386		2252	2740	702	255	128	64	1589		6392	2450	2889	262	125	2000	1638	25577	6600		29422	16651
Henry B. Dendy, P., Ed.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	5	9	1	8	254	1	2	150		690	404	172	36	10	5	55		309	247	231	27	10	155	692	3066	3400		3253	2146
" P.	Alexander, N. C.	Red Oak					14			25		15	10														25			20	
" S. S.	Weaverville, N. C.	Brittain Cove	2		3		43			48		14	17	3	1	1	1	1		33	6	52	1	1			131			140	
B. Hoyt Evans, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	3	6	4	4	90		3	80		126	252	19	75	3	2	10		116	42	161	7	3			916	1300	575	472	
Kenneth J. Foreman, Prof.	Louisville, Ky.																														
D. R. Freeman, Supt.	Black Mountain, N. C.																														
Paul N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth*†	15	20	27	33	420	15	6	285		207	560	57	44	6	173	19		1076	276	466	12	11		21	2960	3300		5325	5174
J. H. Gruver	Black Mountain, N. C.																														
Robert King, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Montreat*†	3	2	24	25	196	24		483	1	652	1127	360	69	30	15	339		727	653	783	63	30	535	420	6606	1800		1518	900
J. Clayton Lane, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	2	1	3	5	34	2		32		39	124	32	2	2	1	57		74	18	105	2	2		40	499	485	708	910	
" P.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville†	1	2			20		2			13	17	2	1	1		2		49	6	62	1	1			156			30	
H. V. Lofquist, Chap.	Asheville, N. C.																														
J. M. McChesney, P.	Asheville, N. C., R. 3																														
" P.	Candler, N. C., R. 2	Oak Forest*†	6	6	7	10	166	4	4	183		57	102	28	18	3	1	22		118	32	60	7	2		9	499	2400		1538	2380
R. E. McClure, P. Ex. S.	Asheville, N. C.																														
J. Rupert McGregor, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																														
D. O. McInnis, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	11	4	9	221	2	4	218		360	214	94	20	10	10	73		317	119	230	19	40		320	1826	2700		2548	2292
J. C. Neville, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C.	Mills River*†	5	7	10	8	140	10		91		99	136	38	19	4	2	12		167	53	158	7	4			729	960	1408	531	15
" P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah	5	4		5	44			20		61	107	18	4	2	1	11		73	24	49	4	2			356	352		108	
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	6	8		2	174		1	105		401	506	86	32	16	8	103		628	266	381	37	16		751	3231	2400		2778	
Jas. Clyde Plexico, P.	Asheville, N. C.	W. Asheville*†	15	25	27	38	600	18	20	518		575	357	148	83	13	7	113		676	182	298	25	13		54	3554	3004		7131	2653
Chas. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																														
Milton P. Reid, P.	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City*†	3	2	3	7	82		5	106		90	135	62	6	3	2	9		243	36	68	6	3			682	1500	750	1229	1043
" P.	Sylva, N. C.	Sylva	2				12													8		53					61		4337	2	
Donald W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																														
J. C. Shire, H. R.	Asheville, N. C.																														
Walter H. Styles, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain*†	10	10	3	23	256	3	4	164	1	321	338	161	25	13	6	65		517	152	284	24	13	400	371	2690	2400		1129	1061
T. G. Tate, P.	Murphy, N. C.	Murphy*†	3	4	5	10	81	1	2	53		43	145	68	3	2	1	3	2	144	20	33	3			43	515	550	1380	769	
" P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	1		1		17		2	13	1	20	29	63		1	1	12		61	10	77	2	1		12	290			101	135
W. Hoyt Wakefield	Barnardsville, N. C.																														
Paul F. Warren, P.	Arden, N. C.	Arden†	4	2	2	9	56	2		88	1	81	81	51	18	2	1	7		109	29	68	5	2	10		464	904	628	622	400
W. C. Wauchope	Somerville, Tenn.																														
Charles C. West, P. E.	Asheville, N. C.	Malvern Hills†	2	1	3	1	63	3		48			75	10						18		26					129	585		371	
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	13	15	23	49	581	11	7	301		3079	1755	481	419	81	41	630		3833	982	1826	154	81			12362	3150		6363	510
Donald E. Williams, F. M.	Recife, Pernambuco, Brasil																														
John R. Williams, Ev.	Hendersonville, N. C.																														
Malcolm R. Williamson, P., S.C.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	9	15	3	9	193	2	3	112		214	154	48	17	8	4	25		229	102	189	16	8		84	1098	2700		4710	7130
—39	Barnardsville, N. C.	Dillingham, V.	4	3	1		117	1	1	113		45	42	20	5	2	1	5		35	22	66	3	1		170	417	1116		268	50
Candidates—10	Democrat, N. C.	Ivy Park, V.	1				19			24		8	16	2	1			1		17	4	7	1				57				
	Franklin, N. C., R. 3	Morrison, V.	1		2		27			37																					
—32			182	208	192	401	6021	115	114	4909	4	10107	11117	2908	1196	355	354	3771	2	16686	5095	8963	716	355	3113	4622	70292	44146		74973	46434

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SUMMER

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WEAVERVILLE CHURCH

Weaverville, North Carolina

July 15, 1947

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Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
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MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

James Howell, President; H. E. Lamb, Vice-President; Harold Flanagan, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

STATED SUMMER MEETING

July 15, 1947

The Presbytery of Asheville met in the Weaverville Church on Tuesday morning, July 15th, 1947, at ten o'clock. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. D. O. McInnis and led in a devotional service. The Rev. Walter H. Styles read the Scripture lesson from the 40th Chapter of Isaiah, verses 1-17, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The moderator preached a sermon on the subject: "Looking at God" using as a text Isaiah 40:1, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. W. P. Baldwin and the Rev. C. C. West.

MEMORIAL TO

ROBERT FISHBURNE CAMPBELL, D. D.

December 12, 1858 — April 3, 1947

Robert Fishburne Campbell, whose life and career exhibit in full measure his great inheritance of the Scotch-Irish and the Pilgrim, was born in Lexington, Virginia, on December 12, 1858, of distinguished Virginia and Massachusetts ancestry. His father, John Lyle Campbell, LL.D., a native of Rockbridge County, Virginia, was of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1851 he was appointed to the chair of chemistry and geology at Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Virginia, and served with distinction in that position until his death thirty-five years later. His mother, Harriet Hatch Bailey Campbell, a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was English descent, and was the great granddaughter of Colonel John Bailey, of the Second Massachusetts Regiment in the War of the American Revolution.

Robert Campbell grew to manhood in a home and university environment of the highest Christian ideals and culture. He was seven years of age when Robert E. Lee became the President of Washington College on October 2, 1865. The Campbells and Lees were next door neighbors. During the five succeeding years the character and personality of General Lee made a lasting impression on the boy and throughout his life exerted a profound influence upon him.

As he was nearing his fifteenth birthday, Robert Campbell matriculated at Washington and Lee, where he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1878, being the fourth generation of his family to be connected with the institution. Following a year of graduate study there, he received the Master of Arts degree. Throughout his student days he was an honor student. In 1878 he won the Santini Prize Medal for the best essay in the university magazine, and in 1879 the Robinson Prize Medal in modern languages and English literature.

The next three years, 1879 to 1882, Dr. Campbell devoted to teaching. He taught one year in the Kable Acadaemy at Charles Town, West Virginia, in Tinkling Spring High School in Virginia, and in McGuires School at Richmond, Virginia. Then, having determined upon the ministry as his life's work, he entered Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, now at Richmond. He was licensed to preach by Lexington Presbytery August 30, 1884, and was ordained May 18, 1885. At Lexington on October 8, 1885, he and Miss Sarah Montgomery Ruffner were married.

Upon his ordination, Dr. Campbell began a career that was to place him among the foremost ministers of the South. Although he was in the ministry more than sixty-two years, he had only four pastorates. From 1885 to 1889 he served the Millboro and Windy Cove Churches in Bath County, Virginia. From 1889 to 1890 he was pastor of the Davidson College Church at Davidson, North Carolina. From 1890 to 1892 he was pastor of the Buena Vista Church in Virginia. In 1892 he was called to become Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, North Carolina, and began his ministry here on December 11, one day before his thirty-fourth birthday. On that day he began a relation with one church and one field of service that, considering its great length, constructiveness, and fruitfulness, has few parallels among the ministers of any denomination. At that time the First Church had a membership of 333, and the population of Asheville was about 12,000. Now the First Church has 1650 members. Under his leadership the West Asheville Presbyterian Church was organized in 1916, and now has a membership of 600. In 1934 the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church was organized and now has a membership of 420. This brings the membership of the three Presbyterian Churches in Asheville, with which Dr. Campbell has been intimately associated, to a total of 2670.

Dr. Campbell served the First Church as Stated Supply until July 1, 1893, when he was installed as pastor. In that year Davidson College, recognizing his spiritual and intellectual attainments and his great qualities as a man and as a minister, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Campbell immediately made a study of the spiritual and material needs of the mountain territory, of which Asheville is the

center. At that time the First Church was a part of Mecklenburg Presbytery in the Synod of North Carolina and was the only self-supporting church in the eleven North Carolina Counties which now constitutes Asheville Presbytery. This great area with a population of 140,000 was described as the back yard of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The mountain churches were weak, and the home mission work was sadly neglected. Asheville Presbytery was organized at a meeting held in the Firsf Presbyterian Church on December 2, 1896. At that time Dr. Campbell became Chairman of the Home Mission Committee and served in that position until his death on April 3, 1947. He was Moderator of the Presbytery on several occasions, and with Dr. R. P. Smith was the founder of the Mountain Orphanage near Swannanoa in Buncombe County. The orphanage opened its doors for children on January 19, 1904. In 1897, the year following the organization of Asheville Presbytery, Dr. Campbell was elected a Trustee of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and served as a member of that board for forty-nine years. His successor was elected at the meeting of the Synod of Appalachia in September 1946.

One of the most important contributions made by Dr. Campbell to the work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States was his leadership in the movement which resulted in the organization of the Synod of Appalachia in 1915. The first formal step in this direction was taken at a meeting of the Synod of North Carolina in Greensboro in October, 1913. Dr. Campbell, in delivering one of the centennial addresses in commeration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Synod of North Carolina, spoke on "The Last Fifty Years of the Synod's Work." He emphasized the impetus given to home mission work in this State by the Synod's policy of organizing new Presbyteries in needy territories. "This policy," Dr. Campbell said in his address, "should be projected to a higher plane in an overture from the Synods concerned, asking the General Assembly to erect the Synod of Appalachia, to be constituted of the territory in the Appalachian Mountains. Why should not this venerable body symbolize the beginning of the second century of its life by requesting the other Synods having mountain mission fields to unite with it in appointing a joint committee to investigate this question and report the results as a basis of future action!"

The four Synods involved overtured the General Assembly and that body in session at Newport News, Virginia, in May 1915, created by unanimous vote the Synod of Appalachia. The new Synod was organized on November 2, 1915, in the First Presbyterian Church at Bristol, Tennessee, with Dr. Campbell being elected the first Moderator, after preaching the opening sermon by appointment by the General Assembly. With the organization of the Synod of Appalachia, Dr. Campbell became general chairman of the Synod's

Work Committee, in which capacity he served the Synod until he resigned from the active pastorate in 1938.

In the field of Christian Education, Dr. Campbell gave freely of his talents and energy and distinguished himself as a constructive leader. He played a large part in the movement to make King College the college of the Synod of Appalachia and in saving that college for the Church. He served as a Trustee from 1931 until his death. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Montreat College for Girls at Montreat, North Carolina, from 1916 to 1947. He was a member of the Trustees and of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association at Montreat from the beginning. Dr. Campbell also held high rank in the field of Christian statesmanship, having devoted his great abilities to the advancement of the entire Church. It has been said that he served on more ad interim committees of the General Assembly than any other man of his generation. As a Commissioner to the General Assembly on numerous occasions, he worked untiringly in behalf of the causes of the Church. His knowledge of parliamentary law and church history, his sound judgment and his ability to weigh all issues without prejudice proved invaluable to the General Assembly at its meetings and at the meetings of its committees. He was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in Montreat when that institution was organized in 1927, and was chairman of that committee from 1937 to the time of his death.

Dr. Campbell was the recipient of two of the greatest honors in the gifts of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In May, 1927, at El Dorado, Arkansas, he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly on the first ballot. In 1930, he was chosen to deliver the James Sprunt Foundation Lectures at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Under the title of "Freedom and Restraint" these lectures have been published in book form. Dr. Campbell is also the author of brochures on a variety of subjects, including the following: "Some Aspects of the Race Problems in the South," "Mission Work Among the Mountain Whites," "Classification of the Mountain White," "The Church Fair," "The Use and Abuse of Animals," "The Dog in Literature and Life," "Interrace Relation of the Individual and the Institutions of Society," "The First Day's Duty of Everyone," "Union Seminary in Pastorate," "Harmful Child Labor in the United States," "Sunday Law and Liberty," and "Christ's Word on War and Peace."

In the field of Christian Citizenship Dr. Campbell cooperated through the years with ministers of other Asheville Churches—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish—for the promotion of civic righteousness and the improvement of moral conditions. He devoted much time to the betterment of relations between the white and Negro

races. A life long friend of the Negro, he studied his problem and worked for his advancement. He was Chairman of the Interracial Committee of Asheville from the creation of that committee for more than twenty-five years. He was Vice-president of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States and was an effective champion of the Sabbath Day. For many years he defended its cause in his own community and advocated legislation in City and State which would safeguard the rights of man to this day as a day of rest and worship. One of Dr. Campbell's strongest characteristics was his patriotism. During the First World War he gave his full powers to maintaining the morale of the home front, to work in the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations. He was a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Civilian Relief Department of the Buncombe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He made numerous addresses on behalf of Liberty Loans, the Red Cross, and other patriotic causes. It was in the strenuous days of America's first year of participation in World War I that Mrs. Campbell died on August 20, 1917. In the spring of 1918, Dr. Campbell alone at home, his son Ruffner being away as an Ensign in the Navy, and having excellent opportunities elsewhere, decided to resign as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. In a letter to the Session on April 6, 1918, he requested the congregation to join with him in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation. The congregation, the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe County, church leaders and civic leaders of all faiths joined in such a strong demand that he remain in Asheville that Dr. Campbell withdrew his resignation and began a second quarter of a century of ministry in that church.

On June 18, 1919, Dr. Campbell was married to Miss Julia Berryman, a native of Shelbyville, Kentucky, a graduate of Wellesley College and a teacher in a large Girls' School in Birmingham, Alabama. Of this union one son, Robert Fishburne Campbell, Jr., was born on January 10, 1921. Robert was graduated from Washington and Lee University in June 1942, and because of his scholarship was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Campbell had become a Foundation Member of the Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Washington and Lee in 1911. Robert was graduated from Columbia University in June 1947 with his Master of Arts degree and is now a reporter on the Asheville *Citizen-Times* and is making his home with his mother. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during the Second World War.

In 1911, Dr. Campbell again demonstrated his ability to clearly see a great need and to provide leadership for the meeting of that need. Recognizing the necessity of a greater spiritual ministry to the large number of people who were seeking to renew their health in Asheville, Dr. Campbell led the ministers of the city in the organi-

zation of the Mission of the Good Samaritan. He was elected president and served in that capacity for the next thirty-one years. On his eightieth birthday anniversary Dr. Campbell said of this work, "The Good Samaritan Mission is the most fruitful organization outside the Church that I have had anything to do with."

Dr. Campbell was a charter member of the Pen and Plate Club of Asheville, a club which meets monthly for the reading and discussion of papers on all subjects. The membership of the club is confined to business and professional men in Asheville. In this club Dr. Campbell read papers on a variety of subjects, demonstrating his keen interest in a multitude of things not directly connected with the Church. At a meeting of this club on June 17, 1919, he read a paper on "The Children's Court," which resulted in the establishment of the Asheville Juvenile Court which has developed into the present Domestic Relations Court of Buncombe County.

Dr. Campbell was a member of the North Carolina Child Labor Committee which secured the enactment of a Child Labor Law for the State which protects the rights of children.

Dr. Campbell was often called and was generally looked upon by the people in Asheville as the leading citizen of the community for many years. On his eightieth birthday Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, then Governor of North Carolina, sent Dr. Campbell this message: "I wish warmly to congratulate you upon your eightieth birthday anniversary. Your life has been a benediction to your city and State and you have given us all an example of how to live simply and grandly. I covet for myself and the people of North Carolina a double portion of your spirit."

Today Asheville Presbytery pays tribute to the memory of Robert Fishburne Campbell and offers thanksgiving to God who appointed him a minister and a witness of the Gospel of the grace of God. We thank Him that he was a fearless prophet, calling men to righteousness. We thank Him that in times of darkness he had an indomitable courage. We thank Him for the unfailing courtesy which characterized his relations with all men; for the godly joy which illumined his face, and his unfailing sense of humor; for the dauntless courage which made him a defender of the weak and a champion of righteousness; for the charity of his spirit which embraced all men of every race and faith and condition of life; for his humility before God, for his tender, winsome, lovable, shepherd heart; for his fidelity as a preacher of the Gospel; and for his unfailing faith in the ultimate triumph of the Church of Christ.

The above memorial was read by the Rev. C. Grier Davis and adopted by Presbytery.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Ministers and the following were found to be present:

W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, C. Grier Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, K. J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, M. P. Reid, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, L. T. Wilds, J. R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, and C. C. West (23).

The roll call of Churches showed the following Ruling Elders to be present:

Asheville First, M. N. Coleman; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Brevard-Davidson River, J. L. Hunter; Brittain Cove, W. P. Roberts; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Highlands, O. L. Summer; Hendersonville, E. C. Lane; Mills River, M. E. Lance; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, W. L. Patten; Waynesville, H. L. Baughman; Weaverville, H. B. Evans (14).

The Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Jr. of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman was nominated and unanimously elected as Moderator of Presbytery and the Rev. W. H. Styles was elected Temporary Clerk.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the program committee was made by the host pastor, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. A motion prevailed that the docket be followed, and the Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:20 and reconvene at 1:30.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The report of the Special Committee appointed at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery with reference to a proposed amendment to the Charter for the Mountain Orphanage was read by Mr. George H. Wright. A motion prevailed that the proposed Charter be adopted and that Mr. Wright be thanked for the excellent work done in preparation of the Charter. The Certificate of Incorporation follows:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE, INC.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves into a non-stock corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and other applicable statutes, and to that end do hereby set forth:

I.

The name of this corporation is The Mountain Orphanage, Inc.

II.

The location of the principal office of the corporation in this State is in Buncombe County, North Carolina.

III.

The objects for which this corporation is formed, are as follows:

(a) To acquire, hold, own, maintain and operate in the State of North Carolina one or more homes, orphanages or similar institutions for the reception, care, support, maintenance, nurture and education of children and more particularly of children, one or both of whose parents are dead, and children having no parent or other relative to whom they may reasonably look for support.

(b) To acquire, own, maintain and operate, in connection with any orphanage, home or institution operated as aforesaid, one or more farms or other agricultural or non-agricultural enterprises, suitable to be so maintained and opeated as a source of support of any such orphanage, home, or institution.

(c) To organize, maintain and carry on, in connection with the operation of any such orphanage, home or institution, educational agricultural and industrial activities having for their purpose the education, training and teaching of children in any such orphanage, home or institution in keeping with their probable needs after they have attained their majority.

(d) To solicit and receive gifts of money, securities and all types of property, real and personal, for use in connection with carrying out the above objects and purposes and to create, and maintain endowment funds and other funds, whether in trust or otherwise, to produce income for carrying on the objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed.

And in order properly to prosecute the objects and purposes above set forth, the corporation shall have full power and authority to own or hold any property of whatever nature and wherever situated; to purchase, lease and otherwise acquire, and to hold,

mortgage, lease, sell, transfer, exchange, convey and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, both in this State and elsewhere; to receive by gift or otherwise and to invest and reinvest funds and properties in such securities or properties as it shall deem suitable; to execute and deliver any proxie, powers of attorney, deeds and agreements that it shall deem necessary or proper; to determine whether money or property coming into its possession shall be treated as principal or income and to charge or apportion any expenses or losses to principal or income as it may deem proper; to select and employ suitable agents and employees and pay reasonable compensation for their services; and generally to perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper and successful prosecution of any of the objects and purposes for which the corporation is created, with all of the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State of North Carolina upon corporations.

IV.

The donor of a gift to the corporation may make the same without condition or subject to one or more of the following types of conditions:

(1) That the gift, or the income therefrom, be applied solely to some particular object or objects within the scope of the objects and purposes for which the corporation is formed.

(2) That the gift be invested and the income therefrom only, or such income and the principal of the gift according to some specified plan, be used to promote the objects and purposes for which the corporation is formed.

Any gift accepted by the corporation subject to any conditions shall be held and used by the corporation strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions attached to the gift; provided, however, that if the object or purpose of any gift or donation fails or becomes impossible of performance, or if it is the unanimous opinion of the Board of Trustees of the corporation that the object or purpose of any gift or donation has ceased to be beneficial to any of the objects or purposes for which the corporation is formed, then, and in either event, such gift or donation shall cease to be held and administered for such designated object or purpose and shall thereafter be held and administered by the corporation to carry out one or more of the objects and purposes for which it is formed as similar as may be to the original designated object or purpose of the donor of the gift.

The Board of Trustees may pay from any special fund held under a condition such proportion of the expenses of the corporation as they deem fairly and reasonably allocable to such fund, provided that none of the operating expenses of the corporation shall be paid from any fund held for investment only.

V.

The corporation is to have no capital stock. The purposes for which it is formed are charitable, benevolent and educational. It is not organized for the purpose of gain or profit to the members, and no financial gain shall ever accrue to any member from this corporation, and all income accruing to the corporation, after defraying necessary operating expenses, shall be used for the objects and purposes of which this corporation is formed, but this shall not prevent the corporation from paying a member thereof reasonable compensation for services actually rendered or expenses incurred in its behalf.

VI.

The names and Post Office addresses of the incorporators and their terms of membership in the corporation from August 1, 1947, are as follows:

Name and Post Office Address	Term
J. R. McGregor, Montreat, N. C.	1 year
Chandler Gordon, Asheville, N. C.	1 year
R. L. Prevost, Hazelwood, N. C.	1 year
Mrs. George N. Moland, Hendersonville, N. C.	1 year
L. T. Wilds, Hendersonville, N. C.	2 years
George H. Wright, Asheville, N. C.	2 years
O. L. Merchant, Swannanoa, N. C.	2 years
Mrs. Ralph McLean, Asheville, N. C.	2 years
C. Grier Davis, Asheville, N. C.	3 years
H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.	3 years
J. T. Bailey, Canton, N. C.	3 years
Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Swannanoa, N. C.	3 years

VII.

The period of existence of this corporation is unlimited.

VIII.

The members of this corporation shall be limited to twelve, to consist of the incorporators and their successors to be selected as hereinafter provided. All of the members of the corporation shall be trustees thereof and meetings of the trustees of the corporation shall constitute meetings of the members thereof and election as a trustee shall constitute election as a member of the corporation. Any member of the corporation who shall cease to be trustee under the plan hereinafter set out or otherwise, shall cease to be a mmber of the corporation. The president and vice-president of the corporation must be trustees thereof. Other officers are not required to be trustees.

The members of the corporation above named shall continue to be members thereof until the expiration of their respective terms as above set out and until their successors are chosen by action of

Asheville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in United States, according to the following plan:

At the July meeting of said Presbytery in the year 1948, and in each year thereafter or at some other meeting of Presbytery in each such year, designated by Presbytery for that purpose, four trustees of the corporation shall be chosen to serve for a term of three years and to replace the trustees whose terms of office expire in the year in which such action is taken.

No person shall be eligible to serve as a trustee of the corporation unless he or she is at least twenty-one years of age and is a member, in good standing, of Asheville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in United States, or a member in good standing, of a constituent Church of said Presbytery. In each group of four trustees, provided for above, one of the trustees must be a woman.

Vacancies among the trustees of the corporation shall be filled at the next regular meeting of said Presbytery for the unexpired term.

IX.

Annually, at the meeting of said Asheville Presbytery, designated for the election of trustee for the corporation as above set out, the trustees thereof shall file with the Stated Clerk of the Prsebytery a report covering the operation of all orphanages and other activities carried on by the corporation during the preceding year, together with balance sheets and statements of operations designed to fully disclose the financial condition of the corporation and the results of its operations during the preceding year.

X.

The trustees of the corporation shall have the right and are hereby specifically given, full power and authority to make, alter, amend or repeal any and all by-laws of the corporation.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—D. O. McInnis, J. C. Plexico, and M. N. Coleman.
2. *Judiciary*—C. Grier Davis, T. G. Tate, and E. C. Lane.
3. *Minutes of Presbytery*—P. N. Gresham, W. P. Baldwin, and H. L. Baughman.
4. *Nominations*—T. A. Painter, R. E. McClure, and J. L. Gash.
5. *Resolutions*—B. H. Evans, M. E. Lance, and J. S. Gray.

HOME MISSION NEEDS

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a brief statement to the Presbytery of the Home Mission needs of the Presbytery and presented the following requests which were granted:

First, That Presbytery approve a 3% appropriation from all benevolent funds to be used for "promotion and administration" as provided in the recent action of the General Assembly allowing such a cause to be reported as a benevolent contribution from the churches, with the understanding that this shall take the place of the $600.00 deduction previously authorized by the Central Treasurer.

Second, That Presbytery authorize a special appeal to the churches in connection with the self-denial offering for Home Missions, upon the basis of 50% to Presbytery's Home Missions and 50% to Assembly's Home Missions, for the first $2,000.00 raised, and all thereafter for Presbytery's Home Missions.

The Rev. R. E. McClure called attention to the proposed erection of a house of worship to be used by the Malvern Hills Congregation, whereupon a motion prevailed that the Rev. C. C. West, pastor of the Malvern Hills Church, be granted permission to secure funds for this purpose within the bounds of Presbytery and that pastors and sessions be urged to cooperate.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. H. B. Dendy introduced the Rev. J. D. Pyatt of the Weaverville Circuit.

CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY

The Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, presented Alfred Douglas Reed, a member of the Weaverville Church, and recommended that he be examined for reception as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Presbytery proceeded with the examination. He was examined by the Moderator on his Christian Experience and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory and he gave assent to the questions required by the Book of Church

Order. A few words of admonition were given by his pastor, after which prayer was offered by the moderator. Dr. Wilds called attention to another young man, Bruce Frye, whom he stated wants to appear before Presbytery at a later date to be received as a Candidate. Presbytery engaged in prayer in behalf of the above named young man. The prayer was offered by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson.

The request in behalf of James Dendy, that his name be removed from the roll of Candidates for the Ministry, because of his work in the field of Church Music, was granted.

At this point the Presbytery heard a brief statement from the Rev. H. B. Dendy regarding the need for increased appropriations to all ministers on the Ministerial Relief roll. The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was requested by Presbytery to prepare a suitable overture to be sent to the next General Assembly in regard to this matter.

MEMBER TRUSTEES FOR HOME MISSIONS AND THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The ad-interim committee appointed at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery to name member trustees for Committee on Home Missions and for the Mountain Orphanage made its report through the Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report which was adopted is as follows:

Home Missions:

One year term: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

Two year term: J. C. Plexico, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.

Three year term: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey, George H. Wright.

Mountain Orphanage:

One year term: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George Moland.

Two year term: L. T. Wilds, George H. Wright, O. L. Merchant, Mrs. Ralph McLean.

Three year term: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.

An announcement was made by the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery that on August 1st Mr. Harry Barclay, the Superintendent elect of the Mountain Orphanage, would assume his duties.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The Rev. T. G. Tate gave an interesting report of his attendance upon the last meeting of the General Assembly. The report of the Rev. C. Grier Davis had been submitted in writing and was read by the Stated Clerk. Ruling Elder C. D. Richmond reported his attendance and gave some interesting observations of the Assembly in action.

All of the reports were received and the Commissioners commended for their diligence.

CHANGE IN TIME OF ELECTION

Presbytery voted to change the working rules of Presbytery to the effect that Commissioners to the General Assembly be elected at the Stated Winter Meeting instead of the Stated Spring Meeting.

Presbytery also voted to make the Stated Winter Meeting a two day session in order that the matters pertaining to Church Union and the Federal Council of Churches might receive due consideration. These matters were ordered placed on the docket for the Stated Winter Meeting. Acting upon an invitation extended by the Rev. C. Grier Davis Presbytery voted to hold the Winter Meeting in the Asheville First Church.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. C. C. West, pastor of the Malvern Hills Church, reported as follows:

The Commission to install the Rev. C. C. West pastor of the Malvern Hills Church met at the place of worship of the Malvern Hills Congregation on Sunday evening, June 15th, 1947 at 7:50 o'clock. Members of the Commission present were, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. R. McGregor, and Rev. D. R. Freeman. The commission was constituted with prayer, Rev. R. E. McClure presided and propounded the constitutional questions. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. McGregor using as a text Acts 1:8.

Rev. D. R. Freeman delivered the charge to the pastor and the Rev. R. E. McClure charged the Congregation. The service was concluded with prayer and the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor, the Rev. C. C. West.

Note—Ruling Elder George H. Wright, appointed by Presbytery on the Commission, was not present.

D. R. Freeman, *Secretary.*

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. W. P. Baldwin, pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church, reported as follows:

The Commission composed of Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. C. Neville, Rev. J. B. Davidson, and Ruling Elder F. A. Bailey, met at the Brevard-Davidson River Church on Sunday evening, June 8th at 7:50 o'clock. The Rev. R. E. McClure presided and propounded the constitutional questions, the Rev. J. C. Neville preached the sermon, the charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. J. B. Davidson and the charge to the congregation given by Ruling Elder F. A. Bailey. The Commission was constituted with prayer and closed with the Apostolic benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor, the Rev. W. P. Baldwin.

J. B. Davidson, *Secretary.*

The above Commission reports were received and ordered admitted to record.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Religious Education.

The Committee on Religious Education reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was adopted and is as follows:

During the summer there has been held a Young People's Conference with an enrollment of 91 young people and twenty three adults, and a Pioneer Camp with an enrollment of 71 pioneers and thirteen adults. The cost of these was $412.25, or an average of $2.20 each for the young people and $2.70 for the pioneers. Statistical information and the report of these activities was published in the June issue of *Our Mountain Work.*

There have been two meetings for men. Approximately 125 men assembled at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, when Dr. J. P. McCallie, of Chattanooga, was the speaker, on March 21st.

Newly elected officers of the Men of the Presbytery are: James S. Howell, President; Harold Flannagan, Vice-President; Hugh G. Lamb, Secretary.

A superintendents group, planned at this meeting, was held at the Kenilworth Church on May 1st, with Rev. C. G. Davis, D. D.,

as speaker. The superintendents were organized with the following officers: W. H. Prevost, President; Lawson Summerow, Vice-President; Captain W. B. Lentz, Sec'y-Treasurer.

At a meeting of the Religious Education Committee, held early in the year, the following were named on appropriate sub-committees:

1. Children's Work—D. O. McInnis, Chairman, P. N. Gresham, H. B. Dendy, Walter Abernathy, W. H. McMurray, and the President of the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

2. Young People's Work—M. R. Williamson, Chairman, Walter Styles, R. E. McClure, the President of the Young People's Council, and the Woman Adult Adviser to Young People.

3. Adult Work—C. G. Davis, Chairman, J. C. Plexico, E. G. Roberts, the Secretary of Religious Education in the Presbyterial, the President of the Men of the Presbytery, and the Chairman of the Sunday School Superintendents of the Presbytery.

Your Committee recommends the endorsement of the Presbytery of the following:

1. Participation in the Presbyterian Program of Progress, in that phase assigned to the Executive Committee of Religious Education, with specific reference to the raising of $500,000 in the next five years throughout the church at the Rally Day Season.

2. That every church in the Presbytery observe Rally Day, together with the week of Religious Education, and make a liberal offering to the above goal.

3. That the Chairman of the committee, with the Executive Secretary study the giving of the Presbytery in past Rally Day offerings, and fix a reasonable goal for the entire Presbytery.

4. That Presbytery endorse three Leadership Schools to be held at the West Asheville Church, Asheville First Church, and Black Mountain Church, at times to be set in the fall, and that every church send their leaders to one or the other of these schools.

5. That the Fall Rally, arranged by the Young People, be approved for August 18th, at Oak Forest Church, including both Intermediates and Young People, and that arrangements be made for the Intermediates to meet separately at this Rally for purposes of organizing and possibly arranging separate Intermediate meetings in the future.

6. That a program on Visual Aid be arranged, in conformity with a schedule within the Synod, to be held at the West Asheville Church from 7:30-9:00 P. M., on Friday, November 7th.

7. That the date of the Young People's Conference for 1948 be fixed as June 7-12.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. DENDY, *Chairman.*

2. Evangelism.

The Committee on Evangelism reported through its

Chairman, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

In making the first report of the Committee on Evangelism in this present Church year we would call attention to the fact that our Churches reported 192 received on profession of faith for the year which closed on March 31st. This compares with a total of 201 received the previous year. Thus it can be seen that the combined efforts of all the churches in the field of Evangelism produced 9 less professions last year than the year previous.

This does not mean of course that we have been less active in this field of endeavor but it does show that we are not making material gains in the number of professions.

We have tried to keep the cause of Evangelism before the Presbytery. At our Spring meeting we had a forceful sermon on this subject by the Rev. John R. Williams which proved a great stimulus to pastors, ruling elders and others who attended the opening session of Presbytery.

Increasing emphasis is being placed upon personal evangelism. Soul winning is still the main business of the Church. Preachers and Consecrated laymen are all needed in this great work, while sermons with an evangelistic appeal need to be preached again and again from the pulpits of our Churches.

It is our hope that in addition to the above named efforts that each of our Churches will hold within this Church year a special Evangelistic service to the end that this cause may be rightly emphasized and that souls may be saved. It is not too much to ask that all of us pray that God will send a revival now into all the Churches of our Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

There were no reports given for the Committee on Foreign Missions and also the Committee on Family Religion. Presbytery instructed the Stated Clerk to call attention to these omissions and request the Chairmen of the committees on these two causes report at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Sessional Records.

Rev. J. C. Neville stated that there had been placed in his hands for examination the Session Book of the Hendersonville Church. That his committee had examined the

book and recommended that it be approved. The report was adopted.

2. Bills and Overtures.

The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Judiciary.

The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

4. Minutes of Presbytery.

The Committee on Minutes of Presbytery reported through its Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We have examined the printed Minutes of Asheville Presbytery for Summer 1946, Fall 1946, Winter 1947 and Spring 1947 and find them in good order and recommend that these copies be the official copies for the dates mentioned.

P. N. GRESHAM, *Chairman.*

5. Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report which was adpoted:

The members of Presbytery desire to record some expression of gratitude for the hospitality so graciously extended them during this meeting. Many things have combined to make this session particularly enjoyable. We are grateful for them all.

We especially appreciate the thoughtful consideration of the host pastor, the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The delicious meal prepared and served by the good ladies of the Auxiliary will not be forgotten soon by any of us.

The host church is celebrating its twenty fifth anniversary of service. We take this occasion to offer our sincerest congratulations, and we pray that God will continue to bless this church and to make her a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

HOYT EVANS, *Chairman.*

Presbytery expressed its congratulations to Dr. Foreman as he assumes his work at Louisville Theological Seminary as Professor of Theology.

PLACE OF FALL MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Black Mountain Church to hold its Stated Fall Meeting in the Black Mountain Church, the time being Tuesday, October 14, 1947.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

KENNETH J. FOREMAN, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator
1932 Fall	—Mills River	Rev. L. N. Edmunds
1933 Spring	—Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. J. C. Neville, Horse Shoe, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. D. O. McInnis, Canton, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1949: J. C. Plexico, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1948: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1949: L. T. Wilds, George H. Wright, O. L. Merchant, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1948: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, W. H. Styles, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.
Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; R. C. Anderson, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, R. C. Anderson, J. M. McChesney, T. G. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. B. Davidson, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, S. R. Crockett, Robert King, J. R. Williams. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY MINUTES
STATED FALL MEETING

October 14, 1947.

The Presbytery of Asheville met for its stated Fall meeting in the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Tuesday morning, October 14, 1947, at ten o'clock. Presbytery engaged in a worship service led by the host pastor, the Rev. Walter H. Styles. At the request of the Moderator the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Grier Davis on the text, Matthew 16:18, using as his subject "I Believe in the Church."

COMMUNION SERVICE

Presbytery engaged in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the service being conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and the Rev. J. C. Plexico.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and of churches. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, S. R. Crockett, C. G. Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, D. R. Freeman, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Robert King, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, M. P. Reid, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, W. H. Wakefield, Paul Warren, L. T. Wilds, Malcolm R. Williamson, and C. C. West (27).

Churches represented were:

Arden, R. H. Marshall; Asheville First, J. M. Coleman; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; West Asheville, R. L. Crook; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Brevard-Davidson River, Luther Wood; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Montreat, J. C. Rice; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (15).

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. J. C. Neville was elected Moderator and the Rev. D. O. McInnis was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

After a few words of cordial greeting to the Presbytery by the Rev. Walter H. Styles he presented the report of the program committee which was that the docket be followed and that Presbytery be recessed for lunch at 12:20 and reconvene for the afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock. The report was adopted. A motion prevailed that the reception of candidates for the gospel ministry be made the first order of business upon reconvening after lunch.

EXCUSES OF ABSENCE

Written excuses for non-attendance upon the meeting of Presbytery were presented from the Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman and the Rev. J. R. McGregor. These excuses were granted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk called attention to a letter from the *Christian Observer* with reference to the observance of Church Paper Week. This letter was received as information. The request of the Rev. D. R. Freeman for a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Knoxville was granted. A letter from Mr. J. T. Bailey regarding the possibility of setting up ABC stores in Asheville was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. A letter from Mr. T. D. Hunter reporting his attendance as a commissioner to the last meeting of the General Assembly was read to the Presbytery. A motion prevailed that Mr. Hunter's report be accepted and that he be commended for his diligence.

Presbytery's attention was called to the fact that a number of our churches were not represented at the meeting of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write the pastors of all churches urging that this matter be called to the attention of their sessions and that they endeavor to have their churches represented at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The request of the Rev. J. C. Shive for a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of West Texas was granted.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Bills and Overtures, L. T. Wilds and R. H. Marshall; Judiciary, J. C. Plexico and Luther Wood; Minutes of the General Assembly, T. G. Tate, J. M. McChesney, C. D. Richmond, and J. O. Williams; Nominations, P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, and J. H. Flanagan; Resolutions, H. B. Dendy and F. A. Bailey.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 and was led in prayer by the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, presented to Presbytery Mr. Bruce Frye and Mr. Henry Samuel Schum, III with the recommendation that they be received upon examination as candidates for the gospel ministry. The examinations on experimental religion and motives for seeking the gospel were conducted by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The questions in the Book of Church Order regarding the reception of candidates were proposed by the Moderator and answered in the affirmative. A brief charge was delivered to the candidates by Dr. Robert King who also offered prayer in their behalf. A motion then prevailed that the young men under examination be received and enrolled as candidates for the gospel ministry. The Rev. L. T. Wilds stated to Presbytery that Frank Sanford, a candidate for the ministry under care of our Presbytery, had decided to resume his study of medicine and for that reason he requested that his name be dropped from the roll of candidates for the ministry. The request was granted.

REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, made a verbal report for the Committee on Home Missions, the report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. Resolved that Asheville Presbytery endorse an appeal for a minimum of $8,000 for Home Misions during the Home Mission Season closing November 2, 1947, with the understanding that the first $4,161 be sent to the Home Mission Committe of the General Assembly as the assigned quota of the offering in the Presbyterian Program of Progress for 1947.

2. Resolved that the quota assigned to the Presbytery be distributed to the churches on the same basis, but increased to equal a total of $8,000, as used by the General Assembly in assigning a quota to the Presbytery and that each congregation be urged to take this offering in the way they think best during the season ending Nov. 2, 1947.

BIBLE CAUSE

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report through the Rev. P. N. Gresham. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Asheville Presbytery endorse the work of the American Bible Society and recommend the deep interest and loyal support of all pastors and people.

2. That we recommend the observance of Bible Sunday on the first Sunday in December as an occasion of more serious consideration of a fruitful use of the Bible among our people and its wide circulation among the nations of the world.

3. That we endorse the special reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas and recommend this plan to our churches.

4. That the name of the Committee be changed from "Bible Cause" to the "American Bible Society."

STEWARDSHIP

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was made by the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery adopt a total Benvolent Askings for the year beginning April 1, 1948, of $64,000, 50% for Assembly's Causes and 50% for Synod and Presbytery's Causes.

2. That the exact amount reported in the Assembly's Minutes of 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947 for Pastor's Salary, Benevolences and Current Expenses be tabulated for each church and averaged for the entire period.

The final figure for each church to be an index to determine the percentage of the $64,000 to be assigned to each church as the 1948-1949 askings for Benevolences, with the following exceptions:

If the amount thus determined be LESS than the amount accepted by the church for the current year, then the askings shall be a 10% increase over this year's accepted askings.

If the amount thus determined be more than 20% in excess of the actual budget giving for the year 1946-1947, then the askings shall be a 20% increase over the actual budget giving of last year.

(Actual budget giving shall be determined by deducting from the TOTAL printed in the 1947 Minutes gifts reported for Miscellaneous causes, one half of the gifts to The Mountain Orphanage and the amount given to the Home Mission Emergency Fund.)

3. That the figures thus determined shall be sent to the churches in mimeographed form, accompanied by the following statement:

"By order of the Presbytery the amount shown for each church is proposed as the Benevolent Askings of each church for the year beginning April 1, 1948.

"The Presbytery urges each church to accept its quota in full, and if it seems absolutely necessary to reduce the Askings that the Executive Secretary be allowed to meet with the officers of said church to explain the urgency of this request BEFORE final action is taken.

"The Presbytery will hear requests for adjustments and adopt the Askings in final form at the January meeting."

The committee was directed to submit a detailed report of askings for the individual Churches at the Stated Winter Meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. T. A. Painter submitted a request relative to the Annual Meeting of Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of the Assembly, the request being that our Presbytery participate in sharing the expense of this meeting by paying into the pool a sum equal to one-half cent per capita membership of Presbytery. The request was granted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report on Foreign Missions was made by the Rev. W. H. Armistead. The report was received and the following recommendation adopted:

That the Churches of the Presbytery respond to the appeal of our Foreign Mission Committee in a most faithful and sacrificial manner during the special season of Foreign Missions in January.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Mr. Harry Barclay, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, was presented to Presbytery. He spoke briefly concerning the work of the orphanage. A motion prevailed that the orphanage committee be requested to make an appeal for the needs of the orphanage calling special attention to the need for a milch cow.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The report on Sabbath Observance was made by the Rev. Robert King. The report was received and the following recommendation adopted:

That if Churches have not already observed the date fixed by the General Assembly for this cause they be urged to do so as soon as possible.

The Rev. Milton P. Reid requested that the pastoral relation existing between him and the Bryson City Church be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Kanawha. A statement was made by ruling Elder S. W. Black that the Bryson City Church had concurred in the request. The request was granted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures

The following overture submitted by the Committee on Ministerial Relief was adopted:

In view of the high cost of living, the Presbytery of Asheville overtures the General Assembly in session May 1948, to take immediate and definite steps to make a more adequate provision for those on the roll of Ministerial Relief and the Annunity."

The overture regarding the proposed legalizing the sale of liquor in Asheville was adopted as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville meeting in Black Mountain, October 14, 1947, deplores the effort to legalize distilled liquor in Western North Carolina, Buncombe County and Asheville under the guise of "control." The Presbyterian Church has long condemned the use of beverage alcohol. Distilled liquor is still the same in its destroying nature as it always has been. We pledge ourselves to continuously and vigorously withstand the liquor traffic in every form

and by whatever front it attempts to spread itself. We call to the attention of all in Asheville Presbytery the action of the General Assembly of our Church, namely: "The Assembly urges its own members to abstain from all indulgence in intoxicating beverages, and to refrain from any type of participation in, or encouragement of, the alcohol traffic."

2. Minutes of the General Assembly

The report for this committee was made by the Chairman, the Rev. T. G. Tate.

Presbytery postponed action on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order until the Stated Winter Meeting. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Asheville Presbytery establish a committee on Negro Work.
2. That Churches appoint in their local congregations a committee to promote work among negroes.

3. Sessional Records

The Sessional Records of the Malvern Hills Church having been submitted to Presbytery for examination were examined and approved with the following exceptions: Only two meetings of the Session recorded during the last Church year, No statistical report included in minutes of Session, No record of representatives having been elected to attend either meetings of Presbytery or Synod.

4. Nominations

The report of the Committee on Nominations was made by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, whose term on the Commission on the Minister and His Work expires with this meeting, to be replaced by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, term to expire Fall of 1950. The Rev. R. E. McClure to succeed himself with his term expiring Fall of 1950.

The Rev. C. C. West and the Rev. Paul Warren to replace the Rev. R. C. Anderson and the Rev. D. R. Freeman on the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The Rev. Walter Baldwin to replace the Rev. J. C. Shive on the committee on "American Bible Society."

At the request of Presbytery the Moderator and the Stated Clerk named to the Committee on Negro Work, H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, and J. O. Williams.

5. Resolutions

The report of the Committee on Resolutions by the Rev. H. B. Dendy was adopted and is as follows:

The members of Presbytery express their appreciation for the splendid hospitality of the Black Mountain Church. The pastor, the Session and the members have been most gracious in every way. We especially record our thanks for the bountiful meal served by the good ladies of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Dendy,
F. A. Bailey.

Presbytery adopted the following resolution introduced by the Rev. R. E. McClure:

Resolved that Asheville Presbytery approve the Presbyterian Program of Progress and authorize the organization of a committee in this Presbytery along the lines outlined by the General Assembly's Committee.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery having previously accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Winter Meeting in the Asheville First Church fixed the time for MONDAY, January 12, 1948, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with the aspostolic benediction by the Moderator.

J. C. Neville, *Moderator.*
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville

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Moderator—Rev. J. R. McGregor, Montreat, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. T. Bailey, George H. Wright.
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Terms expire July 1948: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

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Religious Education—Ministers: **H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham,** W. H. Styles, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.
Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey
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American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. B. Davidson, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul F. Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. T. Bailey.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, C. C. West, Robert King, J. R. Williams. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
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James Howell, President; H. E. Lamb, Vice-President; Harold Flanagan, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED WINTER MEETING

Asheville Presbytery, January 12, 1948

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Monday morning, January 12. 1948, at ten o'clock. The Presbytery was led in a devotional service conducted by the Rev. D. O. McInnis after which the opening sermon of Presbytery was preached by the moderator, the Rev. J. C. Neville, on the subject, "The Proper Symbol of the Christian Church."

Following the preaching of the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. D. W. Richardson and the Rev. R. E. McClure, assisted by ruling elders J. T. Bailey, R. L. Prevost, J. J. Stone, and Dr. L. N. Bell.

A memorial to the late Rev. S. R. Crockett was read by R. L. Prevost. The memorial was adopted and Presbytery engaged in prayer in behalf of the family of the deceased. The memorial follows:

REV. STUART ROPER CROCKETT

A Memorial By Ruling Elder R. L. Prevost

The death of Rev. Stuart Roper Crockett on January 6, 1948, came after a brief illness and following an operation at the C. J. Harris Hospital, Sylva, N. C.

He was a son of Dr. Henry Stuart Crockett, of Wayne County, Virginia, and wife, Minnie Howe. Both families were identified with Presbyterianism in the Valley of Virginia for many generations.

Col. John Stuart was the great-grandfather of the deceased and one of the founders of the Old Stone Church at Lewisburg, W. Va., oldest Presbyterian Church west of the Alleghenies. Rev. Mr. Crockett was educated at Central University, Richmond, Va., and at Louisville Theological Seminary. During student days, he was a leader in the Y. M. C. A. activities, and provided for the establishment of the honor system. He edited the college annual and graduated with high honors. He was recognized especially as having a good grasp of exegesis in Seminary. Throughout his ministry, he preferred to read a passage in Greek before building his sermon around it.

In his ministerial student days, he was associated with Dr. E. O. Guerrant in Home Mission Work in Breathitt County, Kentucky.

His first charge after graduating was at Madisonville, Ky., followed by pastorates at New Providence Church, Stony Point, Tenn., where he remained ten years until he resigned to volunteer his services

in the Chaplains' Corps in World War I. He was commissioned Lieutenant and stationed at Walter Reed Government Hospital, Washington, D. C., acting as Protestant Chaplain for the Post.

He was transferred from this point to become Chaplain on the Troop Transport, U.S.S. Postures, returning soldiers from foreign duty. He made six trips to France. Upon honorable discharge, he travelled at Field Representative of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief until becoming pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian Church in 1920, where he remained for ten years, resigning to become Superintendent of Maxwell Farm Home for Boys, at Franklin, N. C.

The Maxwell Home was later closed and the boys sent to The Mountain Orphanage at Black Mountain, N. C. He was later called as pastor of the Hazelwood Church, where he had often filled the pulpit during his pastorate in Waynesville.

He was a member of Asheville Presbytery from 1920 until his death on January 6, 1948.

Rev. Mr. Crockett was on leave from his pastorate at Hazelwood-Bethel and White Oak Churches during his illness. In addition to being a great spiritual force in his Church, he was known as a builder who was responsible for many improvements to church property. He was President of the County Ministerial Association and Chaplain of the Legion Post at his death. Active in civic circles, he was a speaker who could combine humor with common sense. He was a Past President of the Hazelwood Boosters' Club and a former Commander of the Legion Post.

Not only his home and his congregation in Hazelwood, but the Church at large, and his many devoted and admiring fellow Christians lament the passing of this remarkable man from visible and personal association. He was an interesting preacher of the pure gospel, a devoted pastor, a friend to the friendless, a Christian gentleman.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Presbytery and the following ministers were found to be present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, B. Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Robert King, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, D. O. McInnis, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles, W. H. Wakefield, Paul F. Warren, C. C. West, J. R. Williams, and Malcolm R. Williamson (26).

The churches were represented as follows:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Andrews, C. A. Brown; Asheville First, Walter Abernethy; Kenilworth, J. J. Stone; Malvern Hills, Walter Harbin; West Asheville, E. G. Roberts; Black Mountain, William

Murphy; Brevard-Davidson River, R. L. Johnson; Canton, J. T. Bailey; Dillingham, Council Dillingham; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. J. Gray; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Hendersonville, J. C. Love; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Montreat, L. N. Bell; Oak Forest, Candler Morgan; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (22).

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. J. R. McGregor was elected moderator and the Rev. W. H. Styles was elected Temporary Clerk.

.... The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: The Rev. Charles F. Stube, the Rev. J. M. Carr, the Rev. Frederick Volbeda, the Rev. William Potter, and the Rev. J. R. Woodson.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Presbytery elected the following Commissioners to attend the 1948 meeting of the General Assembly: The Rev. R. E. McClure and the Rev. H. B. Dendy as principals and the Rev. J. R. McGregor and the Rev. D. W. Richardson as alternates. Ruling Elders elected were E. G. Roberts and Dr. L. N. Bell as principals and J. B. Gray and W. J. Griffin as alternates.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee made its report through its Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, host pastor. The report adopted was that the docket of Presbytery be followed with the exception of the docketed items for this meeting of Presbytery be given precedence over other matters to be considered and that the Rev. J. R. Woodson, missionary from Brazil, be heard immediately following the reading of communications.

Ruling Elder Walter Abernethy extended a welcome to Presbytery in behalf of the host church.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:45.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 o'clock and was led in prayer by J. J. Stone. It was announced that the Moderator had appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures, J. C. Neville, J. J. Stone, and P. N. Greham.
2. Judiciary, T. A. Painter, J. T. Bailey, and J. C. Lime.
3. Minutes of Synod, D. O. McInnis, E. G. Roberts, and Paul F. Warren.
4. Nominations, J. M. McChesney, W. H. Wakefield, and J. C. Love.
5. Resolutions, J. R. Williams, J. S. Gray, and C. G. Worley.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. D. R. Freeman asking advice of Presbytery relative to his son Robert, a Candidate for the Ministry under care of Asheville Presbytery, concerning the moving of his church membership without the bounds of Presbytery. It was the ruling of Presbytery that the church membership could be transferred without affecting his relationship to Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

A letter was also read from the Rev. L. T. Wilds requesting to be excused from attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery and also stating his views regarding our membership in the Federal Council of Churches and the proposed plan of Union with the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. His excuse for non-attendance was granted and the letter received as information.

The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer from the Presbtery of Binghamton to the Presbytery of Asheville for the Rev. Charles F. Stube; also one from the Presbytery of St. Johns for the Rev. Frederick Volbeda. Both of these brethren being present and desiring to unite with Asheville Presbytery a motion prevailed that we proceed to examine them.

The examinations on Experimental Religion were conducted by the Moderator and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on their views on Theology were conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on the Sacraments were conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on Church Government were conducted by the Rev. R. F. Brown and sustained as satisfactory.

A motion prevailed that the examination in the case of the Rev. Frederick Volbeda be sustained as a whole and that he be enrolled in Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement and that he be granted the privilege of laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery it being stated that he was a Chaplain in the Navy with the rank of Commander. Presbytery paused for prayer for him and his work, the prayer being offered by the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

A motion prevailed that the examination of the Rev. Charles F. Stube be sustained as a whole and that he be enrolled as a member of Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement. Prayer was offered in his behalf by the Rev. D. O. McInnis. Both of the above mentioned brethren then signed the statement as required by Presbytery.

Dr. L. N. Bell made a statement to Presbytery concerning the Rally to be held at the First Presbyterian Church on the night of January 19th in the interest of the Program of Progress and urged a large attendance of men and women from the churches of the Presbytery.

FOREIGN MISSION ADDRESS

Presbytery heard an inspiring address by the Rev. J. R. Woodson of the Presbytery of Louisville, missionary to Brazil stationed at Patricinio, Minas, on The Foreign Mission Stake in the Program of Progress. A most helpful discussion of our Foreign Mission work followed the address of Dr. Woodson.

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Presbytery after a lengthy discussion of our relationship with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America voted "that we inform the General Assembly that it is the desire of Asheville Presbytery that we withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." The tabulated vote on the matter was 26 for withdrawal and 19 against.

PROPOSED PLAN OF UNION

A motion prevailed that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly that our Church discontinue the discussion of the matter of Union with the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. for the present time.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

The proposed changes in the Book of Church Order sent down by the 1947 General Assembly were approved by vote of the Presbytery. The changes are listed in the Minutes of General Assembly 1947 on pages 103 and 57 and refer to paragraphs 96 and 156 in the 1945 revised edition of the Book of Church Order.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Religious Education

The Rev. H. B. Dendy presented to Presbytery the Rev. J. M. Carr, Regional Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia, who spoke briefly regarding the work of Religious Education in the Synod. Dr. Dendy then stated that with the permission of Presbytery a more complete report on Religious Education would be made at the Spring meeting.

2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson stated that only one meeting had been held on the Commission since the Fall meeting of Presbytery and that a number of matters had been discussed relative to the work of the Commission but no matters had been acted upon which needed to be admitted to record of Presbytery.

3. Foreign Missions

A verbal report was made by the Rev. W. H. Armistead in which he called attention to the popular meeting to be held at 8:00 o'clock at which time the Rev. J. R. Woodson would again speak in behalf of this cause.

4. Stewardship

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was made by the Rev. T. A. Painter calling attention to the benevolent askings from the Churches for the new Church year. A

motion prevailed that the Churches be given two additional weeks in which to request any changes in the quotas assigned them by the Stewardship Committee. The report was received and the percentages adopter as follows:

BENEVOLENT BUDGET
1948-1949

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES		Percent		Total	
Home Missions	(11,500)***	25.00		16,000	
Assembly's Home Missions		10.25		6,560	
Christian Education and Min. Relief		7.75*		4,960	
Religious Education and Publication		2.00		1,280	
Assembly's Training School		1,875*		1,200	
Bible Cause		.375		240	
War Relief		1,375		880	
Evangelism		.375		240	
Radio		1.00		640	
Negro Work		2.25*		1,440	
Defense Service Council		.625		400	
SYNOD'S CAUSES					
Christian Relations		.375	50.00	240	$32,000
King College	($3,150)**	4.50		2,880	
Rel. Educ. in Synod	(700)**	1.00		640	
Student Work	(500)**	.70		448	
Stonewall Jackson Debt	(1,050)**	1.00	7.20	640	4,608
PRESBYTERY'S CAUSES					
Foreign Missions		21.75		$13,920	
Mountain Orphanage	(6,250)***	12.00		7,650	
Montreat College	(2,250)***	4.50		2,880	
Union Seminary	(300)***	.50		320	
Rel. Educ. in Presbytery	(350)	.55	42.80	352	27,392
.....			100.00		$64,000

*Includes increased amount for Presbyterian Progressive Program.

**Amounts Synod asks Asheville Presbytery to accept.

Louisville Seminary (150)*** .25 160

***Amounts in Presbytery's Askings for current church year, 1947-48.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported that the overture placed in their hands from the West Asheville Presbytery be answered by action of Presbytery which had

been previously taken. The report was adopted.

2. Judiciary

The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands for action.

3. Minutes of Synod

The committee on Minutes of Synod reported through its Chairman, the Rev. D. O. McInnis. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We have examined the minutes of the Synod of Appalachia and call the attention of Presbytery to the following action of Synod:

1. That the Presbyteries call to the attention of the Churches the fact that the budget percentages to Assembly's causes now includes .75% to the cause of Evangelism in their budget. 2. With reference to Stewardship Asheville Presbytery's portion to Assembly's causes is $32,000. 3. With reference to Negro Work we call attention to the fact that such a committee has already been set up in our Presbytery.

4. Nominations

The report for the committee on Nominations was made by the Chairman, the Rev. J. M. McChesney. The report was adopted and is as follows:

That the Rev. W. P. Baldwin replace the Rev. R. C. Anderson on the Committee on Foreign Missions.

That the Rev. J. C. Neville replace the Rev. R. C. Anderson on the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

That the Rev. C. C. West replace the Rev. S. R. Crockett, deceased, on the Committee on Evangelism.

That the Rev. Robert King replace the Rev. K. J. Foreman, and that Rev. Paul F. Warren replace the Rev. S. R. Crockett, deceased, on the Committee on English Bible.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis read a report of the amounts received from the churches of Presbytery for the Home Mission special offering in November and requested Presbytery to take the following action:

1. To overture the General Assembly's Committee on Home Missions to return to our Presbytery the amount sent to that committee on the special offering, to be used, first, to meet any deficit, and, second, to create such balance as it will for the work in the new church year.

2. To urge all delinquent church treasurers to forward immediately benevolent funds on hand, especially the undesignated funds held in local accounts, to the Central Treasurer of the Presbytery.

The above requests were granted by action of Presbytery. Presbytery recessed for supper.

EVENING SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 P. M. at which time the Rev. J. R. Woodson, Missionary to Brazil, delivered an address on Foreign Missions. The address was heard not only by members of Presbytery but by an interested congregation of people who had assembled for the service.

Following the Missionary address the Moderator resumed the business of Presbytery.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis introduced the following resolution regarding the Morrission Church:

That Ruling Elder J. J. Gray of the Morrison Church be instructed by Asheville Presbytery to call a meeting of the congregation of the Morrison Church. That Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin Church, be authorized to moderate said meeting. That Asheville Presbytery hereby dissolves the Morrison Church if a majority of the members attending the Congregational meeting favor such action. That when, and if, the Morrison Church be dissolved, the members shall be transferred to the Franklin Church, and that the Church building, grounds and furnishings be given to the Franklin Presbyterian Church to use as it deems wise.

This resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

The Rev. J. R. Williams made the report for the committee on Resolutions. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The members of Presbytery meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., first of all thank God for the fine spirit of Christian fellowship and brotherly love that has pervaded every session of the Presbytery. We also thank the First Church with its pastor, its officers, and its fine corps of women for the splendid hospitality we have received and enjoyed. We especially record our thanks for the bountiful meals we have received. We also express our thanks to Dr. J. R. Woodson for his helpful discussions of the Presbyterian Program of Progress and his address on the Foreign Mission work of our Church.

Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Canton Church to hold its Stated Spring meeting in Canton; the date for the meeting being Tuesday, April 20, 1948, at ten o'clock in the morning.

Presbytery adjourned with the apostolic benediction being pronounced by Commander Frederick Volbeda.

J. Rupert McGregor, *Moderator.*
Malcolm R. Williamson, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1933 Spring	Asheville First	Rev. T. A. Painter
Fall	Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor

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CANTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Canton, North Carolina

April 20, 1948

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. T. A. Painter, Swannanoa, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1949: J. C. Plexico, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1948: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1949: L. T. Wilds, George H. Wright, O. L. Merchant, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1948: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, W. H. Styles, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.
Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, T. G. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. B. Davidson, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul F. Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, C. C. West, Robert King, J. R. Williams. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. Robert King, Rev. Paul F. Warren.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, W. P. Baldwin, D. O. McInnis. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman; J. C. Plexico. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; E. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED SPRING MEETING

Asheville Presbytery, April 20, 1948.

Asheville Presbytery met in the Canton Presbyterian Church, Canton, N. C., on Tuesday morning, April 20, 1948. The Presbytery was led in a devotional service by the Rev. D. O. McInnis, after which the opening sermon of Presbytery was preached by Dr. Frank C. Morgan, on the subject, "The 23rd Psalm."

Following the preaching of the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wakefield and the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, assisted by ruling Elders, C. D. Richmond, Joe E. Rose, B. H. Evans, and J. O. Williams.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Ministers and the following were present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Baldwin, C. Grier Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, B. Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, Robert King, J. M. McChesney, J. C. Lime, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, J. C. Plexico, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, W. H. Wakefield, Paul F. Warren, C. C. West, and Malcolm R. Williamson (24).

The Churches were represented as follows:

Arden, R. H. Marshall; Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, F. A. Plummer; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, C. W. Dixon; West Asheville, A. C. Choate; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Brevard-Davidson River, J. O. Davidson; Canton, W. P. Barnes; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, John Bulgin; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, J. T. Fain; Murphy, E. H. Brummley; Oak Forest, E. J. Duckworth; Swannanoa, W. L. Patton; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, Jos E. Rose, and Weaverville, B. H. Evans.

The Rev. Josip Benjamin from the Presbytery of St. Louis, U. S. A., was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. T. A. Painter was nominated and elected Moderator and the Rev. W. H. Styles was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee made its report through the Rev. D. O. McInnis, and the report was adopted.

Rev. McInnis asked that the Presbytery dismiss for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:30 P. M. A motion prevailed that the hour to reconvene be set at 2:00 P. M. to give ample time for committee meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Requests for excuse from Presbytery. Dr. L. T. Wilds, Dr. D. W. Richardson, J. R. Williams, H. V. Lofquist, and Dr. R. C. Anderson.

A motion prevailed that these requests be granted.

2. A communication from the Rev. Josip Benjamin for admission to Asheville Presbytery was referred to the Commission and the Minister and His Work.

3. A letter was read to Presbytery from the Rev. Hoyt Evans as to the disposition of the Morrison Church. The letter stated that he had carried out the instructions of the January meeting of Presbytery with reference to the Morrison Church and that the church had been dissolved. A motion was duly carried that the report be received and that the Home Mission Committee work with the Franklin Church in securing a legal title or deed to the Morrison property.

4. A petition for the organization of Friendship Chapel into a Church was presented to Presbytery. A motion prevailed that the petition be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

5. Requests from the following churches for increases in pastors' salaries were read as follows: Black Mountain $500.00 per annum Weaverville $300.00 per annum, Asheville First $500.00 per annum, Waynesville $200.00 per annum, Canton $250.00 per annum, Swannanoa $400.00 per annum.

A motion prevailed that all the requests be granted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Dr. J. R. McGregor, T. G. Tate, and A. C. Choate.
2. Judiciary—Dr. C. G. Davis, J. H. Gruver, and B. H. Evans.
3. Records of Session—Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. J. B. Davidson, G. C. Summerow, W. L. Patton, F. A. Plummer, and L. B. Nichols.
4. Nominations—Dr. Robert King, E. J. Duckworth, and J. C. Plexico.
5. Resolutions—Dr. J. M. McChesney, Rev. C. C. West, and J. F. Dunn.

At this point Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. W. H. Armistead.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:10 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. W. P. Baldwin.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Stated Clerk read to the Presbytery his report as Treasurer. The report was received as information pending the report of the Stewardship Committee, regarding the audit of the said report. The report is as follows:

Balance on Hand April 1, 1947		$ 422.53
Receipts from churches April 1, 1947-March 31, 1948:		
Asheville First	$147.00	
Hazelwood	9.00	
Malvern Hills	5.31	
Hayesville	3.96	
Brittain Cove	7.38	
Mills River	22.68	
West Asheville	108.00	
Malvern Hills	11.34	
Etowah	7.92	
Swannanoa	31.32	
Hazelwood	9.72	
Murphy	14.58	
Hayesville	3.06	
Hendersonville	108.58	
Waynesville	34.74	
Canton	39.78	
Kenilworth	75.60	
Asheville First	146.52	
Highlands	11.52	
Arden	11.88	

Black Mountain	46.08	
Oak Forest	29.88	
Montreat	35.28	
Andrews	6.12	
Bryson City	11.16	
Bethel	9.90	
Total Receipts	$948.31	948.31
Disbursements:		
Salary Stated Clerk	$150.00	
Postage and supplies	10.95	
E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk and Treasurer	519.75	
(Assembly's tax for 1946-47)		
Von-Boekman Jones	10.50	
(Printing statistical reports)		
The Inland Press	82.06	
(Printing Spring Minutes)		
The Inland Press	88.73	
(Printing Summer Minutes)		
D. R. Greenhoe, S. C. Synod of Appalachia	120.42	
(Synod's Tax)		
The Inland Press	48.66	
(Printing Fall Minutes)		
Presbyterian Committee of Publication	5.72	
(Statistical Report Blanks and supplies)		
Total	$1,036.79	
Grand Total		$1,370.84
Disbursements		1,036.79
Balance April 1, 1948		$334.05

There has been received from the Churches since March 31st, the following amounts:

Asheville First	$146.52
Weaverville	51.12
Red Oak	2.52
Brittain Cove	7.74
Franklin	16.20
Sylva	2.16
Brevard	45.00
Total	$271.26

Bills now due:

General Assembly Tax	$602.10
The Inland Press	54.89
Total	$656.99

STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery the Statistical Report which was approved and ordered sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. A copy of this report is appended to these minutes. (See report on back on inside cover.)

At this point Presbytery voted to hear Dr. R. T. L. Liston, president of King College. Dr. Liston spoke on King College and plans for the endowment campaign.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Presbytery, made the following report:

Your Executive Secretary respectfully submits the following summary of his activities for the year ending March 31, 1948.

1. No effort has been made to separate my general expenses among the various causes served. I hereby submit the following summary of my travel and other expense account for the year. Of this amount $425.00 was contributed by churches served during the year and credited to the church as a gift to Presbytery's Home Missions.

Travel by car 5,120 miles at 5c per mile	$256.00
Travel by bus or train (4,280 miles) at actual cost plus necessary expenses of entertainment, etc	302.51
Total expense account	$558.31

2. As editor of *Our Mountain Work*, twelve issues have been mailed to approximately 3,400 families at a net cost of $1,917.00, exclusive of the extra cost of preparing a completely new mailing list on stencils ($119.00). The cost of the new mailing list should be considered as over a period of years, and is calculated to pay for itself in lowered mailing costs each month.

3. As Central Treasurer of benevolences I have received and disbursed slightly over $75,435.00 to the following causes:

Administration	$ 2,092.19
Foreign Missions	21,948.02
Assembly's Home Missions	8,083.29
C. E. & M. R.	2,856.10
R. E. & P.	1,686.96
A. T. S.	497.97
Bible	150.00
Evangelism	149.32
Christian Relations	149.32

War Relief	2,703.07
Negro	654.31
Defense Ser. Council	654.31
Radio	376.58
King College	1,754.93
R. E. (S.)	480.89
Student Work	315.71
Stonewall Jax College	630.23
P. H. M.	9,936.38
Montreat College	2,071.41
U. T. S.	237.06
Louisville Seminary	118.55
R. E. (P.)	305.30
Mountain Orphanage	13,933.88
Montreat Assn.	74.96
Malvern Hills	2,416.00
Historical Foundation	20.00
Transfer Items	28.50
Other Causes	1,109.60
TOTAL	$75,435.74

A table showing the receipts as credited to the churches is being printed in the April issue of *Our Mountain Work*.

4. As superintendent of Home Missions, I have endeavored to keep all fields supplied with full time pastors. We have had an average of three vacant fields during the year and I have preached at each of these approximately once a month.

I have received and disbursed in this phase of the work the sum of $32,000.00 as shown in the report of the Chairman of the Home Mission committee.

I have visited the fields as often as other duties have allowed, and in the course of the year have averaged preaching in some church in the Presbytery at least three Sundays in each month.

5. In the work of Religious Education I have served as director of the 1947 Conference and Camp, participated in a planning conference in Jackson, Mississippi, where a Conference manual was prepared, and have assisted in group gatherings in local churches of the Presbytery.

6. As treasurer of the Mountain Orphanage, I have received and distributed the sum of $32,623.00 during the calendar year ending December 31, 1947.

7. In line with my duties as Treasurer of the Mountain Orphanage I have served as custodian of the funds of the Orphanage which the auditor's report as of December 31, 1947, showed to be $58,685.15, represented by cash and invested funds, including real estate at its purchase value.

Approximately $7,000.00 of these funds have been expended during the year for capital investments in a new school bus, farm equipment and new furnishings for the home (this latter being carried over into the new church year).

Receipts on notes (principal and interest) and additions to the capital assets for the nine months ending December 31, 1947, were $6,958.73. (Note: Effective with this nine month report, the audit each year will be for the calendar year, conforming with the Duke report, on the basis of which the Orphanage receives approximately $1,400.00 each year.)

We furnish therewith the Auditor's statement of operating income and disbursements for the nine months ending December 31, 1947.

RECEIPTS:	
Central Treasury	$13,186.80
Duke Endowment	1,380.24
Churches	515.25
Legacies	3,530.76
Parents and Relatives	426.67
Individual Contributions	2,142.95
Other	59.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$21,242.25
TRANSFER FROM REQUEST FUNDS	3,978.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND TRANSFER	$25,220.52
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administrative:	
Salary—Superintendent	$ 2,077.65
Insurance	484.27
Office Expense	597.98
Other Expense	596.58
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	$ 3,756.48
Institutional Care of Children:	
Salaries	$ 3,912.32
Food	4,253.88
Clothing and Toilet Accessories	826.97
Supplies	1,049.92
Travel	551.20
Other Expense	428.27
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF CHILDREN	$11,022.56

Plant Operation and Maintenance:	
Fuel, Lights, Power, Water, and Ice	$ 1,203.90
Replacement and Repair	1,491.08
TOTAL PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	$ 2,694.98
Farm, Dairy, and Garden:	
Salaries	$ 1,331.21
Supplies	2,436.11
Replacement and Repair	862.34
Insurance	35.00
TOTAL FARM, DAIRY, AND GARDEN	$ 4,664.66
Capital Expenditure—School Bus	$ 3,978.27
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$26,116.95
EXCESS	$ 896.43*
DEFICIT*, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	$8,729.00*
DEFICIT* December 31, 1947	$9,625.43*

(Against the deficit shown in the auditor's statement, there were funds transferred after January 1, 1948, in the amount of $9,397.39, available from church contributions as of January 1st, and $2,384.18 received during the first quarter of the year.)

The office of the Executive Secretary has been responsible for handling some $139,000.00 in current funds and serving as custodian of approximately $60,000.00 of current assets of The Mountain Orphanage and of the Home Mission Committee, represented by cash and investments in real estate loans, government bonds and property owned by The Mountain Orphanage other than that occupied by the home itself.

I wish to thank every member of the Presbytery for the cordial support of my work and to join with you in looking forward to a new year of progress in the Lord's work.

R. E. McClure,
Executive Secretary.

BENEVOLENT BUDGET—1948--1949

Assembly's Causes:	Pct.		Total	
Foreign Missions	21.60		$13,824.00	$
Assembly's H. Missions	10.00		6,464.00	
Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	7.65*		4,896.00	
Religious Education & Publication	1.95		1,248.00	
Assembly's Training School	1.85		1,184.00	
Bible Cause	.375		240.00	
War Relief	1.35		864.00	
Evangelism	.375		40.00	
Radio	.95		608.00	
Negro Work	2.20*		1,408.00	
Defense Service Council	.625		400.00	
Christian Relations	.375		240.00	
Montreat	.60		384.00	
		50.00		32,000.00
Synod's Causes:				
King College	4.50		2,880.00	
Religious Edu. in Synod	1.00		640.00	
Student Work	.70		448.00	
Stonewall Jackson Debt	1.00	7.20	640.00	4,608.00
Presbytery's Causes:				
Home Missions	25.00		16,000.00	
Mountain Orphanage	12.00		7,680.00	
Montreat College	4.50		2,880.00	
Union Seminary	.50		320.00	
Louisville Seminary	.25		160.00	
Religious Education in Presbytery	.55	42.80	352.00	27,392.00
		100.00		$64,000.00

*Includes increased amount for Presbyterian Progressive Program.

STEWARDSHIP AUDIT

The Stewardship Committee reported through its Chairman. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Rev. P. N. Gresham reported that he had examined the report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer. That the records were accurately kept and recommended that the report be adopted and the Stated Clerk commended for his diligence.

A motion prevailed that the Stewardship Committee together with Dr. J. R. McGregor and Rev. W. H. Styles make a re-study of the Stewardship budget of the Presbytery and make recommendation to the July meeting.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Home Mission Committee stated that their financial report was included in the report of the Executive

Secretary which has already been adopted.

The Home Mission report was presented by Dr. C. Grier Davis and is as follows:

The Home Mission Committee reports to Asheville Presbytery that the *Receipts* for the year ending March 31, 1948, were as follows:

Audit Balance, March 31, 1947		$ 3,706.47	
Central Treasury:			
On 1946-1947	$1,557.85		
On 1947-1948	9,936.38		
Administration	2,092.19	13,586.42	
Assembly's Committee:			
Regular	6,043.17		
Special	970.84		
Malvern Hills	900.00		
Arden Manse	1,000.00	8,914.01	
Religious Education:			
1946-1947	148.13		
1947-1948	305.29		
Presbyterial	75.00		
Camp Store	17.25	545.67	
Churches: Malvern Hills (rent)	125.00		
Andrews (refund)	66.67	191.67	
Mountain Orphanage (Half Office Exp.)	1,399.11	1,399.11	
Our Mountain Work	85.11	85.11	
Miscellaneous:			
Student Work (Synod)	62.36		
Home Mission Funds transferred to administration account	1,985.00		
Sale Bond held for Sylva	997.10		
Belk Store, Bryson City	500.00		
Refund, Malvern Hills letter	184.44		
Honorarium to Exec. Sec.	15.00		
Telephone rights (Morrison)	2.50	3,746.40	$32,174.86

That the *Disbursements* were as follows:

Executive Secretary—Salary, house and expenses	$ 4,160.18
Office, including secretary, etc.	2,798.23
Field Salaries (Ten men)	12,080.36
Our Mountain Work	1,876.29
Religious Education (Conferences, $391.55)	573.50

Malvern Hills:			
S. S. Extension worker	$ 89.44		
Rent allowance	569.00		
Moving pastor	365.72		1,024.16
Promotion letter			184.44
Ministers Annuity Fund Dues			1,519.69
Arden Manse			1,000.00
Sylva Lot			1,026.00
Refund Highland Church			272.50
Promotion Supper			6.88
Miscellaneous Supplies			72.98
Bills Payable:			
Addressograph Stencils	119.66		
March "Our Mt. Work"	125.80		
Executive Sec. Expenses	34.06		
Audit	300.00	579.52	
Previous Commitments:			
Franklin	308.50		
Malvern Hills	1,575.00		
Sylva	389.73		
Kenilworth	1,000.00		
Murphy	500.00	3,773.23	4,352.75
			$30,947.96

BALANCE, $1,226.90

We propose the following "Spending Budget" for the year beginning April 1, 1948, and request the approval of the Presbytery:

Executive Secretary: Salary	$3,600.00	
House	600.00	
Expenses	600.00	$ 4,800.00
Salary Supplements to eleven fields		12,450.00
Minister's Annuity Fund payment (twelve men)		1,500.00
Office expense, including secretary		2,500.00
Our Mountain Work		2,100.00
Summer workers, temporary supplies, etc.		900.00
Moving man, other miscellaneous items		1,000.00
Vacation fund, Montreat Home Miss. Conference		150.00
Young People's Conference (Religious Educ.)		600.00
Malvern Hills debt retirement		1,500.00
		27,500.00

We report anticipated *income* as follows:

Balance from year ending March 31, 1948		$ 1,226.90
Assembly's Committee:		
From 1947 Special Offering	$3,000.00	
From 1948-1949 Appropriations	8,000.00	11,000.00

From Presbytery:		
Administration account	1,800.00	
Presbytery's Home Missions (%)	12,000.00	
Religious Education	300.00	14,100.00
Synod: Student Work	150.00	150.00
Executive Secretary (offerings, etc.)	400.00	
One half office expenses (Mt. Orphanage)	1,250.00	
Offering of Presbyterial for Conferences	75.00	
Cash Value of War Bond	388.00	
Other gifts	1,000.00	3,113.00
		$29,589.90

We recommend:

That the Presbytery authorize the Central Treasurer of Benevolent Funds to advance to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery the sum of $1,000.00 until the July meeting, to be a credit on the percentage amount due this cause from the undesignated funds received from the churches during the year, and to adjust the remainder of the undesignated funds among other causes in accordance with the percentage distribution approved by the Presbytery.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Chairman*.

A motion prevailed that the question of salaries of Home Mission workers be referred to the Home Mission Committee for re-study and adjustment.

A motion was duly carried that the report be adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson made his report for the Commission on the Minister and His Work and respectfully reports as follows:

1. With reference to the letter of transfer of Rev. Yosip Benyamin, that in view of the fact that Mr. Benjamin does not have regular work within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery, we recommend that no action be taken on this letter of transfer. The recommendation was adopted.

2. With reference to the West Asheville Church Presbytery voted that the Commission be enlarged by four men appointed for the purpose of studying further the West Asheville Church situation and report their findings to Asheville Presbytery for action. The four men appointed were Dr. J. R. McGregor, Rev. D. O. McInnis, Mr. J. O. Williams, and Mr. L. B. Nichols.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief reported through its Chairman, the Rev. L. T. Wilds, which is as follows:

Last year our church had 399 homes on its roll of Ministerial Relief, to whom $184,867 was sent—an average of $465. And here is a rather striking fact: 363 beneficiaries of the *Annuity Fund* were sent additional aid in the sum of $26,308, or an average of $70. That is rather unexpected, but doubtless it was authorized by the General Assembly. Eight beneficiaries of our Presbytery received an average of $392.

Our candidates for the ministry increased in number from 519 to 585. Nine of these are in Asheville Presbytery and seem to be pursuing their preparation with diligence.

Dr. Wade H. Boggs, Chairman of Assembly's Committee, says of the work generally, "The work of the Committee as a whole has made encouraging progress for the year and our receipts in all probability will be in excess of what they were last year."

We recommend: First, that, on account of the exceedingly high cost of living, our nine beneficiaries receive during this year a proportionately as large an increase as the funds supplied will allow; and second, that our mininsters make a real effort at Christmas to secure for this purpose as large a "Joy Gift" as possible.

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman*.

WOMEN'S WORK

The report on Women's Work was made through the Rev. J. B. Davidson, which was adopted and is as follows:

I beg leave to submit the following report of the Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery for 1947-48:

There are twenty-five auxiliaries in Asheville Presbytery reporting a membership of 2,327. This is a loss of two auxiliaries, Bethel and Ivy Park, and a gain of one in Sylva. There are 525 Business Women. Home circles report a membership of about fifty. The combined total is 2,902. Gifts to benevolences total $20,891, an increase over last year of $5,716.49. Gifts to local church causes were $7,825, an increase of $3,059.47. Total gifts, $29,129. Per capita gift, $10.30. Auxiliaries continue to be 100 per cent in Birthday Gift, which was $1,618.99. White Cross quotas for the Home Dispensary in Africa were overmet. Joy gift was well supported.

The annual meeting in May had a record attendance of 200. Group Conferences met in the five Districts with an attendance of 316. The objectives of the Presbyterian Program of Progress were stressed in the district meetings and subsequently in all auxiliaries. The women of the church seem alive to the need for the value of this program of progress and welcome it as a challenge.

Nine officers attended the meeting of the Synodical Auxiliary in Signal Mountain. Eleven enrolled in the Auxiliary Training School in Montreat in addition to several resident members.

A Presbyterial Officers Training Class was conducted for the first time and well attended.

Much improvement is shown in method and promptness of reports.

In communities where outpost work is established, auxiliary members give any needed assistance. One auxiliary conducted an outpost work out-of-doors during the summer months, because of no building facilities. Since that time a room has been secured and the work continues, with plans for established chapel later.

Four scholarship funds are established with continued support of one at Stillman.

Fifteen auxiliaries report assistance given by members in Daily Vacation Bible School and two sponsored for negro children. Majority participated in services on The World Day of Prayer. All observed the Home and Foreign Mission seasons with prayer, study and greatly increased offerings. In some instances, the study books were passed on to shut-ins and hospital patients. The packets of literature are more widely used and subscriptions to all church papers increased. The use of Day-by-Day tripled. Contributions toward and interest in Bible in Public Schools continues. Sixteen auxiliaries contribute toward this fund and the weekly volunteer teaching of Bible in a Grammar School is a year-after-year service of one member.

The Week of Spiritual Enrichment was observed by group meetings and the use of leaflets for home devotionals, and personal visitation. Spiritual needs and objectives have been emphasized continually as foundational to growth. Reports show a deeper interest in personal Bible Study and private devotion and a strengthening of the family altar. Sabbath observance, church attendance and tithing show weakness.

Auxiliaries are zealous in their work with the youth of the church. Attendance at Youth Rallies is encouraged in co-operation with youth groups of other churches. Young people are enlisted to help in church nurseries and serve as "baby sitters" enabling parents to attend worship and fellowship services. They are reminded to remember the aged and sick with practical aid and devotional services. Auxiliaries prepare suppers and supervise recreation periods for the youth groups, assist them to attend Conferences for Young

People. One auxiliary supplies supper for one week for a Bible Camp and several members serve as housemothers and counselors. Youth choirs are sponsored to encourage worship through music. College students are remembered in various ways. They are ever in the prayers of the women of the church, particularly that they remain faithful to the gospel teaching of the Word and the Standards of our Church.

All auxiliaries are interested in the Mountain Orphanage. Circles help to supply clothing for the children and remember them with gifts. The orphanage is given assistance in mending and canning. During the past year a sewing machine has been supplied. Household necessities are sometimes given. The Presbyterial auxiliary is planning for more assistance during the coming year.

Synod's and Presbytery's Home Missions Cause Secretaries co-operated in revising the mailing list for *Our Mountain Work*, as a special project.

Contributions to the Florence Calloway Scholarship for Stillman Institute continue. More local negro work is reported. Assistance is given to recreational programs for negro youth. Donations are made to their libraries, schools and Sunday Schools. Food and clothing is often supplied. Two delegates were sent to the Knoxville Conference for Negro Women.

The women of the churches of this Presbytery seem to have a keener awareness of the true meaning of Christian Social Service and are engaged in many helpful projects. Hospital patients are remembered regularly with visits, flowers, literature and money. Children are supplied with lunches, clothing and glasses. Needy families with fuel, food and clothing and spiritual encouragement.

Women help with personal visitation to welcome strangers, to revive interest of the indifferent, and to win souls. Here local church work is evidenced, such as contributions to building funds, purchase of furniture and equipment. Suppers are prepared for men of the church. Meals are supplied regularly to invalids. Many auxiliary members assist in the Sabbath School and other departments of the church. Younger women are more readily accepting places of leadership. Great interest is shown in the work of War Relief. Hundreds of pounds of clothing have been shipped and gifts for children overseas. The Presbyterian Program of Progress has intensified this interest.

At the forthcoming annual meeting the women of the Presbyterial auxiliaries will be urged to place more emphasis on the study of the Shorter Catechism and Confession of Faith, and that they in turn encourage this study among the young people of the church.

As a group of Christian women it is our desire that we do not fall victims to discouragement and lethargy in the Master's service; and that we may hear God say to us as He did to Jesus, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face."

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH (MRS. ROY T.) REED,
President Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery.

A motion prevailed that the Rev. W. H. Styles convey the best wishes of Presbytery for a great year's work at the Presbyterial which meets April 27, 1948, and that the President of the Presbyterial be invited to report in person to the Spring meeting of Presbytery, 1949.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The Committee on Sessional Records reported through the Chairman Rev. W. H. Wakefield, and is as follows:

Your Committee has examined all records present and recommend the following records be approved:

Oak Forest, Andrews, Etowah, Asheville First, Kenilworth, Mills River, Hayesville, Weaverville, Franklin, Waynesville, Malvern Hills, Hendersonville, Swannanoa, Canton, Black Mountain, Montreat, Brevard-Davidson River.

Exceptions:

Murphy—no representatives elected in church court.

West Asheville—sessional records void of approval in several meetings.

Robbinsville—no representatives to church court.

Sylva—statistical report should be either typed in or written with ink in records.

W. H. WAKEFIELD, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted excluding the exception to West Asheville records.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

2. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported through its Chairman, Rev. J. R. McGregor. The report was adopted and is as follows:

That a Commission be appointed to organize Friendship into a Church if the way be clear. Dr. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. H. Styles, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. Robert King, J. O. Williams, and F. A. Plummer were appointed.

NOMINATIONS

3. The Committee on Nominations made its report through its Chairman, Dr. Robert King. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee on nominations reports as follows: To replace Mr. J. T. Bailey, deceased, on the following committees on Presbytery:

Committee of Home Missions—Mr. C. D. Richmond.

Board of Trustees, Mountain Orphanage—Mr. J. O. Williams.

Stewardship Committee—Dr. L. Nelson Bell.

To succeed Dr. R. C. Anderson, term expired, Dr. L. T. Wilds.

(Signed): ROBT. KING, *Chairman,*
J. C. PLEXICO,
E. J. DUCKWORTH.

RESOLUTIONS

4. The Committee on Resolutions made its report through its Chairman, the Rev. J. M. McChesney. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee wishes to express the appreciation of Presbytery to the Canton Church for the kind hospitality they have shown us today. We sincerely thank you for friendly cordiality, for the delicious meal you served, for your attention to our every need and comfort, and for all the pleasure of meeting in your midst.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. MCCHESNEY, *Chairman.*

A motion prevailed that Presbytery engage in prayer for the pastor and people of the West Asheville Church. The prayers were led by Rev. J. R. McGregor, Rev. Robert King, and the Moderator.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Dr. C. Grier Davis to meet at the First Asheville Church, Asheville, N. C. for the July meeting, which date is July 13, 1948.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage be docketed for the Winter meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes of the meeting of Presbytery were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer for the family of Elder J. T. Bailey, deceased, and the Apostolic benediction by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

T. A. PAINTER, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1933 Fall	—Highlands	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1934 Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
1948 Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1948

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Profession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Number of Outports or Chapels	Contributions to Benevolences: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Rel. Edu. and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	Bible Cause	Other Assembly Benevolences	Synod's Home Missions	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Other Synod and Presby. Benevolences	Congregational Missions	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total to Benevolences	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Other Funds Contributed: Building Expense
2. Presbytery of Asheville.																																
J. P. Anderson, H. R.	Bristol, Tenn.																															
R. G. Anderson, P.E.M.	Montreat, N. C.																															
W. P. Batchelor, P.E.M.	Montreat, N. C.																															
R. F. Bowen	Asheville, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson	10	13	1	11	252		6	136		366	170	100	88	14	4	72		454	153	356	31	77	49	110	2446	2685		2403	1899
W. F. Dozier	Asheville, N. C.	Error†																														
J. B. Davidson, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands†	6	4	2	2	72	2	2	52		15	25	12	9	1	1	6		26	26	69	2	2	1	6	157	200		111	111
G. Grey Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Fuller†	32	13	1	11	112	11	6	146		267	182	300	100	1	1	2		2567	1086	1086	1	1	1	1	6886	6000		2567	2567
H. E. Dowdy, P. Ed.	Warrenville, N. C.	Britain Cove	30	30	2	1	54	1	1	115		24	77	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
	Arrington, N. C.	Red Oak	6	6	7	8	119	3	2	115		100	103	53	57	2	1	1		111	34	91	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
R. H. Freeman, Sec. Prof.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin†	14	18	26	56	479	14	9	235		350	181	52	24	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Paul N. Graham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth†	5	6	2	3	118	3	2	115		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Robert Grier, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Montreat†	14	18	26	56	479	14	9	235		350	181	52	24	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
J. Clayton Lane, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews†	5	2	1	1	17	2	1	115		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
H. V. Lofquist, Chap.	Asheville, N. C. R. 3																															
F. M. McCamey	Candler, N. C. R. 2	Oak Forest†	6	9	4	11	175	5	3	135		100	100	50	29	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
R. E. McGee, P. E. S.																																
J. Barret McGregor, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																															
D. O. Melton, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton†	9	10	2	10	235	6	1	195		286	190	84	17	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
J. C. Neville, P.	Bent Ky. N. C. R. 1	Hills River	9	11	1	14	141	1	1	105		250	45	25	11	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa†	9	11	3	10	174	2	2	150		150	180	100	19	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
T. A. Painter, P.	Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville†	10	20	11	22	608	9	9	540		386	316	100	19	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
C. E. Patton, P. H. R.	Asheville, N. C.																															
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Hollywood, Va.	Black Mountain†	11	11	10	16	274	5	2	300	1	1500	382	69	27	1	1	1		140	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
W. H. Sayles, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.																															
O. T. Smith	Marion, N. C.	Marion†	5	5	4	1	28	2	1	34	1	76	90	12	1	1	1	1		34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
T. G. Tate, P.	Hayesville, N. C.	Hayesville†	1	1	1	1	18	2	1	25		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
	Sylva, N. C.																															
Frederick Vanderbilt, Chap.	Andrews, N. C.	Sylva†	4	4	3	6	75	4	2	25		25	60	9	9	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
W. H. Wakefield, S. S.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews†	5	6	2	3	118	3	2	115		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Paul T. Warren, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Asheville†	14	18	26	56	479	14	9	235		350	181	52	24	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
W. C. Wells, P. H. R.	Asheville, N. C.																															
O. C. Wright, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Mountain Hills†	4	5	2	3	75	4	2	25		25	60	9	9	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
L. T. Wyle, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville†	13	15	25	49	408	10	5	310		25	60	10	9	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Donald E. Williams, P. M.	Buck, Pennsylvania.																															
John R. Williams, Sy.	Hendersonville, N. C.																															
M. R. Williamson, P. S. C.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville†	9	9	1	1	18	1	1	15		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
—37	Canton, N. C. R. 4	Bethel†	9	9	1	1	18	1	1	15		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak	5	5	1	1	18	1	1	15		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Candidates—11	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City†	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
	Dillsboro, N. C.	Dillsboro†	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1
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Asheville, North Carolina

July 13, 1948

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. Paul F. Warren, Arden, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1949: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. .Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

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Terms expire July 1949: L. T. Wilds, George H. Wright, O. L. Merchant. Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, W. H. Styles, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, R. B. DuPree, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Term expires Fall 1948: J. M. McChesney, Mr. R. E. Burton.
Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, T. C. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: W. P. Baldwin, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul F. Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, C. C. West, Robert King, J. R. Williams, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, J. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: O. L. Merchant.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. E. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. Robert King, Rev. Paul F. Warren.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter Elder: E. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, W. P. Baldwin, D. O. McInnis. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; B. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

CALLED MEETING ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, May 25th, 1948, in pursuance of the following call:

Constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Tuesday, May 25th, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To receive and act upon the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work with reference to the West Asheville Church.

2. To dissolve the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. B. Davidson and the Highlands Church and to transact matters growing out of the dissolution.

T. A. PAINTER, *Moderator.*

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. J. C. Neville, acting moderator, and the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Presbytery and the following members were present:

Ministers—R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, J. B. Davidson, H. B. Dendy, B. Hoyt Evans, J. H. Gruver, Robert King, H. V. Lofquist, D. O. McInnis, R. E. McClure, J. M. McChesney, J. C. Neville, J. C. Plexico, C. C. West, Paul F. Warren, L. T. Wilds, Malcolm R. Williamson, and W. H. Wakefield. Ruling Elders—R. H. Marshall, F. A. Plummer, C. D. Richmond, A. C. Choate, J. O. Williams, W. P. Barnes, John Bulgin, G. C. Summerow, J. T. Fain, E. J. Duckworth, W. L. Patten, R. L. Prevost, B. H. Evans, and C. W. Dixon.

The call for the meeting of Presbytery was read by the Stated Clerk and upon being found in order Presbytery proceeded to business.

The Rev. J. B. Davidson requested that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Highlands Church and that he be granted a letter of dismissal to Concord Presbytery. Sidney McCarty, ruling elder of the Highlands Church, stated that the Church had concurred in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, whereupon Presbytery granted the requests and the Stated Clerk was requested to write a letter of com-

mendation in behalf of the Rev. J. B. Davidson to the stated clerk of Concord Presbytery—said letter to accompany his letter of dismissal from Asheville Presbytery.

Presbytery at this point went into executive session to hear the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. All those present who were not members of Presbytery were excused and the report was made by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman of the Commission.

The report as amended was adopted by Presbytery and is as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

In making a recommendation to Presbytery we have carefully and prayerfully considered this matter and have done that which we feel to be for the best interest of the church as well as for the happiness and peace of mind of the pastor. We are convinced that there is no easy solution to this problem, that the dissolution of the Pastoral relation alone will not settle the difficulty, we therefore recommend.

1. That Presbytery accept the resignation of the Rev. J. C. Plexico as pastor of the West Asheville Church and that the Pastoral relation now existing between him and the West Asheville Church be dissolved.

2. That the Presbytery of Asheville dissolve the Session as now constituted and the Board of Deacons as now constituted.

3. That the Presbytery of Asheville through a commission of three ministers and two elders appointed by them administer the affairs of the West Asheville Church, until such time as the commission feels that the church can elect a Session and Board of Deacons and that no member of the present Commission on the Minister and His Work be appointed on this special commission.

4. That for a period of six months there shall be paid to the Rev. J. C. Plexico out of the current expenses of the church in regular monthly instalments an amount equivalent to his present monthly salary.

5. That the members of the West Asheville Church in the spirit of humility accept this decision of Presbytery and give to the commission their undivided loyalty and support to the end that the present breach may be healed and the church united.

6. That when the Session and Board of Deacons have been elected, ordained, and installed the authority of the Commission shall cease and be dissolved by Presbytery and the Session of the West Asheville Church proceed to govern the Church according to the Book of Church Order and make the necessary preparation for the congregation to call a pastor.

7. That the Commission report this action of Presbytery to the West Asheville Church, Wednesday night, 8:00 o'clock, May 26, 1948, and inform by letter the heads of all families in the church of this action.

The Commission of the Minister and His Work—
Asheville Presbytery.
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

The report as a whole was adopted by Presbytery.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery appoint the following members as a Commission to administer the affairs of the West Asheville Church in accordance with action of Presbytery: C. Grier Davis, Chairman, T. A. Painter, W. H. Styles, W. H. McMurray, and D. B. Burns.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery request the retiring officers of the West Asheville Church to turn over to the Commission all church properties and records in their possession.

Attest:—Malcolm R. Williamson,
Stated Clerk, Asheville Presbytery,
May 25 ,1948.

The Rev. J. C. Plexico requested that he be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Asheville Presbytery, stating that it was his intention to engage in evangelistic work. The request was granted.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by C. G. Davis.

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON,
Stated Clerk.

STATED SUMMER MEETING

Asheville Presbytery, July 13, 1948

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., July 13, 1948, at ten o'clock A. M. Presbytery opened with a devotional service led by Dr. C. Grier Davis. The opening prayer was led by Dr. Davis after which Presbytery engaged in a season of silent prayer. The Moderator, the Rev. T. A. Painter, preached the sermon using as his text, Psalm 122:6: "Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem."

Following the preaching of the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Lime and the Rev. Paul F. Warren, assisted by ruling elders J. L. Anthony, J. E. Henderson, J. O. Williams, and E. A. Williamson.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of Presbytery and the following Ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, C. Grier Davis, B. Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. C. Neville, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, W. H. Wakefield, Paul F. Warren, C. C. West, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (21).

On the roll of Churches the following were present:

Arden, Charles Dunn; Asheville First, J. L. Anthony; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, C. W. Dixon; Bethel, J. F. Justice; Black Mountain, J. M. Stout; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Franklin, J. G. Gray; Friendship, Monroe Fortune; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, L. M. McKay; Mills River, F. A. Bailey; Montreat, L. Nelson Bell; Murphy; J. B. Gray; Oak Forest, E. E. Brown; Swannanoa, J. B. Nichols; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, E. A. Williamson; Weaverville, J. L. Park (19).

The Rev. R. D. DuPree from the Presbytery of West Hanover and the Rev. Paul P. Thrower from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Paul F. Warren was nominated and elected as Moderator and the Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected as Temporary Clerk.

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Rev. C. Grier Davis who recommended that the docket be followed and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 and reconvene at 2:00 P. M. The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery at this time receive a report from Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Commissioner to the 1948 General Assembly. Dr. Bell gave a most interesting report of his attendance as a Commissioner to the Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEES

At this point the Moderator announced the appointment of Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Rev. T. A. Painter, Chairman, Rev. C. C. West, L. M. McKay.
2. Judiciary—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Chairman, Rev. W. H. Armistead, J. F. Dunn.
3. Minutes of Presbytery—Rev. D. O. McInnis, Chairman, F. A. Bailey.
4. Nominations—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. T. G. Tate, C. W. Dixon.
5. Resolutions—Rev. W. P. Baldwin, Rev. J. M. McChesney, Charles Dunn.

At this point the Stated Clerk read the unprinted minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery. The minutes were ordered admitted to record.

A verbal excuse was accepted for Dr. Robert King.

A written excuse from the Rev. J. C. Plexico and the Rev. R. C. Anderson was granted. The Communication from Rev. J. C. Plexico was turned over to the Committee of Nominations. The Communication from the Session of the First Church was turned over to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

A motion prevailed that the Rev. R. B. DuPree and the Rev. Paul Thrower be received into Presbytery upon their certification of transfer and the examination of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk read a letter of transfer for the Rev. R. B. DuPree from the Presbytery of West Hanover and for the Rev. Paul P. Thrower from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

PRESBYTERY PROCEEDED WITH EXAMINATIONS

The examinations on Experimental Religion were conducted by the Moderator. Examinations sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on Theology were conducted by the

Rev. T. A. Painter. This part of the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations on Church Government were conducted by the Rev. R. F. Brown. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

A motion prevailed that the examinations as a whole be sustained as satisfactory, and that they be enrolled as members of Presbytery upon their assigning the "Ex-Animo" statement.

At this point the Rev. R. E. McClure read a letter from R. H. Stone, General Secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery, in which he announced the Pre-Synod Home Mission Conference to be held at Montreat, September 6th and 7th. Asheville Presbytery was invited to participate in their conference.

A motion prevailed that the Moderator answer the communication and express appreciation for the invitation.

A request was received from the Oak Forest Church that they be permitted to raise the salary of the Pastor from $2400 to $2700 per year. The request was granted.

REPORTS
SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

1. Dr. C. Grier Davis reported for the Special Commission on the West Asheville Church. A motion was sustained that the report be received as information and that the Commission be commended for its work.

2. Commission to Organize Friendship Church.

The commission met at 7:45 p.m., June 6, 1948, at Friendship Chapel. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Robert King. The Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected secretary of the commission. The Rev. R. E. McClure acted as Chairman in the absence of Dr. C. Grier Davis. Present were: R. E. McClure, W. H. Styles, Robert King, and Elder J. O. Williams.

The commission retired to the chapel. An opening worship service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Armistead and members of the choir. The Scripture was read by Rev. W. H. Styles and prayer offered by Dr. Robert King. The Rev. R. E. McClure preached a sermon fitted for the occasion on the text "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

The congregation voted that they were ready to proceed with the organization of the church. A list of charter members was read. The list included 91 members coming by letter, restatement, and profession of faith. A motion was duly passed that the list as read be received as charter members of the church.

Roll of Friendship Presbyterian Church:

W. M. Fortune
J. W. Russell
J. L. Morris
Mrs. J. L. Morris
Mrs. W. M. Fortune
Mrs. Ben Roberts
Mrs. Betty J. Wrenn
Miss Leila I. Kirtland
Miss Beulah McMurtray
Mrs. Attie Joyner
Madeleine Fortune
Phyllis Cordell
Alice Whitaker
Kenneth Fortune
Lucy Fortune
Mrs. Dorothy Joyner
Georgia Landing
Mrs. Ira Padgett
Mrs. Ettie F. Leatherwood
Mrs. Oscar Fortune
Mrs. Helen F. Baughn
Harry Whitaker
Jewell English
Mrs. W. H. Armistead
W. H. Armistead, Jr.
Nancy Armistead
Mary Blanton Armistead
Mrs. Neal Whitaker
C. N. Whitaker
Bobby Whitaker
Charles A. Whitaker
Martha Jean Whitaker
Ann Leatherwood
Pinkney Riddle
Mrs. C. W. A. Riddle
R. A. Hardwick
R. C. Russell
Mrs. J. W. Russell
Mrs. B. P. Hardwick
Mildred Gardner
Esther Cordell
Betty Cordell
Dale Wrenn
George Wrenn, Jr.
Mrs. J. A. Melton
Mildred Melton
Jack Melton
Viola Melton
Joe Reese
Joyce Reese
Mrs. Joe Reese
Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage
Katherine Padgett
Nancy Padgett
Mary Lee Gardner
Ann Whitaker
Catherine Whitaker
John Whitaker
LaVonne Wilson
Daniel Wilson
Betty Padgett
William Harwood
Harold Harwood
Jo Harwood
Margie Gardner
Lee Whitaker
Sue Joyner
Martha Joyner
Mrs. Zack Morris
Evelyn Morris
Addie Ellen Stephenson
Betty Stephenson
Marjorie Summers
W. M. Fortune, Jr.
Mrs. Larry Burnette
Mrs. L. G. Fortune
Charles L. Gardner
Mrs. Charles L. Gardner
Robert Hauth
Mrs. Robert Hauth

Mary Ann Anderson
Maxine Padgett
Joy Whitaker
Sybil Joyner
Jack Joyner
Boyce Whitaker
G. M. Whitaker
Max Morris
H. L. Payne
Mrs. H. L. Payne
Jess Padgett
Mrs. Jess Padgett
Mrs. Harold Harwood

Mr. McClure asked the constitutional questions, to which the congregation answered in the affirmative. Four Elders and two Deacons were elected by the congregation: Elders—Adrian Hardwick, Lee Morris, Monroe Fortune, and J. W. Russell; Deacons—Neal Whitaker and Pinkney Riddle. The time of ordination and installation of the elected officers was left up to the commission.

A motion prevailed, by vote of the congregation, that the name of the newly organized church should be "Friendship Presbyterian Church."

A committee was appointed for the purpose of calling a pastor.

The meeting closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by Mr. Nichols.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER H. STYLES, *Secretary.*

At this point Presbytery took recess for lunch and was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist.

The first order of business was an address by Dr. H. Kerr Taylor who spoke on the Program of Progress.

Report of Stewardship Committee was made by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Stewardship Committee be returned to the special Stewardship Committee for re-study and a report at the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

A motion prevailed that the Home Mission Committee be authorized to withdraw $1,000 per month from "Undesignated Funds" until the Fall meeting of Presbytery with which to pay operating expenses.

At this point the Commissioners to the 1948 General Assembly, Mr. E. G. Roberts, Dr. H. B. Dendy, and the Rev. R. E. McClure, gave their reports.

A motion was duly passed that the reports be received and that the Commissioners be commended for their diligence.

Report of Trustees of Davidson College was made by Dr. C. Grier Davis. The report was most helpful and was received.

The report of the Executive Committee of Religious Education was made through its Chairman, Dr. H. B. Dendy. Dr. Dendy presented the director of the young people's conference, the Rev. W. H. Styles, and Rev. D. O. McInnis, director of Pioneer Camp, who spoke of the work done in the conference and camp. Dr. James M. Carr spoke to Presbytery on the work of Religious Education in the Synod.

CALLS FROM FRIENDSHIP, HAZELWOOD, AND BETHEL CHURCHES

The call from the Friendship Presbyterian Church was placed in the hands of the Rev. W. H. Armistead. The call promised Mr. Armistead a sum of $720 per year with participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The calls from the Bethel and Hazelwood Churches were placed in the hands of the Rev. Paul P. Thrower. The Hazelwood Church promised Mr. Thrower a sum of $1,300 per year, free use of the manse and participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

The Bethel Church promised Mr. Thrower a sum of $600.00 per year and participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund.

Both Ministers indicated their willingness to accept the calls and the following Commissions were appointed to install them:

Rev. Paul P. Thrower—Bethel—Hazelwood.

Bethel—August 8, 1948, 11:00 A. M.

Rev. R. E. McClure—To Preside and Preach the Sermon.

Rev. W. H. Wakefield—To Charge the Pastor.

Elder James Henderson—To Charge the Congregation.

Hazelwood, August 8, 1948, 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson—To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Rev. D. O. McInnis—To Preach the Sermon.

Rev. R. E. McClure—To Charge the Congregation.

Elder R. L. Prevost—To Charge the Pastor.

Rev. Henry Lofquist was named as alternate for either place.

E. A. Williamson was named as the alternate ruling elder for either place.

The Commission to install Rev. W. H. Armistead in Friendship Presbyterian Church: Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. Walter Styles, Rev. Robert King, Dr. Nelson Bell, and J. O. Williams.

The date was set for Sunday, July 25th, 1948, at 7:30 in the evening.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through the Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson, in which he reported the proceedings of the Commission was contained in the minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through its Chairman, the Rev. W. H. Armistead. The report was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That ministers and Sessions lead their churches in a greater effort than ever praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon every part of the work of the Church.

2. That ministers and Sessions keep before the churches the need for youth to offer themselves for work in the Mission fields.

The Committee on Evangelism reported through the Chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The report was verbal and was received as information.

Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion. (No report.)

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was made by the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

There was placed in your Committee's hands the following communication from the Session of the First Church. A motion made by Mr. George Wright duly seconded, that Presbytery change its procedure of many years standing whereby the host church is expected to prepare and serve a dinner free to the members attending, and to allow a sum of money not to exceed $20.00 with which to reimburse the host church.

We recommend:

1. That the plan be not adopted.

2. That the churches of the Presbytery be encouraged to avail themselves of the privilege of entertaining Presbytery.

2. Judiciary Committee.

(No. report.)

3. Minutes of Presbytery.

The report of the committee on Minutes of Presbytery was made through the Chairman, the Rev. D. O. McInnis. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We have examined the printed minutes of Asheville Presbytery for Summer and Fall 1947, Winter and Spring 1948, and found them in good order and recommend that they be made the official minutes of Asheville Presbytery.

4. Nominations.

The report for the Committee on Nominations was made by the Chairman, the Rev. P. N. Gresham, and read by the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

That Dr. J. M. McChesney take the place of Rev. J. C. Plexico on Home Mission Committee.

That the Rev. J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, and O. E. Starnes be elected to succeed themselves on the Home Mission Committee for another term.

That J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, and Mrs. George N. Noland succeed themselves for another term as Trustees of the Mountain Orphanage.

That the Rev. R. B. DuPree be added to the Committee on Religious Education.

That the Rev. W. P. Baldwin replace the Rev. J. B. Davidson on the Committee of Women's Work.

That the Rev. P. P. Thrower be added to Committee on Evangelism.

That the Rev. P. P. Thrower replace the Rev. J. C. Plexico on the Examining Committee for Church Government.

That the Rev. Paul F. Warren replace the Rev. J. C. Plexico on the North Carolina Council of Churches.

5. Resolutions.

The Rev. W. P. Baldwin made the report for the Committee on Resolutions. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee wishes to express the sincere appreciation of the members of Presbytery to the First Presbyterian Church for the gracious hospitality extended to the members of Presbytery and for the very delicious dinner, also for its thoughtful kindness to us throughout the day.

W. P. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery voted to accept the invitation of the Franklin Church to meet with them in the Stated Fall Meeting, the time being Tuesday, October 12th, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

PAUL F. WARREN, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1934 Spring	Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935 Spring	Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
1948 Spring	Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
1948 Summer	Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Franklin, North Carolina

October 12, 1948

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. J. C. Lime, Andrews, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Hazelwood, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1949: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. .Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1949: L. T. Wilds, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: **H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham,** W. H. Styles, J. C. Plexico, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts, D. O. McInnis, R. B. DuPree, The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Terms expire Fall 1951: H. E. Lamb, Rev. D. O. McInnis.
Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, T. G. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: W. P. Baldwin, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Robert King, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Paul F. Warren. Elder: R. T. Reed.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.
Evangelism—Ministers: **M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N.** Gresham, C. C. West, Robert King, J. R. Williams, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. E. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. Robert King, Rev. Paul F. Warren.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, W. P. Baldwin, D. O. McInnis. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; E. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
STATED FALL MEETING

The Presbytery of Asheville met on October 12th, 1948, in the Franklin Presbyterian Church at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. T. A. Painter and constituted with prayer by the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

In the absence of the Moderator who had not arrived Presbytery voted to proceed with the communion service and the organization of Presbytery and that the Moderator's sermon be heard later during the meeting of Presbytery.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Presbytery engaged in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans and the Rev. Paul P. Thrower.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of the ministers and the following were present:

W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. D. DuPree, B. Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, W. H. Styles, T. G. Tate, Paul P. Thrower, W. H. Wakefield, Paul F. Warren, C. C. West, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (20).

On the roll call of churches the following Elders were present:

Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, F. A. Plummer; Kenilworth, E. O. Buckner; Black Mountain, E. E. White; Brittain Cove, B. C. Moore; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Franklin, George Brown; Hayesville, T. C. Gray; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Murphy, J. D. Gray; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, J. C. Rose; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (15).

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Program Committee was made by the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, the host pastor. The report which was that the docket be followed was adopted and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 to reconvene at 1:30.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. J. C. Lime was elected Moderator of Presbytery and the Rev. Paul P. Thrower was elected Temporary Clerk.

MODERATOR'S SERMON

Presbytery engaged in a worship service at which time the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Paul F. Warren, preached a sermon using as his text: Acts 3:6. "Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Paul F. Warren, J. M. McChesney, and L. B. Nichols.
2. Judiciary—C. Grier Davis, J. C. Neville, and I. D. Gray.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly—T. G. Tate, D. O. McInnis, and B. H. Evans.
4. Nominations—H. B. Dendy, R. E. McClure, F. A. Plummer, D. O. McInnis, and J. H. Flanagan.
5. Resolutions—T. A. Painter, W. H. Styles, and S. W. Black.

Excuses for non-attendance at Presbytery were given in behalf of the following ministers: W. P. Baldwin, Kenneth J. Foreman, P. N. Gresham, Robert King, J. C. Plexico, D. W. Richardson, C. B. Ratchford, J. H. Gruver, and R. C. Anderson. All of these were excused by Presbytery.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter addressed to Presbytery from the Assembly's Training School. This letter was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted: 1. That pastors be requested to seek out young people well qualified for service as lay workers and bring to their attention the Training School and the advantages it offers. 2. That churches be asked to remember the Training School in their prayers that God may mightily use it in preparing laborers for His harvest.

The matters in the letter dealing with benevolent askings were referred to the Stewardship Committee.

A communication from the special committee of the General Assembly with reference to ministers' salaries was read. This paper was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work and recommendations 2 and 4 of the report were adopted namely:

1. That each Presbytery appoint an ad interim committee, composed of laymen to study the salaries of ministers in the Presbytery to determine whether salaries are being increased in proper ratio to the increasing cost of living and the increased ability of the supporting congregations to provide adequate salaries.

2. That Presbytery's Commission on the Minister and His Work consider the provisions for salary and car maintenance in each call and make appropriate suggestions on each point prior to submitting a call to a new pastor to Presbytery for Presbytery's approval.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy spoke briefly concerning the financial condition of the Mountain Orphanage.

The resignation of Mr. O. L. Merchant, a trustee of the Mountain Orphanage, due to ill health, was accepted with regret.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

The Stated Clerk read the reports of the Commission to install the Rev. Paul P. Thrower as pastor of the Bethel and Hazelwood Churches. Their reports were ordered admitted to record and are as follows:

The Commission to install the Rev. Paul P. Thrower as pastor of the Bethel Church met at the Bethel Church August 8th, 1948, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. The Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman of the Commission, presided and preached the sermon using as his text—Matthew 28:19-20. His subject was "The Mission of the Church." He propounded the constitutional questions which were answered by the congregation and the Rev. Mr. Thrower in the affirmative. Elder J. E. Henderson of Canton delivered the charge to the congregation and the Rev. W. H. Wakefield charged the pastor. The installation was concluded with prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

This service marked a part of the Church's celebration of their 114th anniversary.

At the close of the installation service Rev. Mr. Thrower received into membership of the church Miss Gertrude Smathers upon profession of her faith in Jesus Christ, followed by baptism. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. Mr. Thrower assisted by the Rev. Clyde Collins, pastor of the Methodist Church at Bethel and the elders of the Bethel Church. The service was concluded with the benediction by the Rev. Clyde Collins.

W. H. Wakefield,
Secretary to the Commission,

The Commission to install the Rev. Paul P. Thrower pastor of the Hazelwood Church met at the manse in Hazelwood prior to the evening service on August 8th, 1948. The Commission was called to order by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Chairman, and constituted with prayer. Members of the Commission present were Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Rev. D. O. McInnis and Ruling Elder R. L. Prevost. The Rev. Mr. Lofquist presided and the sermon was preached by the Rev. D. O. McInnis. After the sermon the chairman propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and the congregation after which the Rev. Mr. Thrower was declared the installed pastor of the Hazelwood Church. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Ruling Elder R. L. Prevost of the Waynesville Church, and the charge to the congregation by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist. The meeting adjourned with the benediction by the pastor.

D. O. McInnis,
Clerk to the Commission.

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Upon written requests from Dr. Robert King and from the Montreat Church the Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship between Dr. King and the Montreat Church. The statement from the church was to the effect that the church concurred with Dr. King in his request that the dissolution be made.

At this point Presbytery recessed for lunch which had been prepared by the women of the Church and served in the new dining room which was being used for the first time.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 and was led in prayer by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report through the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Bible Cause begs leave to make the following report:

We notice in the 1948 Minutes of the General Assembly that "Bible Cause" is changed to "American Bible Society." (Pages 452 and 8.)

We call attention to the growing work of the American Bible Society in giving Bibles, Testaments, and Gospel portions to Russia, Germany, and Japan. Bibles now in a world recovery program. To meet the need the American Bible Society needs an additional $2,010,700.00. We desire to commend the Women of the Church for designating a part of their annual birthday gift to the American Bible Society.

We recommend:

1. That the Presbytery call upon the membership of the church to follow the plan of Bible reading provided by the American Bible Society from Thanksgiving to Christmas and to continue the reading of the Scriptures daily throughout the coming year.

2. That the Presbytery call upon the churches to observe Universal Bible Sunday on the first Sunday in December as an occasion to encourage the reading of the Scriptures by our people, and also as an occasion for the consideration of the opportunities for the wider circulation of the Scriptures among the nations as a part of our denominational program.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Gresham, *Chairman,*
W. P. Baldwin,
Hoyt Evans,
J. C. Lime,
J. B. Gray,
L. B. Nichols.

RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief presented Stuart Arnold Plummer, a member of the Asheville First Church, to be received by the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Dr. L. T. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee, stated that all preliminary requirements had beet met. Dr. C. Grier Davis made a brief statement in behalf of Mr. Plummer and commended

him highly to the Presbytery. The Moderator then conducted the examinations on Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the gospel ministry. At the conclusion of the examinations the Rev. H. B. Dendy, the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and the Rev. W. H. Styles all spoke words of commendation in behalf of Mr. Plummer.

The examination was sustained as satisfactory and after Mr. Plummer had answered the questions required by the Book of Church Order in the affirmative he was received into the Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. A charge to the candidate was given by Dr. Davis after which prayer was offered in his behalf.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSION

Dr. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Special Commission on the West Asheville Church, made a verbal report on the progress of the Church since the Commission was appointed to manage the affairs of the Church, and offered the following recommendation which was adopted:

The Commission recommends to Asheville Presbytery that the Commission on West Asheville Church maintain its present relation to that church until the congregation has called a pastor and he has accepted the call; then the Commission shall install the elected officers and turn the church over to the session. When the officers have been installed the Commission on West Asheville Church shall be dissolved. It is understood that the committee on calling a pastor will work with the Commission on the Minister and His Work rather than with the Commission on the West Asheville Church in the calling of a pastor.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The Rev. T. A. Painter, Chairman of the Committee on Stewardship, made the following report which was adopted:

The Stewardship Committee would report as follows:

By way of information:

FIRST. The Synod of Appalachia requests Asheville Presbytery to present to the churches the need during 1949-1950:

For Assembly Causes	$36,519.00
To be considered a unit and divided on the basis recommended in Assembly Minutes, pg. 69.	
For Synod's Causes	6,241.00
To be considered a unit and divided: King College 55%; Student Work 10%; Stonewall Jackson 23%; Religious Education 12%.	
The needs of the Presbytery are represented:	
By fixed Financial Obligations	
Presbytery's Home Missions	16,000.00
The Mountain Orphanage (To be supplemented by special offerings)	15,000.00
Religious Education	800.00
By Proportionate Giving to Other Causes	
Montreat College	3,500.00
Union Seminary	400.00
Louisville Seminary	200.00

To give sufficiently to meet these minimum askings and requirements, the Presbytery must raise during 1949-1950, the total of $78,660.00.

The total askings for 1948-1949 are $64,000 of which approximately $57,000 was accepted by the churches. Receipts for the first six months of the church year were $11,320 undesignated, that is, subject to division on a percentage basis, and $6,572.00 designated for one or more specific causes.

SECOND. The Goal for the Program of Progress Offering for Home Missions, as set by the Assembly's Committee for the Presbytery is $4,171.00. Failure of the churches to contribute in "undesignated" funds sufficient money to meet the needs of Presbytery's Home Missions, means an anticipated deficit in this cause of perhaps $4,000 by March 31st. In addition there is need for expansion rather than curtailment of the budget. The Home Mission Committee is therefore asking for a special offering this year in the amount of $10,000 for both Presbytery and Assembly.

THIRD. The Mountain Orphanage, facing increased costs, and only a 12% share in the budget, stands to receive from this source only about $4,000 this year, unless the receipt of "undesignated" contributions substantially exceeds the experience of the first six months. A current deficit, as of October 1st, of $9,000 in operating cost, makes it imperative that the Thanksgiving Offering shall be not less than $15,000 in 1948.

FOURTH. The Presbytery referred back to the committee the questions involved in the proposal to adjust the method of distribution to safeguard essential causes and all special offerings.

We recommend:

FIRST—With reference to the Askings for 1949-1950:

A—That the Presbytery postpone accepting or rejecting any specific Askings for either Assembly, Synod or Presbytery Causes until the meeting in January 1949.

B—That the Stewardship Committee be instructed to furnish each Pastor, Clerk of Session and Benevolent Treasurer with the essential facts, presented herewith.

C—That Stewardship Rallies be held throughout the Presbytery during the months of October and November, to which shall be invited all Ruling Elders, Deacons, elected officers of the Women of the Church, Men of the Church and Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, and at these rallies the facts herein be discussed and explained, and the following procedure commended to the churches.

D—That each church will be asked to face squarely the needs outlined herewith, in the light of a minimum of $78,660.00 to meet all that is asked of us, and in the light of the ability of the local congregation to assume a definite part of this need, to give answer to the following question:

How much (in terms of dollars) will your church place in its Benevolent Budget, to be received and forwarded as a whole for distribution by the Central Treasurer on a percentage basis?

It is to be understood that when the percentage basis shall be fixed, as provided below, that all of the amount pledged and paid, as indicated, shall be so divided and that any designated special gifts shall go, over and above, to the causes so designated.

E—That each church shall report to the Stewardship Committee, on or before January 1, 1949, in answer to the above question, that the Committee shall then meet, and in the light of the answers to the above question, shall propose to the January meeting of the Presbytery:

(1) A Benevolent Budget for 1949-1950, exclusive of any and all special offerings, and (2) A percentage distribution for disbursing all general funds, applicable to this budget.

F—That the action of the Mid-Winter meeting of the Presbytery shall be the governing rule in disbursement of all funds, safeguarding all special gifts so that they will go only to the cause for which given.

G—That all local treasurers be urged to remit monthly to the General Treasurer, leaving the Central Treasurer to divide all "general" funds according to the direction of the Presbytery, and designate only "special" offering for a particular benevolent cause or causes.

H—That Presbytery pledge to all contributors that the above policy will be faithfully followed at all times in handling Benevolent Funds.

SECOND—That the goals for the Program of Progress Offering for Home Missions totalling $10,000 for the Presbytery be as shown on the accompanying sheet.

That the Central Treasurer be instructed to send so much as may be needed of the contribution from each church to the Assembly's Committee to meet the goal by the Program of Progress Committee for the Presbytery ($4,171.00), but in no case shall this amount exceed 50% of the receipts from any particular church, thus guaranteeing to each congregation that at least one half of their total gifts will remain in the Presbytery.

THIRD—That approval be given to a goal of $15,000 for the Thanksgiving Offering for the Mountain Orphanage to offset the increasing costs of living and the inadequate percentage in the regular benevolent budget.

FOURTH—That the matter of distribution of Benevolent Funds, for 1948-1949, the Presbytery instruct the Central Treasurer as follows:

1. That the division of funds for the current church year be on the same basis as previously followed.
2. That the future policy of distribution shall be governed by the decision of the Presbytery in January, in accordance with the recommendations in section ONE of this report.
3. That in view of the above action, the churches be urged to make strenuous effort to accomplish three things:

A—Reach the goal of $10,000 for the Home Mission Mission Offering, as this includes money needed to offset inadequate Budget Gifts to Presbytery's Home Missions.

B—Reach the goal of $15,000 for the Mountain Orphanage, as this also includes money needed to offset inadequate Budget Gifts to this Cause, but also increased cost of operating the orphanage.

C—Wherever possible, without doing violence to designated special gifts, that all church treasurers send all available funds to the Central Treasurer to be divided as "undesignated" contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis made a verbal report for the Committee on Home Missions. The report was received and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Home Mission Committee be constituted a Commission to deal with the White Oak Church and the property of same.

2. That the Central Treasurer of Benevolences be granted permission to draw from undesignated funds the amount of $1,000 to help meet operating expenses of the Home Mission Committee for the month of October.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, reported that no calls had been extended since the last meeting of Presbytery and that no matters had come to the attention of the Commission.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures. The committee reported that no matters had been referred to them.

2. Judiciary. The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly. The Rev. T. G. Tate made the following report which was adopted: The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reports that there were no matters for action of Presbytery except those pertaining to Stewardship which have already been acted upon by reference to a special committee.

4. Nominations. The report of the Committee on Nominations was made by the Rev. H. B. Dendy. The report was adopted and is as follows: That Mr. T. D. Hunter be appointed a trustee of the Mountain Orphanage to take the place of O. L. Merchant, who has resigned because of ill health. That L. B. Nichols take the place of O. L. Merchant on the Defense Service Committee. That the Rev. D. O. McInnis and H. E. Lamb be elected members of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for a term of 3 years. That the Ad Interim Committee to study the question of pastors' salaries consist of W. H. McMurray, J. O. Williams, and E. O. Buckner and that this committee be given authority to add other members if they see fit.

5. Resolutions. The Rev. T. A. Painter made the report for the Committee on Resolutions. The report was adopted and is as follows: Your committee wishes to express to the pastor and people of the Franklin Church our sincere appreciation of their gracious hospitality in entertaining this meeting of Presbytery. Especially would we record our thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the delicious and bountiful lunch which we enjoyed in a fellowship greatly enhanced by their kind and gracious services.

We congratulate the church upon the erection of the imposing new Educational Building and the general improvement of their church property. We rejoice with them in these evidences of a vigorous and growing work.

TIME AND PLACE OF WINTER MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation to hold its Stated Winter meeting at the Mountain Orphanage. The time being Tuesday, January 11th, 1949.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved as corrected and the meeting adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

J. C. LIME, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

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THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Black Mountain, North Carolina

January 11, 1949

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

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Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Hazelwood, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

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Religious Education—Ministers: H. B. Dendy, Chairman; P.N. Gresham, W. H. Styles, C. G. Davis, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, R. B. DuPree. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Auxiliary of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Terms expire Fall 1951: H. E. Lamb, Rev. D. O. McInnis.
Foreign Missions—Ministers: W. H. Armistead, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K. Caskey
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, T. G. Tate. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes, Paul F. Warren.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; W. P. Baldwin, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: W. P. Baldwin, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster, Paul F. Warren.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Paul F. Warren, Chairman; W. P. Chedester, Robert King. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; C. G. Davis, P. N. Gresham, C. C. West, Robert King, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, W. P. Baldwin, D. O. McInnis. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. E. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. Robert King, Rev. Paul F. Warren.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds. Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1949: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; E. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
STATED WINTER MEETING
January 11, 1949

The Stated Winter meeting of Asheville Presbytery was held at the Mountain Orphanage on Tuesday, January 11, 1949, convening at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Moderator, the Rev. J. C. Lime, constituted the Presbytery with prayer and preached the sermon from the text Isaiah 5:1-2.

Following the sermon Presbytery engaged in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. H. Styles and the Rev. T. A. Painter, assisted by ruling elders Walter Abernethy, E. E. Brown, Ben H. Evans, and C. D. Richmond.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, B. Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, J. R. McGregor, T. A. Painter, Paul P. Thrower, J. C. Plexico, Charles F. Stube, W. H. Styles, W. H. Wakefield, C. C. West, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (23).

Churches represented were:

Arden, C. G. Worley; Andrews, John Slagle; Asheville First, Walter Abernethy; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Bethel, L. M. West; Black Mountain, C. D. Thomas; Brevard-Davidson River, W. L. Wood; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Dillingham, L. C. Dillingham; Franklin, J. R. Bulgin; Hazelwood, L. C. Davis; Hendersonville, J. T. Fain; Montreat, J. C. Rice; Oak Forest, E. E. Brown; Swannanoa, E. E. Howell; Sylva, J. A. Gray; Waynesville, J. C. Rose; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (18).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans was elected Moderator, the Rev. Paul P. Thrower was elected Temporary Clerk, and the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, whose term had expired, was re-elected Stated Clerk for a term of three years.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

The following ministers and ruling elders were elected commissioners to the next meeting of the General Assembly: Rev. W. P. Baldwin and Rev. W. H. Styles were elected principals with the Rev. J. R. McGregor and the Rev. W. H. Wakefield as alternates in the order named. Ruling Elders J. B. Gray and C. G. Worley were elected principals with Dr. C. D. Thomas and J. C. Rice as alternates.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Harry E. Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, gave a few words of welcome to the Presbytery and presented the report of the program committee which was that the docket be followed and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:45. He invited members of Presbytery to make an inspection tour of the orphanage buildings and grounds during the recess period and see the many improvements which have been made.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk stated that he had communications from the Rev. J. C. Neville and the Rev. J. R. Williams requesting that they be excused from attendance at the meeting of Presbytery. Excuses were also offered in behalf of Rev. T. G. Tate, Rev. C. B. Ratchford, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. J. M. McChesney, and the Rev. J. H. Gruver. These brethren were all excused by vote of Presbytery.

The Rev. R. E. McClure reporting for the Murphy Church stated that due to the continued illness of the Rev. T. G. Tate which rendered him unable to continue his labors, Presbytery was requested to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Mr. Tate and the Murphy Church, stating to the Presbytery that both pastor and the Murphy Church concurred in the request. The request was granted and the pastoral relationship dissolved. Presbytery engaged in prayer for the Rev. Mr. Tate, the prayer being offered by the Rev. D. O. McInnis.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. R. F. Brown, and John Slagle.
2. Judiciary—Rev. D. O. McInnis, Rev. W. H. Armistead, and C. D. Richmond.
3. Minutes of Synod—Rev. W. H. Styles, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and C. G. Worley.
4. Nominations—Rev. L. T. Wilds, J. T. Fain, and L. C. Davis.
5. Resolutions—Rev. C. C. West, E. E. Brown, and J. C. Rice.

REPORT ON MONTREAT

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor addressed the Presbytery on the work of the Mountain Retreat Association and also Montreat College. He told something of the program outlined for the Summer at Montreat calling attention particularly to the speakers who appear on the Montreat program this Summer. He told of the continued progress of the College and urged the continued interest and support of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk continued at this point with communications addressed to Presbytery stating that he had a request for a letter of dismissal for the Rev. J. R. Williams to the Presbytery of Mid-Texas in order that he might accept the call to become pastor of the Westminster Church in Fort Worth. The request was granted.

A request for a letter of transfer for the Rev. W. C. Wauchope to the Presbytery of Concord was also granted.

The Stated Clerk called attention to some communications from Dr. H. H. Thompson with reference to holding a Presbytery-Wide Conference on Evangelism at an early date. A motion prevailed that the Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism arrange such a meeting with Dr. Thompson, preferably during the month of March.

Presbytery recessed for lunch and for meetings of committees.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 and was led in prayer by the Rev. P. N. Gresham.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray made a report for the ad-interim committee appointed at the Fall meeting of Presbytery to "study the salaries of the ministers in the Presbytery and to determine whether the salaries are being increased in proper ratio to the increasing cost of living and the increased ability of the supporting congregation to provide adequate support."

The report which was adopted is as follows:

1. That Presbytery request each church through its session and Board of Deacons to make a careful study of the increase in the cost of living as compared to the increase in salary since the year 1940-41, and that all salaries be raised in the proper ratio to the increase in living cost.

2. That increases in salaries be made with the understanding that if cost of living is reduced salaries may be reduced on the consent of pastors and the Presbytery.

3. That a minimum salary for a pastor with full time work be not less than $2700 a year and a manse and minister's annuity.

W. H. McMurray, *Chairman*,
E. O. Buckner,
J. O. Williams.

The Stated Clerk of Presbytery was instructed to send a copy of this report to the Clerks of Session and the Chairman of Board of Deacons of all churches in the Presbytery.

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson made a verbal report for the Commission on the Minister and His Work stating that they had been in conference with the pulpit committee of the West Asheville Church but that no definite action had as yet been taken relative to their calling a minister.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. H. B. Dendy reported for the Committee on Religious Education. The report was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That in the future the report of the Committee on Religious Education be docketed for the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

2. That Rev. W. H. Styles be asked to serve as director for the Young People's Conference at Montreat, and that Rev. D. O. McInnis be asked to serve as director for the Pioneeer Camp.

There were no reports from the Committees on Foreign Missions and Defense Service.

NEGRO WORK

The Rev. H. V. Lofquist made the report on Negro Work. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Negro Work calls attention of Presbytery to the action of the 1948 Assembly in setting the week of February 13-20 for special emphasis on this cause and the taking of a special offering for this cause with a goal of $50,000. We note that the Stewardship Committee has placed the negro work as a cause in the budget of Askings and we urge the churches to give this cause its rightful share. Attention is called to "Race Relations" Sunday, February 13th, and we urge all ministers to preach on this theme using an appropriate text.

RADIO

Your Committee on Radio calls attention to the Presbyterian Hour during February and March. Each local church is requested to give adequate publicity to this program as seems best suited to obtain maximum blessing. This reported presented by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist was adopted. The Rev. Mr. Lofquist also requested that Presbytery elect a representative on Public Institutions.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

Rev. R. F. Brown, reporting for the committee, stated that the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order had been placed in the hands of the committee and that the committee recommended that this matter be docketed for the Stated Spring Meeting.

The Rev. R. E. McClure requested that the report on the Commission to install the Rev. W. H. Armistead as pastor of the Friendship Church be admitted to record. The

request was granted and the report follows:

The commission to install Rev. W. H. Armistead as pastor of the Friendship Presbyterian Church met at the church at 7:15 P. M., July 25, 1948.

Present: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. W. H. Styles, who charged the congregation, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, who charged the minister.

The meeting was opened with prayer and Dr. Bell named clerk.

In the presence of the congregation, the actions of Asheville Presbytery were recited by the chairman, who also preached the sermon. The pastor-elect answered the required questions set forth in the Book of Church Order, and the congregation responded with a vote of acceptance of Mr. Armistead as their pastor.

The chairman declared that Mr. Armistead had been duly elected and installed as pastor of the Friendship Presbyterian Church and the meeting was adjourned.

REV. R. E. MCCLURE, *Chairman.*

DR. L. NELSON BELL, *Clerk.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Rev. T. A. Painter reported for the Committee on Stewardship.

The Stewardship Committee reported in accordance with the action of the Fall meeting of the Presbytery and proposed a percentage division. The report was received and the recommendations amended and adopted as follows:

1. That each church be given to March 31st to revise or amend their commitments to "General Benevolence."

2. That each church be urged to present the full facts to their members, take a complete "Every Member Canvass" and send the full amount pledged and paid to "General Benevolences."

3. That the percentage basis for distribution of anticipated income for "General Benevolences" be docketed for action at the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

4. That the Stewardship Committee be instructed to assign Askings for Benevolences to each church of the Presbytery on the basis of the total amount approved at the July meeting, $78,000, for 1949-1950.

5. That Presbytery request all Sunday Schools in addition to any other offerings, to take a special offering for the Mountain Orphanage on the first Sunday in each month, or the most convenient date thereto.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

2. Minutes of Synod.

The Rev. W. H. Styles made the following report which was adopted: We have examined the minutes of Synod. We would especially call Presbytery's attention to the recommendation of Synod's Committee on Religious Education, pages 22-24, and to the recommendation of Synod's Committee on Evangelism, pages 22-23. We would also commend our Stated Clerk for sending to Synod records which were approved without exception.

3. Judiciary.

The committee stated that no matters had been placed in their hands.

4. Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations reporting through the Rev. L. T. Wilds placed the Rev. Paul F. Warren on the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The Rev. Paul F. Warren to be made Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath and Family Religion and that Dr. Robert King be continued as a member of the committee.

The committee recommends that beginning with the new Church year, April 1st, 1949, that it be the rule of Presbytery that no man serve on more than two executive committees at the same time.

The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that an ad-interim committee be appointed to consider the personnel of the committees of Presbytery; that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be made the Chairman and the other members of the committee be Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, and W. H. McMurray.

Dr. L. T. Wilds, trustee of Davidson College, spoke briefly to the Presbytery concerning the development program of the college. The request that Presbytery elect a member to serve on work in Public Institutions was referred to the ad-interim committee on personnel of the committees of Presbytery.

5. Resolutions.

The following report on resolutions was adopted:

Your Committee on Resolutions requests that Presbytery express its appreciation to Mr. Barkley and all connected with the Orphanage for the delightful entertainment of Presbytery.

C. C. WEST, *Chairman*,
E. E. BROWN,
J. C. RICE.

Mr. J. C. Rice spoke to Presbytery concerning the financial status of the Montreat Church with relationship to the Friendship Church, requesting that if the way be clear the Presbytery relieve the Montreat Church of at least a part of the amount it is now paying to help support the Friendship Church. The matter by vote of Presbytery was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions with the request that it report to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Swannanoa Church to hold its Stated Spring meeting in the Swannanoa Church. The time set for the Spring meeting is the Tuesdav after the third Sunday in April, the date being April 19, 1949.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved and the Presbytery adiourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

B. HOYT EVANS, *Moderator.*
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Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1949: L. T. Wilds, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. H. Styles, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, W. G. Thomas, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, D. O. McInnis, R. B. DuPree, Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1949: Rev. H. B. Dendy, Mr. J. J. Stone. Terms expire Fall 1950, Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Terms expire Fall 1951: H. E. Lamb, Rev. D. O. McInnis.
Foreign Missions—Dr. L. N. Bell, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, B. Hoyt Evans, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K Caskey.
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, Paul F. Warren. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: Paul F. Warren, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Paul F. Warren, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Chandler Gordon, N. B. McDevitt.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, C. C. West, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, D. O. McInnis. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. Paul F. Warren.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; E. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

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ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Stated Spring Meeting—April 19, 1949

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring meeting at the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 19th, 1949, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. M. McChesney after which the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, Moderator, preached on the subject: "The Prophetic Office in Our Time."

The communion service was conducted by the Rev. P. P. Thrower and the Rev. J. R. McGregor, assisted by ruling elders, B. H. Evans, C. R. Eckhoff, E. G. Roberts, and S. N. Davidson.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

W. H. Armistead, W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree B. Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, C. B. Ratchford, W. H. Styles, P. P. Thrower, W. H. Wakefield, Paul F. Warren, C. C. West, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (25).

The following churches were represented:

Arden, R. H. Marshall; Asheville First, C. H. Pettus; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, F. E. Chappell; West Asheville, N. B. McDevitt; Black Mountain, H. D. Crawford; Brevard-Davidson River, J. O. Davidson; Brittain Cove, B. C. Ward; Canton, R. J. Sprang; Dillingham, G. S. Stone; Etowah, J. L. Gash; Franklin, J. R. Bulgin; Friendship, Lee Morris; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Hendersonville, Oren Lancaster; Oak Forest, H. E. Lamb; Swannanoa, S. N. Davidson; Sylva, M. C. Cunningham; Waynesville, C. R. Eckhoff; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (20).

The Rev. W. G. Thomas of the Presbytery of Kings Mountain was introduced as a visiting brother.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. W. P. Baldwin was elected Moderator and the Rev. P. P. Thrower was elected to serve as Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The report of the Program Committee was given by the Rev. T. A. Painter. Presbytery adopted the report which was that the docket be followed and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 1:45 P. M. and that the examination for the licensure of Everett K. Brown be the first order of business after lunch.

The matter of consideration of the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order was fixed as a special order following the report of the Central Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—H. B. Dendy, J. R. McGregor, and R. H. Marshall.
2. *Judiciary*—C. Grier Davis and C. H. Pettus.
3. *Records of Sessions*—Paul F. Warren, W. H. Styles, J. C. Neville, L. T. Wilds, W. H. Armistead, J. L. Gash, C. D. Richmond, B. C. Ward, and Oren Lancaster.
4. *Resolutions*—P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, and S. N. Davidson.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented written excuses for non-attendance at Presbytery from R. C. Anderson, Robert King, D. W. Richardson, and D. O. McInnis. These excuses were granted.

A request for a letter of transfer for the Rev. Robert King to the Presbytery of Augusta was granted.

A request for a letter of transfer for the Rev. J. C. Plexico to the Presbytery of Kings Mountain was granted.

The request from the pastor and from the Brevard-Davidson River Church that the pastoral relation of the Rev. W. P. Baldwin be dissolved effective July 1st, 1949, in order that he might enter Foreign Mission service, was granted. The Stated Clerk was requested to write a letter to the Foreign Mission Committee commending the Rev. Mr. Baldwin.

A letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Kings Mountain to the Presbytery of Asheville for the Rev. W. G. Thomas as well as a letter of commendation from the stated clerk of Kings Mountain Presbytery was read to Presbytery. The matter of the reception of the Rev. Mr. Thomas was referred to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Requests for increases in pastors salaries were read as follows:

A request from the Hendersonville Church to increase their pastor's salary in the amount of $1,000 per annum.

A request from the Waynesville Church to increase their pastor's salary in the amount of $500 per annum.

A request from the Brevard-Davidson River Church to increase their pastor's salary in the amount of $300 per annum.

A request from the Hazelwood Church to increase their pastor's salary in the amount of $80 per annum.

All of these requests were granted.

DR. McGREGOR SPEAKS

At this point Presbytery heard with interest a brief statement from Dr. J. R. McGregor concerning the work at Montreat and Montreat College.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

The Rev. C. Grier Davis, Chairman of the Commission on the West Asheville Church, gave a full report on the activities of the commission since it was set up by Presbytery. The report was received as information and the following recommendations embodied in the report adopted:

1. That Asheville Presbytery instruct the Commission on West Asheville Church to install the elected elders aud deacons on Sunday evening, May 1st, 1949, and that the Commission then be declared dissolved.
2. That the minutes of the Commission on West Asheville Church be turned over to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to be preserved with the permanent records of Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. R. E. McClure. Presbytery engaged in the examination of Candidate Everett K. Brown who was seeking licensure to the gospel ministry.

Mr. Brown preached his trial sermon on the text Matthew 9:13: " . . . for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repententance."

The Moderator conducted the examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the gospel ministry. The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. J. M. McChesney; that on Church Government by the Rev. P. P. Thrower; the Sacraments by the Rev. P. N. Gresham; English Bible by the Rev. Paul F. Warren. The Presbytery accepted his College and Seminary credits in lieu of the examination on the Sciences, and also a statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education that the parts by the candidate submitted for examination had been approved. The sermon having been approved by Presbytery a motion prevailed that the examination as a whole be sustained as satisfactory and that upon his answering the questions required in the Book of Church Order that he be licensed to preach the gospel.

A statement was made to Presbytery by the Rev. R. E. McClure that Mr. Brown was being called to become pastor of the Bryson City Church and Mr. Brown was requested to name a commission to ordain and install him at a time to be agreed upon by Mr. Brown and the commission. The commission appointed is as follows: Ministers, C. Grier Davis, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, P. P. Trower,. Elders, E. E. Brown of the Oak Forest Church, and S. W. Black of the Bryson City Church. A quorum of the commission was set at three ministers and one ruling elder.

The Rev. L. T. Wilds submitted the report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief which was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee submits the following report for the church year 1948-49.

There are twelve candidates for the ministry in our Presbytery; one of whom is to be examined for licensure at this meeting of Presbytery. This number of candidates in our small Presbytery is far above the average number in the Presbyteries of our General Assembly. However, we hope that our ministers and elders will do all that they can to enlist young men and women in the gospel service of Christ. Financial aid was given to five of our candidates in the total amount of $850.

There are eight homes of our Presbytery to which aid is given from Ministerial Relief: three ministers and five widows. A total of $4,027 was given to these homes last year, an average of $500. From the churches of Asheville Presbytery the sum of $3,723 was received for Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

From the report of our Executive Committee we quote the following:

> "This has been a year of great activity in attempting to strengthen our Christian Education institutions. Some are met with encouraging results in improving their financial position. Some are still in a critical condition, due to inadequate support and lack of enough capital funds."

We are urging you to do all that you possibly can for the support of our church institutions.

We recommend that the beneficiaries of our Presbytery receive the same amounts as of last year plus as much more as funds in hand will allow.

We urge our pastors to do all that they can to make the Joy Gift at Christmas as large as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk gave the following Treasurer's report to Presbytery:

REPORT FOR APRIL 1ST, 1948-MARCH 31ST, 1949

Receipts

Asheville First	$ 146.52
Weaverville	51.12
Red Oak	2.52
Brittain Cove	7.74
Franklin	16.20
Brevard	45.00
Sylva	2.16
Asheville First	100.00

Arden	15.00
Sylva	4.10
Bryson City	12.20
Hendersonville	121.60
Waynesville	40.80
Swannanoa	34.80
Murphy	17.20
West Asheville	60.80
Canton	47.00
Asheville First	235.00
Black Mountain	27.40
Sylva	4.10
Highlands	7.50
Mills River	53.40
Kenilworth	95.80
Robbinsville	1.70
Hayesville	3.80
Oak Forest	35.80
Weaverville	62.60
Black Mountain	27.40
Hazelwood	6.00
Montreat	45.80
Etowah	10.20
Andrews	8.00
Bethel	12.60
West Asheville	50.00
Total Receipts	$1,411.86

(Items 1 through 8 and item 23 were on Presbyterial tax for previous year.)

Disbursements

E. C. Scott (General Assembly tax)	$ 602.10
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod's tax)	126.68
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	150.00
M. R. Williamson (Postage and Supplies)	15.10
Von Boekman Jones (Printing Statistical Reports)	12.10
Presbyterian Committee of Publication (Report Blanks)	6.04
Inland Press (Printing and Mailing Presbytery Minutes—5 issues)	358.53
Total	$1,267.05

Bank Balance April 1st, 1948	$ 334.05
Total receipts	1,411.86
Total	1,745.91

Disbursements	1,267.05
Balance March 31st, 1949	$ 478.86

The Treasurer's report was placed in the hands of the Stewardship Committee for audit.

Upon the statement of the Stated Clerk that Presbytery's receipts at 20 cents per capita were insufficient to meet all the obligations of Presbytery since the General Assembly had raised the Presbytery's assessment, Presbytery voted to increase the per capita tax for the church year from 20 to 25 cents.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report to Presbytery stating that there were several reports received too late to be entered on the report. Presbytery accepted the report, requested the Stated Clerk to complete it, and ordered it sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

A printed copy of the report is appended to this issue of the Minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. H. V. Lofquist at this point reported for the Stewardship Committee as follows:

I have examined the books of the Treasurer of Presbytery, the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, together with the bank statement, cancelled checks, and the report of receipts and disbursements. These statements tally and seem to be in proper from.

REPORT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOOK

The Rev. R. F. Brown made the report on the proposed changes to the Book of Church Order with reference to paragraph 163. Presbytery voted as follows:

That no action be taken now but that Asheville Presbytery overture the General Assembly to postpone action on this matter until its implications on the title of church property be cleared up by an ad-interim committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a verbal report and requested that he be permitted to send to the Stated Clerk a written report to be included in the Minutes. The report follows:

The Executive Secretary serves in the capacity of agent and treasurer of various committes of the Presbytery. These committees' reports include his activities, as well as specific treasurer's reports.

He also serves as Central Treasurer of Benevolences.

His report was made orally to Presbytery and is supplemented by the following financial report:

Central Treasurer of Benevolences

Receipts from Churches, Applicable to 1948-1949 Askings	$62,322.28*
Receipts from Churches, and from outside agencies and individuals	2,356.30
	$64,678.58

**Sources of This Amount*

Name of Church	Total	Special	General
Andrews	$ 549.71	$ 344.71	$ 205.00
Arden	891.77	508.70	383.03
Asheville First	22,588.96	8,561.95	14,027.01
Bethel	166.50	66.50	100.00
Black Mountain	2,339.70	1,287.13	1,052.57
Brevard	1,595.02	706.27	888.75
Brittain's Cove	126.22	90.05	36.17
Bryson City	767.86	592.86	175.00
Canton	1,608.33	612.73	995.60
Dillingham	167.22	114.99	52.23
Etowah	370.27	162.27	208.00
Franklin	712.81	563.31	149.50
Friendship	133.97	33.97	100.00
Hayesville	103.45	71.20	32.25
Hazelwood	200.15	131.05	69.10
Hendersonville	12,319.10	5,872.43	6,446.67
Highlands	603.20	417.12	186.08
Ivy Park	62.16	62.16	.....
Kenilworth	1,655.27	875.27	780.00
Malvern Hills	216.92	192.92	24.00
Mills River	599.77	475.77	124.00
Montreat	4,312.53	2,187.53	2,125.00
Murphy	542.10	377.10	165.00
Oak Forest	583.76	252.06	331.70
Robbinsville	97.50	7.50	90.00
Swannanoa	3,778.91	1,877.73	1,901.18
Sylva	385.50	266.42	119.08
Waynesville	772.41	522.41	250.00

Weaverville	2,251.28	1,446.23	805.05
West Asheville	1,819.93	869.93	950.00
Totals	$62,322.28	$29,550.31	$32,771.97

Distribution of above funds by causes:

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES			
1.	Foreign Missions	$ 9,414.61	
2.	Home Missions	6,500.44	
3.	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	3,499.23	
4.	Religious Education and Publication	1,701.59	
5.	Assembly's Training School	750.03	
6.	American Bible Society	149.98	
7.	Overseas Relief	890.66	
8.	Evangelism	149.85	
9.	Radio	406.45	
10.	Mountain Retreat Association	274.19	
11.	Negro Work	912.30	
12.	Christian Relations	147.88	
13.	Defense Service Dept.	252.04	$25,049.25
SYNOD'S CAUSES			
1.	King College (Support)	1,786.77	
2.	Stonewall Jackson (Debt)	397.49	
3.	Religious Education	418.07	
4.	Student Work	279.95	2,882.28
PERSBYTERY'S CAUSES			
1.	Home Missions	$13,132.03	
2.	Mountain Orphanage	17,486.44	
3.	Montreat College	1,786.77	
4.	Religious Education	277.32	
5.	Union Seminary	197.67	
6.	Louisville Seminary	99.02	
7.	Administration and Promotion	1,528.88	$34,508.92
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES			
1.	King College Endowment Fund	1,539.27	
2.	Vacation Bible School Offering	200.95	
3.	Malvern Hills Building	448.45	
4.	Youth Night Program	24.25	
5.	Historical Foundation	25.00	
6.	American Mission to Lepers	1.00	2,238.13
	Grand Total		$64,678.58

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. McCLURE, *Executive Secretary.*

HOME MISSION REPORT

The report of the Home Mission Committee was made by the Rev. C. Grier Davis. The report was received and the financial report adopted.

RECEIPTS—1948-1949
Presbytery's Home Missions

From Assembly's Home Missions:		
On 1947-1948 Balance	$ 1,064.90	
On 1948-1949	8,051.39	
Grants: Franklin and Hazelwood	1,300.00	$10,416.29
From Churches of Presbytery:		
On Regular Apportionment	9,645.34	
On Administration	1,528.88	
Special Offering (one-half)	2,254.00	
Designated gifts	932.69	14,360.91
For Religious Education:		
On Regular Apportionment	277.33	
Special Offering	63.75	
Other Funds	19.50	360.58
Student Work (Synod)		107.05
Belk Stores:		
Franklin (For Franklin)	1,000.00	
Bryson (For Sylva Salary)	500.00	
Sylva (For Sylva Salary	500.00	2,000.00
For Malvern Hills Building:		
Malvern Hills Church	2,755.00	
Assembly's Committee	5,232.97	
Sale of U. S. Bonds	388.00	
Churches of Presbytery	397.45	8,733.42
For North Asheville Lot:		
($3,500.00 on hand special fund)		
Maxwell Trust Fund		243.75
Re-Imbursements:		
On Office Exp. (Mt. Orph.)	1,387.74	
Malvern Hills Letters	184.44	
Thanksgiving Letters	176.40	
Miscellaneous	33.15	1,781.73
YEAR END BALANCES (1948)		4,260.17
Grand Total		$42,303.90

DISBURSEMENTS—1948-1949
Presbytery's Home Missions

Executive Secretary:		
Salary and House	$ 4,200.00	$ 4,800.01
Expenses	600.01	
Office Expenses:		
Office Secretary	1,668.81	
Telephone & Telegraph	221.47	
Postage	242.77	
Printing	168.76	
Office Supplies	224.19	
Bonds, Bank charges, etc.	72.31	
Janitor, fuel, etc.	158.28	
Audit ($300.00 on 1947-48)	690.00	3,446.59
Field Supplements:		
Salaries	12,616.96	
Annuity Fund	1,285.25*	13,902.21
($267.25 on previous year		
*Includes Executive Secretary)		
Religious Education:		
Young People's Conference, Camp, etc.		584.82
Our Mountain Work:		
Twelve issues, 3,200 copies mailed		2,209.01
Permanent Equipment:		
Stoves, Adding Machine, etc.		206.90
Special Appropriations:		
Malvern Hills		
Rent on store bldg.	100.00	
Insurance (New Bldg.)	65.00	
Construction	9,774.28	
Debt Retirement	350.00	10,289.28
Sylva Building		389.73
Murphy Building		500.00
Franklin Building		1,908.50
Hazelwood Manse		700.00
Miscellaneous:		
Special Appropriations	36.69	
Thanksgiving Ads	176.40	213.09
Actual Bank Balance, April 1, 1949		3,153.76
Totals		$42,303.90

PROPOSED BUDGET—Presbytery's Home Missions

Executive Secretary (Salary $3,600; House, $600; Expenses $600) ..... $ 4,800.00

Supplements to Fields, Salary, Basis $2,4000.0, plus supplement $300

Murphy	$1,500	Hayesville	$150	Committee	$1,050	
Andrews	1,160	Robbinsville	120	Committee	1,300	
Mills River	1,140	Etowah	500	Committee	1,060	
Franklin	1,656			Committee	1,044	
Highlands	1,300			Committee	1,400	
Arden	1,350			Committee	1,350	
Malvern Hills	700			Committee	2,000	
Sylva	500			Committee	2,200	
Dillingham	1,200	Ivy Park	200	Committee	1,300	12,704.00

Minister's Annuity Fund (including Executive Secretary)	1,260.00
Office: Secretary $1,820.00 Other $1,400.00	3,220.00
Religious Education: Conferences, etc.	800.00
Our Mountain Work (12 issues, 3,200 copies each)	2,400.00
Permanent Equipment (Office)	200.00
Special Appropriations:	
Malvern Hills, balance on loan, interest, debt retirement	1,590.00
Franklin Building	500.00
North Asheville Lot	1,700.00
Contingent Amounts:	
Moving new men, miscellaneous expenses 1,000.00	
Summer Workers 900.00	
Possible salary supplements 600.00	2,500.00
Grand total, based on 12 months every field supplied	31,674.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Assembly's Home Mission Committee		$8,720.00
Presbytery's Budget:		
On Presbytery's H. Missions $12,000.00		
On Religious Education	600.00	12,600.00
Synod's Appropriation (Student Work)		200.00
Special Sources:		
Belk Stores (For Franklin and Sylva) ..		1,500.00
Offering for Young People's Conference		50.00
Designated gifts Presbytery's Home Miss.		600.00
One Half of Special Offering in Nov.		2,500.00

One Half of Office Expenses (Mt. Orph.)	1,300.00
To be raised independently (For North Asheville)	1,700.00
Malvern Hills on Church Debt	900.00
Net Bank Balance, April 1, 1949	835.01
	$30,905.01

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Mountain Orphanage, Inc.

(By order of Presbytery the financial statement is on a Calendar year basis, January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948.)

RECEIPTS

Churches (Including Thanksgiving $11,102.97)	$24,602.75	
Legacies	725.85	
Parents and Relatives	826.88	
Individuals (Outside Churches)	3,035.12	
Duke Endowment	1,453.33	
Other sources	17.51	
Total Cash Receipts for Support ..	30,660.94	
Transfer Interest on Endowment ..	1,599.45	$32,260.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration	$ 5,365.44	
Institutional Care of Children	16,100.49	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	3,576.20	
Farm, Dairy and Garden	4,987.64	30,029.77
Surplus Receipts over Disbursements		$ 2,230.62

Operating Deficit on prior years* ..	$ 9,244.36
Net Operating Income	2,230.62
Actual Operating Deficit, Jan. 1st..	$ 7,013.64

*See Capital Assets Statement.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Mountain Orphanage, Inc.

As of January 1, 1949

Cash Balance, year ending Dec. 31, 1948 .. $ 7,727.00

Permanent Funds:		
Cash	$16,971.36*	
General Investments	17,751.89	
Annuity Investments	5,481.34	40,204.59
Plant Assets		
Land	40,000.00	
Buildings	150,000.00	
Equipment, etc.	15,000.00	
Live Stock	1,000.00	206.000.00
Grand Total Assets		$253.931.59

*Book Credit, Cash	$16,971.36
Loan to Operating Budget	9,244.36
Net Actual Cash	$ 7,727.00

Dr. Davis also made a report concerning a request from the Montreat Church with regard to the Friendship Church. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE ON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

To Asheville Presbytery, April 19, 1949

At the meeting of Asheville Presbytery on January 11, 1949, "Mr. J. C. Rice spoke to Presbytery concerning the financial status of the Montreat Church with relationship to the Friendship Church, requesting that, if the way be clear, the Presbytery relieve the Montreat Church of at least a part of the amount it is now paying to help support the Friendship Church. The matter, by vote of Presbytery, was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions with the request that it report to the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery."

On Monday evening, April 11, the chairman of the Home Mission Committee and the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery met with Rev. W. H. Armistead, three of the officers of the Friendship Church, and Mr. J. C. Rice and Dr. Nelson Bell, elders in the Montreat Church, at the Friendship Church.

The officers of the Friendship Church reported that the Church is now paying $720 a year on the pastor's salary. The officers of the Montreat Church reported that they had been paying $1,100 a year on the pastor's salary. This made a total salary to Mr. Armistead of $1,820 a year. The officers of Montreat Church said that they were having to pay a larger salary to the new pastor for Montreat than they had been paying and therefore, they could pay only $550 on the salary of the pastor of Friendship Church in this year. It was

pointed out that the Friendship Church has made remarkable progress under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Armistead. However, it was the judgment of the officers of the church that the congregation is paying as much toward the pastor's salary as it can afford to pay now or will be able to pay for some time to come.

In reply to the question: Why did the Friendship Church not become a Home Mission Church when it was organized by Presbytery with the pastor's salary guaranteed by Home Mission funds, the following facts were presented:

First, Rev. W. H. Armistead came to Asheville Presbytery without a call. He has chosen to live in Montreat with or without a church to serve, and has refused to consider calls which would require him to move from Montreat, both before he began to serve the Friendship Chapel and Church and since he assumed this work.

Second, when the Friendship Chapel presented a petition to Asheville Presbytery on April 20, 1948, requesting Presbytery to organize the chapel into a church, the Commission appointed was told to confer with the Montreat Church to determine what financial support would be given by Montreat after the chapel became a church. The clear implication was that Presbytery was organizing the church, with the understanding, that the pastor's salary would be paid by Montreat and Friendship. At no time in Presbytery or elsewhere did anyone suggest that the church would look to Presbytery for Home Mission funds.

The meeting at Friendship Church adjourned with the understanding that the Black Mountain Church, which has been interested in the Friendship Church, would be given an opportunity to make a contribution; and the whole matter would be presented to the Home Mission Commttee.

The Black Mountan Church was approached. They do not feel that they are in a position to help.

The Home Mission Committee discussed the situation at length. The Committee appropriated $300 to match $300 provided by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, to make a special gift of $600 to Mr. Armistead, in recognition of his unusual service at Friendship.

When the question arose as to what appropriation should or could be made toward Mr. Armistead's salary for this church year, your Home Mission Committee faced these facts:

First, the Friendship Church is not a field which justifies, or, in the fore-seeable future, will justify the services of a full-time pastor.

Second, the circumstances under which Mr. Armistead came to the Presbytery, and became pastor of Friendship Church, do not place the same obligation on the Presbytery for his full support, as

would or does rest on Presbytery in the case of other ministers who serve churches which are not self-supporting.

Third, the funds provided for Home Missions work last year were not sufficient to meet all of our obligations. Although our report shows a surplus, more than that is needed to pay obligations we have already assumed. Looking at the year 1949-50, we face three facts: one is that all our Home Mission fields, except one, will have pastors by the first of June, which means a larger outlay of Home Mission money for salaries than we have had in many years. The second fact is that we have already entered into an economic decline which will certainly have an adverse effect on benevolent giving. How serious that will be no one can foresee. The third fact is that our Home Mission churches now owe more than $30,000 on buildings, either completed or under construction. Any decline in the ability of the people to give will place some of these in a difficult financial position. And add to all this the new construction which has been started or will be started on our self-supporting churches, which has already had its effect on benevolent giving, and you have the picture which was before your Home Mission Committee.

We recommend that Presbytery recognize the unusual situation which we confront in the Friendship Church, and that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to contribute $550, plus the Annuity Fund payment, on this amount, toward Mr. Armistead's salary during the year 1949-1950.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. H. B. Dendy made the report for the Committee on Religious Education. The report was received as information.

RECEPTION OF REV. W. G. THOMAS

Presbytery proceeded to examine the Rev. W. G. Thomas after hearing a statement from the Commission on the Commission on the Minister and His Work that it had approved the calling of Mr. Thomas to the West Asheville Church and that it recommended that he be received into the Presbytery. The Commission presented a letter of transfer from the Kings Mountain Presbytery and stated also that the call of the West Asheville Church had been examined and found in order. The Rev. J. M. McChesney conducted the examination on Theology; the Rev. M. R. Williamson the examination on the Sacraments, and the

Rev. P. P. Thrower the examination on Church Government. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. W. G. Thomas was received into the Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement of Presbytery.

The call to the West Asheville Church, promising him a salary of $3.900 with free use of the manse and participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund, was placed in his hands.

The following Commission was appointed to install him pastor of the West Asheville Church on Sunday evening, May 1st, 1949: Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman, Rev. J. R. McGregor to preach the sermon, Rev. C. Grier Davis to deliver the charge to the pastor, and W. H. McMurray to charge the congregation. The Rev. R. F. Brown was named secretary and ruling elder N. B. McDevitt was named to complete the Commission.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Rev. T. A. Painter made the report for the Stewardship Committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

In response to the directive of Asheville Presbytery at the January meeting touching the distribution of benevolent funds for the year 1949-1950, your committee recommends:

1. That Presbytery reconsider the division of the Benevolent Askings for 1949-1950 as adopted in October 1948.
2. That 40% (instead of 50%, as in the past) of the total of $78,000 be assigned to Assembly Causes on the basis directed by the Assembly.
3. That the amounts adopted in October 1948 for Synod's causes remain the same.
4. That the amounts adopted in October 1948 for Montreat College, Religious Education in the Presbytery, Union Theological Seminary and Louisville Theological Seminary remain the same.
5. That the amount of $11,700 be set as the quota for the Mountain Orphanage, in view of the fact that this is estimated to increase the income for the Mountain Orphanage approximately 30% from the undesignated gifts of the churches.
6. That the remainder of the total $78,000 ($24,000) be set as the quota for Presbytery's Home Missions.
7. That a percentage relationship be established on the basis

of these amounts, to be known as the Total Goal for the Presbytery for 1949-1950.

8. That the actual amounts given, on a Presbytery basis, for the special offerings for Foreign Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, and Religious Education and Publication in 1948-1949 be set as the minimum goals for similar offerings in 1949-1950.

9. That those amounts be deducted from the totals assigned to these causes in recommendation 2 above, and that these adjusted figures be used to determine a goal for giving through undesignated funds.

10. That a percentage relationship be estblished on the basis of these amounts, to be known as the Disbursement Basis for undesignated funds.

11. That receipts for Special Offerings and all designated funds be disbursed by the central Treasurer in the full amount and to the cause or causes designated by the donor, without regard to any division of other funds.

12. That receipts for the general budget in the form of undesignated funds be divided on the "disbursement basis" provided for in recommendation 10, without regard to any special offering or other designated funds for any one or more of these causes.

13. That the deductions for Administration (3%) be discontinued.

14. That all designated contributions be forwarded promptly by the Central Treasurer to the causes for which given.

15. That all undesignated contributions be prorated to the causes at the end of each month, provided the amount received from any one church shall amount to at least $50.00.

16. That Presbytery recognize the need of a continuing policy for dividing the special offering for Home Missions in the fall, one half to Presbytery's Home Missions and one half to Assembly's Home Missions.

17. That Presbytery re-affirm the importance of special emphasis on giving generously through undesignated funds to the general budget, with a view to reaching a minimum goal of $40,000 during the church year.

18. That the following amounts and percentages be adopted, as an expression of the intent and purpose of recommendations 7 and 10 above.

TABLE OF BENEVOLENT ASKINGS 1949-1950

CAUSE	*Total Amt. To Be Raised*		*Amt. Through Special Offerings*		*Amt. Through Undesig. Gifts*	
ASSEMBLY	%	*Amt.*	%	*Amt.*	%	*Amt.*
Foreign Missions	$18.00	$14,040	$5.50	$5,347	$12.50	$8,693
Assem. H. Missions	7.60	5,929	....	.....	8.50	5,928
C. E. and M. R.	5.30	4,134	1.90	1,765	3.40	2,369
Rel. Educ. & Pub.	1.50	1,170	1.75	1,449	....	.....
Assembly's Tr. Sch.	1.50	1,170			1.70	1,170
Amer. Bible Soc.	.30	234			.33⅓	234
Overseas Relief	1.10	858			1.25	958
Evangelism	.30	234			.33⅓	234
Radio	.80	624			.90	624
Negro Work	2.00	1,560			2.20	1,560
Def. Ser. Dept.	.50	390			.55	390
Christian Relations	.30	234			.33⅓	234
Montreat Assn.	.80	624			.90	624
SYNOD						
King College	4.40	3,433			4.90	3,433
Stonewall Jax Debt.	1.80	1,435			2.00	1,435
Religious Educ.	1.00	749			1.10	749
Student Work	.80	654			.90	654
PRESBYTERY						
Home Missions	31.00	24,000			34.25	24,000
Mt. Orphanage	15.00	11,700			17.00	11,700
Montreat College	4.50	3,433			4.90	3,433
Religious Educ.	1.00	800			1.15	800
Union Seminary	.50	400			.60	400
Louisville Seminary	.25	200			.30	200
	100.00	$79,004			100.00	$69,748

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The report on Woman's Work was read by the Rev. Paul F. Warren. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending March 31, 1949:

We face two facts at the close of this year. An increase in membership and a decrease in giving. However, gifts are still larger than before the inauguration of The Program of Progress.

There are now 26 organized groups, representing a loss of one at Dillingham, and a gain of two, Friendship and Bethel. The group at Sylva formerly following the Adapted Plan for Small Auxiliaries, has grown into maturity with their adoption of the full program plan. The present total membership, including 598 Business Women, is 3,199. There are 60 general circles and 18 Business Women's circles. The reported giving totals $23,870, a decrease of $5,000 in comparison with last year. Budgets were reported as "met in full" by all groups. The Birthday offering was again 100 per cent and the amount $1,511.11.

One Presbyterial Life Membership was voted and three given to individuals in local groups, an expenditure of $100, used to help support the work of Area Field Workers.

Offerings and gifts to the orphanage are reported as surpassing those of former years. The Women of the Church are especially interested in clothing the children and are more conscious of money needs.

The Joy Gift was well supported and much interest is shown in the program of Christian Education with earnest prayers that many candidates may be called to the ministry. There are two established scholarship funds, one for $1,700 and one for $500.

The Home and Foreign Mission seasons were prayerfully observed. Readers of the study books were from eight to nine hundred with resultant generous offerings.

Asheville Presbyterial was the first of the Synodical to send the White Cross gift with all groups participating. The giving far exceeded the quota.

Group Conference met in all districts with a continued emphasis on The Program of Progress. The total attendance was 285.

A Presbyterial Officers' Training Class has proved valuable with good officer attendance. Local groups also are showing more interest in training classes.

Fourteen delegates registered for credit courses at Montreat Training School and 46 attended classes from time to time as visitors. Twelve representatives from Asheville Presbyterial attended the meeting of the Synodical in Bristol, Tenn.

Ten groups participated in the program of Visitation Evangelism. The same number report money contributions toward the salaries of those teaching Bible in schools. Two members present Bible lessons weekly to grammar grades on a voluntary basis. Memberships in The American Bible Society have reached nearly $200, helping to send Bibles overseas. While deep interest is indicated in Bible classes and teaching, only 63 members reported having read the Bible through during the year. Subscriptions to Church papers have increased by 115.

Fifteen groups have had some members assisting with the work of Daily Vacation Bible School, which program was interrupted by the polio epidemic. One Church offered a correspondence course through this period and prepared lessons with the help of women members. Members of another group helped with the radio broadcast of Sunday School lessons.

The Women of the Church are active in Outpost work when needed. Much interest and effort is put forth in the work with Young People, particularly in helping to send them to Conferences and camps of the Church. Fourteen groups assisted with this service last year. Suppers are prepared for youth groups and recreational periods supervised. The needs of the Home and Foreign Fields and of Christian Social Service are kept before the young people in various ways.

Suppers are prepared for The Men of the Church.

The study of "The Christian Home" placed a new emphasis on Family Worship, Daily Bible Reading and Tithing. About 360 report family altars. Tithers, 246. These figures are regrettably small in comparison to membership. The Week of Spiritual Enrichment is being observed through suggested topics for Home Devotions. The World Day of Prayer was observed by 11 groups, 5 of which were in cooperation with churches of other denominations.

Interest in overseas relief continues. The majority of groups sent clothing, Care packages, packages of towels for teen age groups, and cash. One of the smaller churches sent clothing and $50 in cash to a Protestant Mission in Italy.

Several love gifts of money have been sent to missionaries on the Foreign Fields.

A number of groups are engaged in special projects for the local church and community; such as, helping with building funds, kitchen equipment, choir robes, pulpit flowers, establishing and assisting in church nurseries, caring for underprivileged children. Shut-in members are remembered in prayer and with literature and their physical needs supplied. Members living in hospital areas are regular visitors to patients. Flowers, food, and money are frequently sent to the sick in homes and hospitals. One group helped with work at the Orthopedic Hospital during the polio epidemic. County Homes,

County hospitals, and prisoners are remembered, especially at Christmas.

The Business Women are particularly interested in various phases of Christian Social Service. They are faithful in attendance at their meetings, programs and Bible study. Fellowship is strengthened by supper meetings during the year. Their consecration, their self-sacrifice and many acts of service would make a separate report of inspiration.

Reported Negro work is as follows:

Two delegates sent to Knoxville Conference for Negro Women.

Contributions made by three groups to this Conference.

One delegate prepared to attend the Conference but prevented by polio epidemic.

One delegate sent to Stillman Training School.

One Scholarship continued at Stillman.

Assistance given to Daily Vacation Bible School for Negroes.

Missionary member was speaker on missions to group of negro women.

One group invited negro women to participate in World Day of Prayer.

Help given to negro school by supplying a Bible, songbooks, books and literature. Financial help given to lunchroom.

The report of accomplishments during the past year is small indeed in comparison with known blessings. The Women of the Church are conscious of their weaknesses and pray unto "the Author and Finisher of our faith" to bless and multiply our effort that it may redound to His Name's Honor and Glory.

ELIZABETH (MRS. ROY T.) REED,
President Women of the Church, Asheville Presbytery.

Presbytery requested that the Rev. W. H. Styles convey the greetings of Presbytery to the Spring meeting of Presbyterial at Montreat.

A motion prevailed that due to the expense of printing the Minutes of Presbytery that reports for adoption be made no longer than necessary and that all reports and motions be handed to the Clerk on standard size paper and typed if possible.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bills and Overtures. No report.
2. Judiciary. No report.
3. Records of Sessions.

The Committee on Records of Sessions reported that

they had examined and approved without exception the sessional records of the following churches: Kenilworth, Waynesville, Etowah, Black Mountain, Weaverville, Canton, Bethel, Oak Forest, Mills River, Swannanoa, Hazelwood, Montreat, Hendersonville, and Franklin. That they had approved with the exceptions noted in the books Brevard-Davidson River, West Asheville, and Highlands. Books not submitted at this meeting of Presbytery were ordered submitted at the Stated Summer meeting. The report of the committee was adopted.

4. Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that the following changes be made in the directory of Presbytery:

Foreign Missions—That Dr. L. N. Bell be made the chairman of the committee and that the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans replace the Rev. W. P. Baldwin.

Christian Education—That the name of the Rev. T. G. Tate be dropped from the committee.

American Bible Society—That the name of the Rev. W. P. Baldwin be dropped from the committee.

Religious Education—That the Rev. W. H. Styles be made the chairman of the committee, that the names of Rev. H. B. Dendy and Rev. C. Grier Davis be dropped and that Rev. W. G. Thomas be added to the committee.

Women's Work—That the Rev. Paul F. Warren be made chairman of the committee and that the name of Rev. W. P. Baldwin be dropped.

Sabbath and Family Religion—That the name of Rev. Robert King be dropped from the committee.

Stewardship—That Chandler Gordon and N. B. McDevitt be added to the committee and that Dr. L. N. Bell be dropped.

Evangelism—That the name of Rev. Robert King be dropped from the committee and that Rev. W. G. Thomas take the place of the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

Examining Committees—

English Bible—That the Rev. J. M. McChesney take the place of the Rev. Robert King.

Academic Studies—That the Rev. R. E. McClure take the place of the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Trustees—That the Rev. C. Grier Davis be re-elected for a three year term.

The report was adopted.

5. Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted:

Asheville Presbytery desires to thank Dr. T. A. Painter and the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church for the gracious hospitality we have enjoyed during our stay in this historic church. We shall carry to our homes many happy memories. We pray that the blessing of God which maketh rich may abide upon both pastor and people and that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus while we are absent one from the other.

There being no invitation for the Summer meeting of Presbytery—the matter was left in the hands of the Stated Clerk and the Executive Secretary. The time will be the Tuesday after the second Sunday in July—the date being July 12, 1949.

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

W. P. BALDWIN, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1949

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added on Profession	Communicants: Added on Certificate	Communicants: Communicants	Baptisms: Adult	Baptisms: Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	Number of Outports or Chapels	Contributions to Benevolences: Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Christian Education & Ministerial Relief	Assembly's Ret. Edu. and Publication	Assembly's Tr. School for Lay Workers	American Bible Soc'y	Other Assembly Benevolences	Synod's Home Missions	Homes	Educational Institutions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Synod's and Presby. Religious Edu.	Other Synod and Presby. Benevolences	Congregational Missions	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total to Benevolences	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Direct	Pastors' Salaries: Paid Indirect	Other Funds Contributed: Current Expenses	Other Funds Contributed: Building Expense
2. Presbytery of Asheville.																															
R. C. Anderson, Pres. Em.	Montreat, N. C.											60	9	7	19	1		6		35	10	26	1			35	209	540		189	373
W. H. Armistead, P.	Montreat, N. C.	Friendship	4	2			96			135																					
W. P. Baldwin, P.	Brevard, N. C.	Brevard-Davidson River*†	10	13	18	18	284	5	6	156		446	117	192	67	54	3	99		608	448	222	14	22	76		2368	2750		3068	1000
R. F. Brown	Asheville, N. C.																														
W. P. Chedester	Asheville, N. C.											3427	2304	1178	326	451	61	2251		6526	2668	4863	419	653	301	1366	26794	7500		32975	52432
C. Grier Davis, P.	Asheville, N. C.		31	30	25	91	1700	7	30	840		453	254	242	54	166	142	155		617	149	466	38	71	25	704	3536	2700		3929	1779
H. B. Dendy, P., Ed.	Weaverville, N. C.	Weaverville*†	6	9	8	0	320	6	3	211		7	12	5	9	1	1	3		35	5	45	1	3			127			314	
" P.	Weaverville, N. C.	Brittain Cove	2				43			45																				14	
" P.	Weaverville, N. C., RFD.	Red Oak					9			12																	603		1176		
R. B. Du Pree, P.	Highlands, N. C.	Highlands*	5	2			66			52		69	58	29	11	4	1	16		252	26	120	4	13			720	1640	1000	1304	8557
B. Hoyt Evans, P.	Franklin, N. C.	Franklin*†	7	8	9	3	126	6		136	1	183	100	76	50	3	1	19		97	16	136	9	20		1			5000		
Kenneth J. Foreman, Prof.	Louisville, Ky.																														
Paul N. Gresham, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Kenilworth*†	16	22	5	37	486	2	6	335		242	160	108	53	19	4	85		566	95	279	14	38	500	258	2421	4200		10474	40000
J. H. Gruver	Black Mountain, N. C.																														
Robert King, T. S.	Augusta, Ga.																														
J. C. Lime, P.	Andrews, N. C.	Andrews*†	3	3	1	6	47	1		38		128	76	29	5	30	1	29		150	28	121	4	17		9	627	1160	1360	1008	
" P.	Robbinsville, N. C.	Robbinsville	2	1			13																				90	120		124	
H. V. Lofquist, Chap.	Asheville, N. C.																														
J. M. McChesney	Asheville, N. C., R. 3																														
" P.	Candler, N. C., R. 2	Oak Forest*†	6	6	4	10	175	4	1	155		84	50	29	19	7	1	68		179	42	107	6			18	610	2700		1744	2680
R. E. McClure, P. Ex. S.	Asheville, N. C.	†																											3600		
Jas. Clyde Plexico, Ev.	Asheville, N. C.																														
J. Rupert McGregor, Pres.	Montreat, N. C.																														
D. O. McInnis, P.	Canton, N. C.	Canton*†	6	10	6	12	244	6	1	155		304	161	112	70	22	4	80		944	125	340	18	60		105	2335	3250		3426	1900
J. C. Neville, P.	Horse Shoe, N. C., R. 1	Mills River*†	5	9		1	108		2	50		124	72	66	7	22	8	105		252	36	112	5	18		42	860	1085	1060	343	
" P.	Etowah, N. C.	Etowah†	4	4			48			20		58	29	25	13	4	3	16		70	26	96	4	11		13	368	480		2680	
T. A. Painter, P.	Swannanoa, N. C.	Swannanoa*†	8	10	1	7	176	1	1	114		519	322	208	42	40	8	142		1114	233	651	34	94		647	4054	2600		70	
C. B. Ratchford, H. R.	Hendersonville, N. C.																												4800		
D. W. Richardson, Prof.	Richmond, Va.																														
W. H. Styles, P.	Black Mountain, N. C.	Black Mountain*†	12	12	15	27	306	12	2	210	1	305	208	77	38	51	5	130		908	151	417	32	58		50	2430	3000		1710	6066
Charles F. Stuhr	Hendersonville, N. C.																												1292		
T. G. Tate, Inf.	Augusta, Ga.						554			175		327	143	158	8	63	17	293		351	42	97	48	18	132	550	2247	3169		4867	
W. G. Thomas, P. E.	Asheville, N. C.	West Asheville*†	5	8			72	4		124		25	13	6	15	1	1	16		47	8	60	1	6		60	250	1814		1045	3158
Paul P. Thrower, P.	Hazelwood, N. C.	Hazelwood*†	3	4	6	12	57	7	1	70		26	24	9	2	2	1	17		58	13	39	2	6			199	500		85	106
" P.	Canton, N. C., R. 3	Bethel†	5	1	7	2																							2640	603	10973
Frederick Volbeda, Chap.	Swannanoa, N. C.																														
W. H. Wakefield, S. S.	Sylva, N. C.	Sylva†	4		8	15	64	8	2	35		25	76	9	19	2	1	7		32	12	160	2	11		29	385				
J. Q. Wallace, H. R.	Franklin, N. C.																														
Paul F. Warren, P.	Arden, N. C.	Arden*†	5	5	12	22	111	11	3	106		168	97	40	30	20	7	73		229	54	190	8	26		17	959	1280	1360	1254	1352
C. C. West, P.	Asheville, N. C.	Malvern Hills*†	5	5	15	35	106	12		76		73	44	2	15	1	7	2		29	3	47	10	6			239	630	2010	1632	793
L. T. Wilds, P.	Hendersonville, N. C.	Hendersonville*†	12	15	11	43	644	9	4	383		1865	1200	675	671	158	32	643		3836	913	2484	132	60		800	13469	3075		9617	
Donald E. Williams, F. M.	Belem, Para, Brazil																														
M. R. Williamson, P., S. C.	Waynesville, N. C.	Waynesville*†	7	12	7	27	223	2	9	133		79	69	45	6	5	1	19		501	31	108	4			80	948	3230		2903	2049
	Cove Creek, N. C.	White Oak, V.	1				13																								
—37	Bryson City, N. C.	Bryson City, V.*†	3	3	5		76			81		44	49	57	36	4	1	14		259	23	245	3	21		11	767			313	1884
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Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
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Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; E. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED SUMMER MEETING—JULY 12, 1949

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Summer Meeting at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, 10:00 A. M., July 12, 1949. Presbytery opened with prayer by the Moderator, after which the Rev. Walter P. Baldwin, Retiring Moderator, preached on the subject "Toward the Concern of Christ."

The communion service was conducted by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower and the Rev. D. O. McInnis, assisted by Ruling Elders E. A. Williamson, R. H. Marshall, B. L. McGlamary, and H. E. Adams.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following were present:

W. P. Baldwin, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, H. B. Dendy, P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, D. O. McInnis, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, W. H. Styles, P. F. Warren, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson, P. P. Thrower, and J. C. Lime (17).

The following churches were represented:

Arden, R. H. Marshall; Asheville First, H. E. Adams; Kenilworth, H. M. Hinkle; West Asheville, J. H. Gilbreath; Bethel, Clifton Terrell; Black Mountain, J. M. Stout; Dillingham, E. S. Stone; Franklin, B. L. McGlamary; Hendersonville, S. L. Woodward; Mills River, T. L. Holden; Murphy, E. H. Brumby; Waynesville, E. A. Williamson; Weaverville, P. B. Ray (13).

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Ruling Elder H. E. Adams, of the First Church, Asheville, was elected Moderator. The Rev. W. H. Styles was elected to serve as Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. P. P. Thrower, host pastor, made the report of the program committee, which recommended that the docket be followed, that the lunch hour be 12:30 P. M. and that Presbytery reconvene at 1:45 P. M. The report was amended to make 12:00 noon a special order of the day

for the hearing of the trial sermon of Mr. J. R. Crook, candidate for ordination, and that the examination of Mr. Crook be the first order of business following the lunch hour. The report was adopted as amended.

READING OF UNPRINTED MINUTES

Called Meeting Asheville Presbytery,
Malvern Hills Church,
June 27, 1949.

In pursuance to the following call:

"Constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, June 27th, 1949 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To dissolve, if the way be clear, the pastoral relation now existing between the Rev. C. C. West and the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church.

2. To grant a letter of dismissal to the Rev. C. C. West to the Presbytery of Concord.

W. P. BALDWIN, *Moderator.*"

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. W. P. Baldwin, after which the call was read and found in order.

The following members of Presbytery were present:

Ministers: H. B. Dendy, W. G. Thomas, W. P. Baldwin, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, C. C. West, W. P. Chedester, J. C. Lime, W. H. Styles, H. V. Lofquist, and Malcolm R. Williamson. Ruling Elder: B. H. Evans.

A quorum being present Presbytery proceeded with business. After hearing a statement from the Malvern Hills Church that at a regular called congregational meeting the congregation had voted to concur with the Rev. C. C. West in his request to Presbytery that the pastoral relation be dissolved; a motion prevailed that the request be granted, and that the Rev. Mr. West be granted a letter of dismissal to Concord Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. West spoke briefly to Presbytery expressing his joy in the fruitfulness of the work at Malvern Hills and his regret in leaving the Presbytery, also stating that he had accepted a call to another field. Several brethren of the Presbytery also spoke of the growth of the Malvern Hills Church under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. West.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. M. McChesney.

W. P. BALDWIN, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

The minutes were approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented a communication from the Rev. T. G. Tate requesting that he be excused from the meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted.

STANDING COMMITTEES

At this point the Moderator announced the appointment of Standing Committees:

1. Bills and Overtures—W. P. Baldwin, R. H. Marshall.
2. Judiciary—H. B. Dendy, S. L. Woodward.
3. Minutes of Presbytery—R. F. Brown, E. A. Williamson.
4. Nominations—P. N. Gresham, D. O. McInnis, T. P. Ray.
5. Resolutions—Paul Warren, E. H. Brumby.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

The Rev. R. F. Brown made the report for the commission appointed to install the Rev. W. G. Thomas as pastor of the West Asheville Church. The report is as follows:

The commission met at the West Asheville Church at 7:15 P. M., May 1, 1949. Present were: The Rev. M. R. Williamson, Chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, the Rev. J. R. McGregor, the Rev. R. F. Brown, Clerk, and Ruling Elders W. H. McMurray and N. B. McDevitt. The meeting was opened with prayer.

In the presence of the congregation, the actions of Asheville Presbytery were recited by the chairman. The Rev. J. R. McGregor preached the sermon. The chairman propounded the constitutional questions and the pastor-elect answered the questions set forth in the Book of Church Order. The congregation responded with a vote of acceptance of Mr. Thomas as their pastor.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis charged the pastor, and Elder W. H. McMurray charged the congregation.

The chairman declared that Mr. Thomas had been duly elected and installed as Pastor of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, and the meeting was adjourned with the apostolic benediction by Mr. Thomas.

The Rev. W. H. Styles made a verbal report for the special commission on the West Asheville Church, stating that the elected Elders and Deacons were installed on the evening of May 1, 1949, and that, according to the action of Presbytery, the commission now ceases to exist. The commission was commended for its work by a vote of Presbytery.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Stated Clerk read reports from Ruling Elders C. D. Thomas and C. G. Worley. The Rev. W. P. Baldwin and the Rev. W. H. Styles gave verbal reports. A motion prevailed that the reports be received and the commissioners commended for their faithfulness.

SPECIAL ORDER

The time of the special order of the day having arrived, a most acceptable sermon was delivered by Mr. J. R. Crook, candidate for ordination, on the text II Cor. 5:14-15. A motion prevailed that this part of the examination be sustained as satisfactory.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M. with the singing of "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Presbytery proceeded

with the examination of Mr. J. R. Crook.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. D. O. McInnis. The examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. L. T. Wilds and other members of Presbytery and was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on the Sacraments was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Church Government was conducted by the Rev. P. P. Thrower and was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. J. M. McChesney and was sustained as satisfactory.

The Thesis and Exegesis presented by Mr. Crook were acceptable and his diploma from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., was accepted in lieu of an examination on Academic Studies.

A motion prevailed that the examination as a whole be sustained as satisfactory and that a commission be appointed to ordain and install Mr. Crook as Pastor of the Murphy and Hayesville Presbyterian Churches on the third Sunday in August.

The commission appointed to install Mr. Crook is as follows:

Rev. J. C. Lime, to preach the sermon, Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, Rev. Everett Brown, Rev. W. H. Wakefield; Ruling Elders T. C. Gray, J. A. Gray, with J. B. Gray as alternate.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

The Rev. L. T. Wilds reported for the trustees of Davidson College. The report was received as information.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. H. Styles, Chairman, spoke briefly on the work of the committee and introduced the Rev. R. E.

McClure, who spoke on attendance and costs of the Young People's Conference and Pioneer Camp, urged attendance of the conference "Men at Montreat," and requested that the churches which had not sent in their offering for the support of religious education in the Presbytery to do so as soon as possible.

The Rev. M. R. Williamson gave a verbal report on Camp Hope. Presbytery voted to write a letter of appreciation to the Champion Y. M. C. A. for use of Camp Hope for our Pioneer Camp, the letter to be written by the Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

I. The Rev. R. E. McClure made the report for the Home Missions Committee. The report was received and the program adopted. Presbytery directed the Home Missions Committee to appropriate $300.00 to the Dillingham Church for Manse improvements.

II. Foreign Missions Committee did not present a report. A report will be given at the next meeting of Presbytery.

III. Evangelism. The Rev. M. R. Williamson reported for the Committee on Evangelism. The report is as follows:

Since the last report of the Committee on Evangelism, we are happy to report that we held a Presbytery-Wide Visitation Evangelism Campaign in March of this year under the leadership of Dr. H. H. Thompson, Director of Evangelism for the General Assembly.

The campaign was carefully set up with each church in the Presbytery being invited to participate. Local churches cooperated by setting up carefully selected workers who with their pastors visited in the homes of prospects. Each night teams went out for specific calling. Many people were led to put their membership in the local churches and not a few decisions for Christ were made, the result of which being that numbers of people united with the churches who otherwise would not have been reached.

The reports from the participating churches have been most encouraging. The workers themselves have received a great blessing and the number of people uniting with the churches has proven a stimulus to the work of the local congregation. Pastors and people are eager to keep up the work. In some instances the local workers' groups are being kept intact and the good work goes on.

We praise God for his blessing upon this effort made in so many of our churches and look forward with expectancy to even greater things. We recommend that the same program be followed in March of next year and urge every church in the Presbytery to participate.

IV. Minister and His Work. The Rev. M. R. Williamson reported that the Commission had approved the calling of Mr. James R. Crook to the Murphy and Hayesville Churches. No other matters have come before the Commission.

V. Sabbath and Family Religion. (No report.)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

I. Bill and Overtures. (No report.)

II. Judiciary Committee. (No report.)

III. Minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. R. F. Brown reported for the committee and the report is as follows:

Your committee has examined the Minutes of Presbytery and we find that they are well written, neatly printed and well arranged. We find no errors.

We recommend that the church officers make wider use of the minutes, giving special attention to the reports of committees and commissions.

The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Stated Clerk have the Minutes of Presbytery sent direct to each Elder in the Presbytery, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons in each church and the Treasurer of each church.

IV. Nominations.

The Rev. P. N. Gresham reported for the committee and the report is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations:

1. That the name of C. C. West be dropped from the Committee on Evangelism and that Mr. J. P. Crook take his place on the committee.

2. That Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. L. T. Wilds, Mr. R. R. Williams, and Mr. R. L. Prevost be relected to the Home Missions Committee for a term of three years.

3. That George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, and Mrs. Ralph McLean be reelected to the Mountain Orphanage Board for a term of three years, and that Rev. P. N. Gresham be elected for a term of three years.

The report was adopted.

V. Resolutions.

The Rev. Paul F. Warren made the report for the committee which is as follows:

The Committee on Resolutions of the Asheville Presbytery wish to thank Rev. Paul P. Thrower and the Bethel Presbyterian Church for the gracious hospitality and the wonderful meal enjoyed by everyone.

The report was adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Rev. J. C. Neville and the Mills River Presbyterian Church to hold its Stated Fall Meeting in the Mills River Church. The time being on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, which date is October 11, 1949, 10:00 A. M.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Mr. J. R. Crook and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

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Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: Paul F. Warren, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Chandler Gordon, N. B. McDevitt.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. P. Crook, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, J. D. Smith. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.,
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. Paul F. Warren.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis.
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Whitener Prevost, President; R. L. Johnson, Vice-President; E. J. Duckworth, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED FALL MEETING

Asheville Presbytery, October 11,1949.

Asheville Presbytery met for its stated Fall Meeting in the Mills River Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 11, 1949, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Howell E. Adams. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. Asa J. Ferry, D. D.. on the subject "Being Partners with God." Following the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Thomas and the Rev. Everett K. Brown, assisted by Ruling Elders W. L. Patten, J. H. Flanagan, George Shillinglaw, and J. O. Davidson. The Stated Clerk read a memorial to the late Rev. C. B. Ratchford which was adopted and is as follows:

The Rev. Charles Banks Ratchford, a member of Asheville Presbytery, died in Hendersonville, N. C., on July 25, 1949, where he had made his home since retiring from the active ministry seventeen years ago. He had supplied at times the Mills River and Etowah churches in Asheville Presbytery. Officers from these churches, with those of the Hendersonville Church, served as honorary pallbearers at the funeral service which was conducted by the Rev. L. T. Wilds, D. D.

Ratchford

Mr. Ratchford was 81 years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Gastonia, N. C., March 25, 1868. He was married to Miss Frances Hogan Hawtele, deceased in 1947. He was educated at Presbyterian College, Southwestern Presbyterian University, and Columbia Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the gospel ministry October 23, 1897. His pastorates were as follows: Stated Supply, Athens, Ala., 1897-'99; Nazareth Church, Enoree Presbytery, 1899-1902; Liberty Springs Church, Enoree Presbytery, 1902-'03; Kirksville, Ky., 1903-'06, Transylvania Presbytery; Poplar Tent, Concord Presbyterv, 1907-'09; Mount Horeb Church, Grottes, Va., 1909-'16, Lexington Presbytery; Academy and Quaker Memorial Churches, Montgomery Presbytery, 1916-'19; Faith Chapel and Catochin Churches, Potomac Presbytery, 1919-'21; Olivet Church, Stanton, Va., Lexington Presbytery, 1921-'27; and Chipley Church, Chipley, Fla., Florida Presbytery, 1927-'32.

He moved to Hendersonville, N. C. in 1933 from which place he did supply work. He was honorably retired in 1938. He is survived by one son, William S. Ratchford, and two daughters, Misses Ethel and Mary Ratchford.

Mr. Ratchford was a faithful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and has received his Lord's "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Outstanding among

his Christian graces were gentleness and humility, which were outstanding in our Lord Himself.

Prepared by THE REV. L. T. WILDS, D. D.

The following were introduced as visiting brethren: Rev. Walter Somerville, Rev. J. D. Smith, Rev. J. Q. Wallace, and the Rev. W. J. Gammon.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, B. Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, Paul F. Warren, Malcolm R. Williamson, P. P. Thrower, R. B. DuPree, W. G. Thomas, E. K. Brown, J. R. Crook, T. A. Painter (20).

The following Ruling Elders were present:

James Bell, Arden; M. N. Coleman, Asheville First; J. L. Walter, Kenilworth; G. P. Shillinglaw, West Asheville; J. M. Stout, Black Mountain; J. O. Davidson, Brevard-Davidson River; H. A. Sluder, Brittain Cove; J. E. Henderson, Canton; W. C. Dillingham, Dillingham; J. L. Gash, Etowah; William Winchester, Hazelwood; S. M. McCarty, Highlands; J. H. Flanagan, Hendersonville; E. G. Penland, Ivy Park; T. L. Holden, Mills River; J. F. Smith, Murphy; O. E. Starnss, Oak Forest; W. L. Patten, Swannanoa; E. A. Williamson, Waynesville, and B. H. Evans, Weaverville (20).

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. W. G. Thomas was elected Moderator and the Rev. Paul F. Warren was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. J. C. Neville, host pastor, presented the report of the program committee which was that the docket of Presbytery be followed, that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 2:00 o'clock, and that Mr. Chandler Gordon be heard immediately after lunch in behalf of the Mountain Orphanage.

The Stated Clerk read the unprinted minutes of Presbytery being a called meeting of Presbytery held in the Canton Church on August 11th. The minutes were received and ordered admitted to record. The minutes are as follows:

Asheville Presbytery met for a called meeting in the Canton Presbyterian Church, August 11, 3:00 P. M. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer.

The following ministers were present: Rev. D. O. McInnis, R. E. McClure, J. C. Lime, J. M. McChesney, R. F. Brown, M. R. Williamson, P. P. Thrower, J. C. Neville, and Walter H. Styles. The following Ruling Elders were present: J. M. Stout, Black Mountain; J. E. Henderson, Canton; and Howell E. Adams, Asheville First.

The call was read and is as follows:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Asheville Presbytery, to meet at the Presbyterian Church, Canton, 3 P. M., August 11, 1949, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. D. O. McInnis and the Canton Church.
2. To grant him a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Kings Mountain.
3. To transact any other matters pertaining to the above.

HOWELL E. ADAMS, *Moderator.*"

A motion prevailed that the call be found in order and that Presbytery proceed with business.

The Rev. D. O. McInnis made a statement to Presbytery of his desire that the pastoral relations between him and the Canton Church be dissolved that he might accept a call to the Mount Holly Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain Presbytery.

Ruling Elder J. E. Henderson of the Canton Church stated to Presbytery that the church had had a regularly called meeting of the congregation at which time the church concurred with Mr. McInnis in his request.

A motion prevailed that the pastoral relations between the Rev. D. O. McInnis and the Canton Church be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of transfer to Kings Mountain Presbytery.

At this point a number of the members of Presbytery spoke words of appreciation for the work done by Mr. McInnis in the Presbytery and of their regret at his leaving.

A motion prevailed that the Rev. Paul P. Thrower take the place of Mr. McInnis on the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Rev. W. W. Thrower, brother of the Rev. P. P. Thrower, was introduced as a visiting brother from Memphis Presbytey.

Presbytery closed with the apostolic benediction by the Rev. D. O. McInnis.

WALTER H. STYLES, *Temporary Clerk.*

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read the following communications: A wire from Col. Roy LeCraw, Director of the Program of Progress urging an all out effort in the prosecution of this program; A letter from the Assembly Training School,

calling attention to the work and needs of the School; A letter from the Rev. W. H. Styles requesting to be excused from attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery, also one from the Rev. D. W. Richardson asking to be excused from attendance; A communication from the Christian Observer calling attention to Church Paper week. These communications were received as information and the requests for non-attendance granted the above, as well as to Rev. J. R. McGregor, Rev. T. G. Tate, and the Rev. L. T. Wilds.

A motion prevailed that Presbytery proceed with the reception of ministers who were to be received into Presbytery. The Stated Clerk presented letters of transfer for the Rev. J. D. Smith from the Presbytery of Kings Mountain, for the Rev. W. G. Somerville from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and for the Rev. J. O. Wallace from the Presbytery of Enoree. These brethren were presented to Presbytery for examination. The examinations on Experimntal Religion were conducted by the Moderator and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on Theology were conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on the Sacraments were conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on Church Government were conducted by the Rev. P. P. Thrower and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and the above brethren were received into the Presbytery upon their signing the "ex animo" statement.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Bills and Overtures—H. B. Dendy, J. M. McChesney, and J. O. Davidson.

Judiciary—T. A. Painter, R. B. DuPree, and W. L. Patten.

Minutes of the General Assembly—P. N. Gresham, R. F. Brown, and J. H. Flanagan.

Nominations—E. K. Brown, C. Grier Davis, and M. N. Coleman.

Resolutions—J. R. Crook and G. P. Shillinglaw.

Announcement was made concerning the Men's Rally

to be held in Waynesville on the night of the 20th.

The Rev. H. V. Lofquist led the Presbytery in prayer and recess for lunch was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 o'clock and was led in prayer by the Rev. J. D. Smith.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis gave the report on Home Missions. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Home Mission Committee is happy to report that all Home Mission churches in the Presbytery have a pastor except Malvern Hills. During the Summer the Rev. J. R. Crook was installed pastor of the Murphy Church and the Rev. W. G. Somerville will soon be installed pastor of the Dillingham Church.

During the month of August the Home Mission Committee purchased the property owned by Asheville-Biltmore College in North Asheville for the sum of $47,500. These funds were secured from the following sources:

Imperial Life Insurance Company	$25,000
Assembly's Home Mission Committee	12,500
Bonds (Maxwell)	6,500
North Asheville Lot	5,300
Commission (Dealers)	2,375
R. R. Williams	1,000
	$52,675

The Home Mission Committee has leased this property to the Asheville Country Day School for two years for $2,375 a year. The committee has reserved the right to use the property and all its facilities for Sunday School and Church purposes on week day nights and Sundays and during the three Summer months. The Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly has promised to return to Asheville Presbytery all offerings received from this Presbytery in the Self-Denial offering 1949, to be used toward paying off our loan to them.

In order that we may claim in full the amount available from the Assembly's Committee, and in order that each church may receive proper credit for a contribution to the Assembly's Committee to supplement the regular budget percent, Presbytery hereby orders that for the last six months of this church year, 1949-1950, all funds received for division be allocated to Assembly's Home Missions and that this amount be deducted from the percentage allocated to Presbytery's Home Missions for the same period of time.

Presbytery by a unanimous vote heartily approved the action of the Home Mission Committee with reference to the purchase of the Asheville-Biltmore College property.

At this point the Rev. R. E. McClure called attention to meetings to be held within the bounds of Presbytery during the week of October 16th at which time the Rev. Charles B. Gibboney would be heard in the interest of Home Missions.

The Rev. W. H. Armistead spoke briefly of the work being done at the Friendship Church.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

Reports of the commissions to install the Rev. Everett K. Brown and the Rev. J. R. Crook were made by the chairmen of the commissions. The commissions were received and ordered admitted to record. The reports follow.

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to ordain and install Licentiate Everett K. Brown as pastor at Bryson City, met at the Bryson City Church at 7:15 P. M., August 14, 1949, and was called to order and opened with prayer by the Chairman, Rev. C. G. Davis, D. D. Rev. R. E. McClure was named clerk.

Present at the meeting were: The Chairman, Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D., Rev. Paul P. Thrower, former pastor of the church, Rev. R. E. McClure, Ruling Elders E. E. Brown, of the Oak Forest Church, father of Mr. Brown, and S. W. Black, of the Bryson City Church. Ruling Elder Phil E. Brintnall, also of the Bryson City Church, was invited to serve as an honorary member of the Commission.

The Chairman preached the sermon, reviewed previous action of Asheville Presbytery authorizing the ordination without further examination, and propounded the constitutional questions required by the Book of Church Order.

The Licentiate and the Congregation, having answered all questions in the affirmative, Mr. Brown was set apart to the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery and the ordination prayer by the Chairman. After this he was declared duly ordained and installed, and given the right hand of fellowship by the members of the Commission.

Rev. J. M. McChesney, D. D., delivered a charge to the minister. Rev. R. E. McClure delivered a charge to the congregation.

The service was closed by the Benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor, and the Commission adjourned. Members of the congregation expressed their pledge of loyalty to their pastor by greeting him after the service.

Respectfully submitted,
C. GRIER DAVIS, *Chairman.*
R. E. MCCLURE, *Clerk.*

The commission of Asheville Presbytery appointed to ordain and install James R. Crook as pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church was called to order Sunday evening, August 21, 1949, at 7:20, and Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, led in prayer. Rev. Everett K. Brown was elected Clerk. The Sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Lime on the subject, "The Centrality of The Bible," from the text Matthew 4:4. Rev. R. E. McClure propounded the constitutional questions to both candidate and congregation. Then with prayer and the laying on of hands the candidate was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry. The Chairman then declared Mr. Crook to be regularly ordained and installed pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hoyt Evans charged the minister reminding him that he was the light of the world. And Ruling Elder Tom Gray charged the congregation, pointing out the significance of the questions which had been asked the congregation. The service was concluded with a hymn, and the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by the newly ordained and installed pastor.

Members of the commission present were: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. J. C. Lime, Rev. Hoyt Evans, Rev. Everett K. Brown, Ruling Elder Tom Gray, and Ruling Elder W. R. Crook of Spartanburg, S. C., the candidate's father, who was invited to be an honorary member of the commission.

R. E. MCCLURE, *Chairman.*
EVERETT K. BROWN, *Clerk.*

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, reported that the calls for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. G. Somerville and the Rev. J. D. Smith had been approved. The Rev. W. G. Somerville stated that he was ready to accept the call of the Dillingham Church, the church to pay him the sum of $1200 per annum in regular monthly installments and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund, the salary to be supplemented by the Home Mission Committee making the total salary $2700 per annum. The Rev. Mr. Somerville was granted permission to supply the Ivy Park Church for a period of six months.

The following commission was appointed to install him pastor of the Dillingham Church on October 23rd at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. R. E. McClure to preside, propound the constitutional questions and deliver the charge to the people. The Rev. H. B. Dendy to

preach the sermon and the Rev. P. N. Gresham to charge the pastor. The Rev. J. C. Neville was appointed as alternate to either of the above and Ruling Elder Roy T. Reed was appointed to complete the commission with T. G. Penland of the Ivy Park Church as his alternate. The Rev. J. D. Smith stated that he was ready to accept the call of the Brevard-Davidson River Church, the call promising him $3600 per annum and 7 and ½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund. The following commission was appointed to install him pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church on October 23rd at 8:00 o'clock in the evening: The Rev. W. G. Thomas to preside and propound the constitutional questions; the Rev. C. Grier Davis to preach the sermon; the Rev. L. T. Wilds to charge the congregation; and Ruling Elder George H. Wright to charge the pastor. Ruling Elder James S. Howell was named alternate to Mr. Wright and Ruling Elder J. O. Davidson was named to complete the commission.

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Mr. Harry E. Barkley, superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, spoke concerning the work of the orphanage and the Rev. R. E. McClure told of the appeal for the orphanage to be made at the Thanksgiving season.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Rev. P. N. Gresham gave the report for the Committee on the American Bible Society. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the American Bible Society desires to call attention to the fact that the year 1948 marked the fifth anniversary of world-wide Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The total number of bookmarks and reprints listing the Bible selections for the thirty days was in excess of 22,000,000.

The total number of Scripture volumes issued from the Bible House in New York in 1948 was 8,956,174.

And yet the call is for more Bible—calls from Germany and other European countries, from Latin America, from Japan, China and Africa.

Therefore, we recommend:

1st. That we commend to all local churches the benefits of using the Bible Reading Program promoted by the Bible Society from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

2nd. That we commend to our churches the use of the Bible helps provided by the American Bible Society in the field of evangelism.

3rd. That the second Sunday in December be observed by our churches as Universal Bible Sunday.

4th. That we keep in mind the Society's goal for Southern Presbyterian support is $50,000.00 for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL N. GRESHAM,
HOYT EVANS,
J. CLAYTON LIME.

STEWARDSHIP

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by the Rev. T. A. Painter. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Central Treasurer of Benevolences reports that the gifts of the Churches to the "General" budget, subject to division by percentages, indicates that there will be approximately $40,000 in 1949-1950 as against $32,000 in 1948-1949.

His report shows that 19 churches have made contributions to this "General" fund since April 1, 1949. The following churches have NOT made any contributions to this "General" fund since April 1st:

Bryson City, Dillingham, Franklin, Hayesville, Hazelwood, Ivy Park, Malvern Hills, Oak Forest, Montreat, Red Oak, Sylva, Waynesville, White Oak.

His report shows that 20 Auxiliaries have made contributions to this "General" fund since April 1st. The following Auxiliaries have NOT made any contributions to this "General" fund since April 1st:

Bethel, Hazelwood, Highlands, Montreat, Oak Forest, Robbinsville, Swannanoa.

In view of the successful use of the present plan of adopting and distributing the Benevolent Budget of the Presbytery, we recommend that the same basic plan now in use be followed in 1950-1951, and to accomplish this, that the following specific recommendations be adopted:

(1) That Presbytery accept 80% of the amount asked by the Synod for Assembly's Causes, with the resulting percent and amount as follows:

Board of World Missions	$12,500.00	16.0%
Board of Church Extension	7,725.00	9.8%
Board of Education	2,400.00	3.0%
Board of Annuities and Relief	2,325.00	2.9%
General Council	4,650.00	5.8%
Total Assembly Causes	30,000.00	37.5%

(2) That Presbytery accept the following amounts for Synod's Causes, and the resulting percent and amount as follows:

King College ($3,750)	$ 3,000.00	3.75%
Religious Education ($750)	750.00	.90%
Student Work ($675)	675.00	.86%
Stonewall Jackson Debt ($2,625)	1,575.00	2.00%
Total Synod's Causes	6,000.00	7.50%

(3) That Presbytery set the following goals, and resulting percentages, for other Benevolent causes directly related to the Presbytery:

Presbytery's Home Missions*	$24,000.00	30.0%
Mountain Orphanage*	12,000.00	15.0%
Supplement to Sub-Committee on "Missions" of the Board of Church Extension*	2,000.00	2.5%
Montreat College	3,000.00	3.75%
Religious Education*	1,000.00	1.25%
Union Theological Seminary	1,400.00	1.75%
Louisville Theological Seminary	600.00	.75%
Total Presbytery's Causes	44,000.00	55.00%

NOTE: It is estimated that each cause will receive approximately one half of the total in the final percentages used as a "disbursement basis." The amounts set for causes marked * are approximately twice the amount each cause actually needs.

(4) That a study be made of the giving ability of each Church and that the total amount of $80,000.00 be allocated to the Churches of the Presbytery as congregational goals for Benevolences in 1950-1951.

(5) That the actual amounts given, on a Presbytery basis, for the special offerings for Foreign Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Religious Education and Publication and Vacation Bible School in the Synod, be deducted from the total goal of each board or committee for the particular work, and the resulting figure be used as the basis on which that board or committee shall share in the final percentage set up as a "disbursement basis."

(6) That the Executive Secretary be instructed to calculate such a "disbursement basis" as soon after March 1st as possible, and report same to the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

(7) That churches be advised that they are expected to receive all Special Offerings ordered by the Assembly, Synod and Presbytery, over and above the contributions to the "General" fund, to be divided on a percentage basis.

(8) That churches be assured that ALL special offerings will go in full to the cause designated, and that ALL "General" funds will be divided on the "disbursement basis" provided for above without regard to the amount of any other contribution to any one or more causes sharing in this distribution.

(9) That the goals for the following "Special Offering" during 1950-1951 for individual churches be set at the actual offering received during 1949-1950 plus ten percent:

Rally Day, Home Missions, Thanksgiving, Ministerial Relief, Foreign Missions, Overseas Relief.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. PAINTER, *Chairman.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report on Foreign Missions was submitted in writing by Dr. L. Nelson Bell. The report was read by the Stated Clerk and adopted. The report is as follows:

Despite the general state of world unrest the foreign mission work of our Church continues in a most encouraging manner.

New Missionaries—As evidence of the vigor of our work it should be noted that 151 new missionaries have been sent to the various fields since April 1st, 1945. At the same time 93 missionaries have been lost to the work by death, retirement, etc.

We have the definite goal of 500 missionaries on the field as soon as possible. This will mean the sending out of 114 new missionaries when available and their support assured. In 1926 we had 516 missionaries on the foreign field so our entire enterprise has lost ground in personnel because of the war and its aftermath, particularly in China.

China—At last word 24 of our missionaries were in China. Some of their activities are curtailed and they are surrounded by restrictions, suspicion and difficulties. But, they are there and we must sustain them with our prayers.

The time of testing for the Chinese church is only beginning. In some areas the Communist leaders have been indifferent or tolerant to the Church. In others there has been ruthless persecution and suppression. But, Chinese Christians and the Church are there to stay and they shine as a light in a dark place in that land—the result of a faithful witness in years past, a witness blessed and used of the Holy Spirit.

Korea—The work is active and the Mission is begging for reinforcements. The political situation is fluid and the future uncertain but in Korea there exists the most virile and influential national Church to be found on any Mission field.

Japan—Japan offers a great challenge and a wonderful opportunity. If we could, as a Church, but send 100 new missionaries to that land it would repay us all of the outlay. The hearts of the Japanese are heavy and their minds confused. They are responding to the Christian message as never dreamed of before. Our own Rev. and Mrs. Walter Baldwin are completing their language work in preparation for going to Japan.

Mexico—Less affected by world conflict but opposed by the

Catholic Church, our mission work in Mexico is most encouraging. Those who have come out of the idolatry, paganism and superstition of the Roman Church are a people with a reason for the faith they hold and this characterizes many Christians in the national Church of Mexico. We are sending more missionaries to this open field, as they are available.

Brazil—The work of all three of our Brazilian missions is booming. Recently work has been started at Belem and on up the Amazon valley and in this the Brazilian Presbyterian Church is sharing. Rev. and Mrs. Don Williams, our own folks, are working at Belem.

Brazil is moving westward, building new cities and developing the rich hinterland. Our missionaries are moving West too and we have unlimited openings for new work in this area.

Africa—The work is limited only by those who can be sent to serve. Here we have open hearts, great need and a minimum of opposition. The influence of so-called civilizatioon is posing many problems, also the recent decision to accept governmental subsidies for our educational work. This did not involve any restrictions in the work but it does mean that we must maintain higher educational standards, with more missionaries, to receive the subsidy.

Your Chairman plans to leave by air on the 17th to visit two of our Brazilian stations, then fly to Africa to visit five of our Congo stations, then back by Lisbon, Portugal, to see the work we have there in conjunction with the Northern Presbyterian and the Brazilian Presbyterian Churches. I plan to be away three weeks in all and on my return hope to have the opportunity to make a personal report on what I hope to see.

Respectfully submitted,
L. NELSON BELL,
Chairman, F. M. Committee.

EVANGELISM

The report on Evangelism was made by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. The report was adopted and is as follows:

1. We recommend that Presbytery take note of the fact that the General Assembly has designated October 1st, 1949 through December 1950 as a time for Evangelistic advance.

2. That churches be urged to place increased emphasis upon Evangelism.

3. That Presbytery be reminded that the Committee on Evangelism is planning a Presbytery-wide program of visitation evangelism during the month of March 1950.

At the conclusion of the report a number of ministers and elders told of the fruitful results of the visitation evangelism program conducted last March.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bills and Overtures—The committee stated that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary—The committee stated that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly—The Rev. P. N. Gresham made the report for this committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly desires to call attention to the reorganization of the agencies of the Assembly, and we recommend that all ministers and elders study the Assembly's report and that a special committee be appointed to bring into the January meeting of the Presbytery a report as to how far we desire to go in rearranging the work of the Presbytery to conform to the agencies of the Assembly.

4. Nominations—The report on nominations was made by the Rev. Everett K. Brown. The report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

At the request of Synod we recommend that the following be named on the Committee of Synod from the Presbytery of Asheville:

1. Committee on Church Extension and World Missions, Rev. P. N. Gresham and Rev. J. M. McChesney.

2. Committee on Education, Rev. W. H. Styles, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Walter Abernethy, and W. H. McMurray.

3. Committee on Woman's Work, Rev. Paul F. Warren.

4. Synod's Council, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. C. Grier Davis, and J. H. Flanagan.

5. Commission on the Minister and His Work, Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson.

6. Committee on Nominations, Rev. Everett K. Brown.

In the directory of Presbytery we recommend that the Rev. J. D. Smith take the place of the Rev. D. O. McInnis, removed from Presbytery, on the Committee on Religious Education and Christian Relations.

That Rev. J. R. McGregor and C. D. Richmond be named on the Commission on the Minister and His Work to

succeed the Rev. H. B. Dendy and J. J. Stone whose terms expire at this meeting of Presbytery, and that M. N. Coleman take the place of H. E. Lamb who is unable to serve because of illness.

5. Resolutions—The report of this committee was read by the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Resolutions wishes to express the appreciation of Asheville Presbytery for the kind hospitality, gracious reception, and delicious repast given us by the Mills River Church. We want to thank the pastor, Rev. J. C. Neville, and the people of this church for receiving us so cordially and for their careful work in planning for entertaining this meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following committee with reference to studying the reorganization of the agencies of the Church: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. H. B. Dendy, Rev. Paul F. Warren, Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, M. N. Coleman, and W. H. McMurray.

NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation from the Sylva Church to hold its Stated Winter meeting with them. The date being Tuesday, January 10th, 1950, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

REV. W. G. THOMAS, *Moderator.*
REV. MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall —Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas

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SYLVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sylva, North Carolina

January 10, 1950

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—J. H. Flanagan, Hendersonville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. W. H. Styles, Black Mountain, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. B. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, Chandler Gordon, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. H. Styles, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, W G. Thomas, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smth, R. B. DuPree. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Terms expire Fall, 1950: Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Terms expire Fall 1951; M. N. Coleman, Rev. P. P. Thrower.
Foreign Missions—Dr. L. N. Bell, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, B. Hoyt Evans, D. W. Richardson, W. H. Styles. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, H. K Caskey.
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Ministers: L. T. Wilds, Chairman; K. J. Foreman, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, W. H. Wakefield. Elders: G. C. Summerow, O. E. Starnes.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. D. Smith, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, Chandler Gordon, N. B. McDevitt.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. P. Crook, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols, L. Nelson Bell.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, J. D. Smith. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—**The Moderator.**
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—**Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.**
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. W. G. Somerville.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—**The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.**
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Roy E. Burton, President; Chandler W. Gordon, Vice-President; B. J. McGlamery, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
STATED WINTER MEETING

January 10, 1950

The Stated Winter meeting of Asheville Presbytery was held in the Sylva Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 10, 1950, convening at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Moderator, the Rev. W. G. Thomas, constituted the Presbytery with prayer and preached the sermon from the text Rev. 22:21 entitled "The Grace of Jesus Christ."

Following the sermon Presbytery engaged in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wakefield and the Rev. J. C. Lim assisted by ruling elders James Anderson, L. B. Nichols, W. C. Dillingham and J. B. Light.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll. The following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, J. R. Crook, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, R. B. DuPree, B. Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, W. G. Somerville, W. H. Styles, W. G. Thomas, P. P. Thrower, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, M. R. Williamson and J. Q. Wallace (22).

Churches represented were:

Andrews, L. B. Nichols; Asheville First, Howell Adams; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; West Asheville, James A. Anderson; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Bryson City, L. B. Light; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Highlands, Sidney McCarty; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Sylva, J. F. Dunn; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, B. H. Evans (16).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ruling elder J. H. Flanagan, of the Hendersonville Church, was elected Moderator. The Rev. Walter H. Styles was elected Temporary Clerk.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

A motion prevailed that in the election of commissioners that the two nominees who received the highest number of votes be declared the principals and the two receiving the next highest be declared the alternates.

The following ministers and ruling elders were elected commissioners to the next meeting of the General Assembly: the Rev. J. C. Lime and the Rev. J. C. Neville were elected principals with the Rev. P. P. Thrower and the Rev. W. H. Wakefield as alternates in the order named. Ruling elders J. S. Gray and G. C. Summerow were elected principals and J. H. Flanagan and S. A. Mann were elected alternates in the order named.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the program committee was made by the host pastor, the Rev. W. H. Wakefield. The report asked that the docket be followed and that Presbytery adjourn for lunch at 12:15 P. M. to reconvene at 1:30 P. M. During the lunch hour members of Presbytery were invited to inspect the new church building which had been recently completed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Howell Adams, and L. B. Nichols.

2. *Judiciary*—Rev. L. T. Wilds, J. O. Williams, and W. C. Dillingham.

3. *Minutes of Synod*—Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, J. B. Light, and G. C. Summerow.

4. *Nominations*—Rev. J. C. Lime, B. H. Evans, and J. F. Dunn.

5. *Resolutions*—Rev. C. Grier Davis, W. H. McMurray, and R. L. Prevost.

READING OF UNPRINTED MINUTES

CALLED MEETING OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

In pursuance to the following call:

"The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call the Presbytery of Asheville to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, December 2nd, 1949, at 8:30 for the following purpose:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Paul F. Warren and the Arden Church.
2. To dismiss the Rev. Mr. Warren to the Presbytery of Pee Dee.
3. To transact any other matters arising out of the above."

W. G. THOMAS, *Moderator*

The Presbytery of Asheville met following a supper meeting of the men of the Presbytery to hear the reports of the recent Atlanta Convention.

Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, after which the roll was called and the following ministers were present:

W. G. Thomas, W. H. Styles, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. C. Neville, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, H. V. Lofquist, W. H. Armistead, J. D. Smith, W. G. Somerville, Paul P. Thrower, Everett K. Brown, J. H. Gruver, Hoyt Evans, Paul F. Warren and Malcolm R. Williamson (17).

The following ruling elders were present:

R. H. Marshall, T. L. Holden, J. E. Henderson, J. H. Gilbreath, W. C. Dillingham, Kelly Bennett, E. E. White, W. G. Summerow, M. N. Coleman, and E. E. Brown (10).

The Rev. Mr. Warren stated that he had resigned his pastorate of the Arden Church to accept a call to the Presbyterian Church of Conway, S. C., and that he was requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Arden Church effective December 31st, 1949.

Ruling Elder R. H. Marshall stated that at a regular called meeting of the congregation of the Arden Church the church had concurred with Mr. Warren in his request.

A motion prevailed that the request be granted and that Mr. Warren be given a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Pee Dee.

A number of the brethren spoke in appreciation of the Rev. Mr. Warren's work at the Arden Church and in the Presbytery and expressed their regret that he was leaving the Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

W. G. THOMAS, *Moderator*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk*

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented a letter of dismissal for candidate John Somerville from South Carolina Presbytery to Asheville Presbytery. A motion prevailed that he be received as a candidate for the ministry and be placed under the care of Asheville Presbytery.

Letters were read from Dr. J. R. McGregor and Dr. K. J. Foreman asking to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. Elder C. D. Richmond presented a verbal request from the Rev. P. N. Gresham that he be excused from the meeting. The requests were granted.

A motion prevailed that the Stated Clerk write a letter to the sick members of Presbytery who were unable to attend this meeting.

REPORTS

I. Special Commissions and Committees:

A. Commission to install the Rev. J. D. Smith. The report is as follows:

The installation service of Rev. John D. Smith was held in the Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church at eight o'clock Sunday night, October 23, 1949.

The commission met in the pastor's study before the church service. Members of the commission present were: Rev. W. G. Thomas, Moderator; Dr. C. Grier Davis, Dr. L. T. Wilds, James Howell, and J. O. Davidson. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. G. Thomas. J. O. Davidson was elected secretary.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. C. Grier Davis, whose text was Matthew 16:18. Constitutional questions were asked by the Rev. W. G. Thomas, Moderator. The charge to the pastor was made by Dr. L. T. Wilds. The charge to the people was made by James Howell. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. John D. Smith.

The minutes of the commission were read and approved. The meeting was closed with prayer by James Howell.

REV. W. G. THOMAS, *Moderator*
J. O. DAVIDSON, *Secretary*

Report was adopted.

B. The commission to install the Rev. W. G. Somerville. The report is as follows:

Rev. W. G. Somerville was installed pastor of the Dillingham Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 23, 1949, at 2:30 o'clock, according to the Book of Church Order. Members of the commission were: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, who presided at the first part of the service, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Vice-chairman, who preached the sermon and presided at the closing part of the service, Rev. Paul N. Gresham, who charged the pastor, Elder Roy T. Reid, of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church, who charged the congregation, and Elder Thos. G. Penland, of the Ivy Park Presbyterian Church.

PAUL N. GRESHAM, *Secretary*

II. Commission on the Minister and His Work:

The commission reported with a verbal statement of its work from the chairman, the Rev. M. R. Williamson. The following resolution was adopted: That the Commission on the Minister and His Work not approve any requests from churches in the Presbytery for the issuance of a call to a minister unless the commission is notified at least two weeks in advance of the issuance of the call.

At this point the Rev. J. C. Lime stated to Presbytery his request for the disolution of the pastoral relations between him and the Andrews Church. Ruling Elder L.B . Nichols stated that the church had concurred with Mr. Lime in his request. A motion prevailed that the request be granted and that the relationship be dissolved in order that Mr. Lime might accept a call to the Canton Presbyterian Church. The call was read and found in order. The call stated a salary of $3,200.00 with manse and 7½ percent to be paid into the Ministers' Annuity Fund. The call was placed in Mr. Lime's hands and he indicated his willingness to accept the call.

A motion prevailed that a commission be appointed to install Mr. Lime as pastor of the Canton Church. The commission named is

as follows: Rev. C. Grier Davis, chairman, Rev. M. R. Williamson, Rev. J. C. Neville, Rev. R. F. Brown, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, and ruling elders Howell Adams and J. E. Henderson.

A call from the Highlands Presbyterian Church was presented to Presbytery for the services of the Rev. R. B. DuPree, who has been serving for some time as Stated Supply.

A motion prevailed that a commission be appointed to consider the call and to place it in the hands of Mr. DuPree and install him as pastor, if the way be clear concerning the financial condition of the Highlands Church and the Home Missions Committee, the date to be named by the commission and the Session of the Highlands Church. The members of the Home Missions Committee were chosen to be the members of the commission.

III. Foreign Missions. The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through a written report from the chairman, Dr. L. Nelson Bell. The report was read by the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans and is as follows:

I regret that I cannot give this report in person. When Presbytery met last fall I was in Africa, visiting some of our Mission work.

This time I shall be attending the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, meeting at Buck Hill Falls, where I have been appointed to go as one of the four representatives of our Church.

It is my prayer that this special season for Foreign Missions may be richly used and blessed within the bounds of this Presbytery. To that end it is planned that we shall have a Presbytery-wide meeting on Foreign Missions at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, at 6:30 p. m. on Wednesday, February 1.

I had hoped to have either Dr. Fulton, Dr. Bradley or Dr. James A. Jones, as the speaker but all have previous engagements. However, we have the promise of an outstanding speaker and I would like to urge you to consolidate your mid-week prayer meeting with this larger service for that night.

The day of foreign missions is still with us. Let us work while it is day. The time may come when the opportunities which are still ours now may be gone.

IV. Defense Service. No report. Will report to Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

I. Bill and Overtures. No report.

II. Judiciary. No report.

III. Minutes of Synod.

The committee reported that they had examined the minutes and found that no matters were contained in them that required any action by Presbytery.

IV. Nominations.

The committee makes the following nominations:

The Rev. W. H. Wakefield to the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; the Rev. J. D. Smith to the Committee on Woman's Work in the Presbytery and the Synod, to replace the Rev. Paul F. Warren who has moved from this Presbytery; the Rev. E. K. Brown to the committee on the Sabbath and Family Religion; and the Rev. W. G. Somerville to the Committee on English Bible.

At this point the Rev. M. R. Williamson, Chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism, spoke to Presbytery on plans for a visitation evangelism program on a Presbytery-wide basis to be held during the early part of March, 1950.

A motion prevailed that the financial report of the treasurer of the Mountain Orphanage be received and admitted to the records of Presbytery. The report is as follows:

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1949

Bank Balance, combined Administration and Investment account as of December 31, 1948 (Bank)		$7,741.76
Less Outstanding Checks		562.68
Net Balance		$7,179.08
Set up as ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT		
Check Drawn on Administration Account and used to set up INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		$1,000.00
Total Investment Funds used prior to 1948 for Operations set up as Borrowed from Investment Funds		$9,244.36
Repaid to Investment Funds during year:		
Initial Deposit 1- 5-49	$1,000.00	
Repayment 12-26-49	1,000.00	2,000.00
Net amount due Investment Funds on Operations as of January 1, 1950		$7,244.36

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE INC.
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Bequest Funds:	On Principal	$2,189.08	
	On Interest	1,066.11	
Terry Funds:	On Principal	310.94	
	On Interest	139.16	
R. P. Smith Funds:	On Principal	836.48	
	On Interest	347.04	
Dunham Annuity:	On Principal	82.20	
	On Interest	30.38	
In Lieu of Flowers		540.50	
Refund on cost of Surburban Carryall (Bequest)		370.70	
Repayment Operating Deficit (Bequest)		2,000.00	$7,912.59

DISBURSEMENTS:

Miss M. O. Dunham, Annuities		$ 151.00	
New Loan, Dunham Annuity		610.73	
James C. Kinlock, Annuities		150.00	
Bequest Funds, Capital Improvements		3,328.07	
Interest Transferred to Adminis.		1,066.11	
New Loans		776.93	
Foster-Lewis, Annuities		4.20	
Terry Funds, New Loan		45.00	
Interest Transferred to Adminis.		139.16	
Interest Overpayment, refunded		2.11	
R. P. Smith Funds, New Loan		655.73	
Interest Overpayment, refunded		1.40	$6,930.44
Net Balance			982.15

Bank Reconciliation 12-31-1949 — Balance		$1,578.22	
Less, Outstanding Check	$596.04		
Less, Over Deposit	.03	596.07	$ 982.15

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE INC.
RECEIPTS — 1949 — ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Churches, including Thanksgiving	$20,945.43
Duke Endowment	1,457.84
Legacies, Principal and interest	1,980.35
Parents and Relatives of Children	631.88
Others, including Thanksgiving from other than Churches in Asheville Presbytery	2,966.00
Maxwell Fund, accumulated and current interest (Over paid by $328.48)	
Endowment interest for 1949 (except R. P. Smith Fund)	1,205.27
Farm Produce sold	249.45
TOTAL NEW FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION	$30,034.19
Refunds: Petty cash advanced in 1948	400.00
Capital improvements in 1949	568.84
Insurance premium	49.51
Petty Cash over-paid in September	40.37
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS RECEIVED	31,902.91
Bank Balance, net, December 31, 1948	7,179.08
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AVAILABLE	38,271.99
In Lieu of Flowers Fund (deposited by error)	315.00
Temporary Loans at Bank, discounted	3,442.33
Grand Total, Funds To Be Accounted For	42,029.32
Disbursements, as per detailed statement	40,183.03
NET BALANCE, ADMINISTRATION FUNDS	1,846.29

Due Investment Funds	$7,244.36	
Less Cash Balance	1,846.29	
Net Operating Deficit		$5,398.07

THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE INC.
DISBURSEMENT, 1949, ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

1948 Cost	Item		1949 Cost
$ 5,212.16	Administration		$ 6,655.13
14,364.05	Household Care (Matrons, Food, etc.)		15,554.68
576.77	Health		543.27
851.57	Education (Including Conferences)		638.31
4,264.89	Plant Operation and Maintenance		4,417.78
5,123.19	Farm management and operation		5,206.17
30,392.63	TOTAL OPERATING COSTS		33,105.34
	Other Disbursements		
	Loan Repayments: Investments	$2,000.00	
	Bank	3,500.00	
	Refunds: In Lieu of Flowers	315.00	
	Petty Cash Overpayment	40.37	
	Maxwell Interest Overpayment	328.48	
	Capital Improvements	983.84	
			7,167.69
			40,183.03

Note: The average case load in 1949 was about Four Children higher than in 1948.

At $1.85 per day per child this would account for an increase of $2,700.00 in cost.

The actual increase was $2,622.71.

A motion prevailed that the committee appointed at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, for the purpose of studying the reorganization of the agencies of our Church as it relates to our Presbytery, be continued and that they report to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery voted that a layman be substituted for the Rev. P. N. Gresham on Synod's Committee on Woman's Work. The layman named was C. D. Richmond of the Kenilworth Church.

V. Resolutions.

The committee reported through its chairman, the Rev. C. Grier Davis, and the report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

"Asheville Presbytery wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Rev. Hoyt Wakefield, the Session, and the women of the Sylva Presbyterian Church for the gracious hospitality which we have enjoyed during this day.

"We also wish to offer our thanks to Almighty God for the grace which He has bestowed upon this pastor and this people, which is so marvelously manifest in the conversion of sinners, in the growth of the congregation, and in the generosity of the people who have given of both time and money according to their ability and beyond.

"We thank Him for this House of God so beautifully conceived and faithfully erected to His glory. As we adjourn to return to our own churches it is with a prayer that the favor of God so richly given may continue to rest upon pastor and people."

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Chairman*
Committee on Resolutions

The report was adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Kenilworth Church to hold the Spring Meeting there, the date being the first Tuesday after the third Sunday in April—April 18, 1950.

A motion prevailed that the Rev. W. G. Thomas be made chairman of a committee to study the matter of Temporary Clerk in our Presbytery and to report to the Spring Meeting. Mr. Thomas is to select the other members of his committee.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected and Presbytery adjourned with the apostolic benediction.

J. H. FLANAGAN, *Moderator*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1934	Spring—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall —Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall —Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall —West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall —Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall —Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall —Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall —Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall —Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall —Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall —Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall —Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan

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KENILWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Asheville, North Carolina

April 18th, 1950

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. Paul P. Thrower, Hazelwood, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N .C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1950: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. G. Thomas, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Hoyt Evans, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smith, R. B. DuPree. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Terms expire Fall, 1950: Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Terms expire Fall 1951: M. N. Coleman, Rev. P. P. Thrower.
World Missions—Hoyt Evans, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, D. W. Richardson, John R. Williams. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, J. H. Flanagan.
Annuities and Relief—J. M. McChesney, Chairman; J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerow, and Harrill Wood.
Christian Education—John R. Williams, Chairman; W. G. Summerow, J. O. Williams, and W. L. Patton.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: J. B. Gray, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. D. Smith, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. W. Roach, J. J. Stone.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, J. D. Smith. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. W. G. Somerville.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev. L. T.Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Roy E. Burton, President; Chandler W. Gordon, Vice-President; B. J. McGlamery, Secretary-Treasurer.

STATED SPRING MEETING

Asheville Presbytery, April 18, 1950

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Spring meeting at the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church April 18th, 1950 at ten o'clock in the morning. The worship service was conducted by the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans after which the sermon, at the request of the moderator, J. H. Flanagan, was preached by the Rev. L. T. Wilds on the subject: "The Attractive Christ." The text for the sermon was John 12:32.

The Communion service was conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and the Rev. John R. Williams assisted by ruling elders J. C. Rice, C. D. Richmond, George P. Shillinglaw, R. H. Marshall, Albert Kissling, J. W. Roach, J. L. Walters, and G. C. Summerow.

The moderator called the Presbytery to order and it was constituted with prayed led by the Rev. R. E. McClure.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll and the following ministers were present:

W. H. Armistead, R. F. Brown, W. P. Chedester, J. R. Crook, C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, P. P. Thrower, W. H. Wakefield, L. T. Wilds, and Malcolm R. Williamson (24).

Ruling Elders present and churches represented were as follows:

Arden, R. H. Marshall; Asheville First, Harrill Wood; Brevard-Davidson River, E. P. McCoy; Black Mountain, Albert Kissling; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Dillingham, E. E. Jarrett; Franklin, J. J. Gray; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, J. H. Flanagan; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Mills River, M. E. Lance; Montreat, J. C. Rice; Oak Forest, H. T. Shillinglaw; Swannanoa, J. B. Nichols; Weaverville, H. B. Evans; West Asheville, J. W. Roach (16).

The Rev. Jones Earl Corwin of the Presbytery of Western Texas was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The following members were excused for non-attendance at the meeting of Presbytery:

Rev. T. G. Tate, Rev. E. K. Brown, Rev. R. B. DuPree, and the Rev. D. W. Richardson.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Paul P. Thrower was elected moderator and the Rev. W. G. Thomas was elected temporary clerk.

The Rev. Paul N. Gresham, host pastor, presented the report of the program committee which was that the docket of Presbytery be followed and that Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:45 and reconvene at 2:00 o'clock.

At this point the Rev. J. R. McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, was presented to Presbytery and spoke in the interest of Montreat and Montreat College.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—J. H. Flanagan, R. E. McClure, and L. T. Wilds.
2. *Judiciary*—H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, and G. C. Summerow.
3. *Records of Session*—J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. R. Crook, C. D. Richmond, R. H. Marshall, J. E. Henderson, B. H. Evans, and M. E. Lance.
4. *Nominations*—C. Grier Davis and members of the ad-interim committee.
5. *Resolutions*—J. D. Smith and J. H. Gruver.

READING OF UNPRINTED MINUTES

The Stated Clerk read the unprinted minutes of Presbytery which were received and admitted to record. The minutes follow:

CALLED MEETING
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
March 2, 1950

Asheville Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Thursday afternoon, March 2nd, 1950, at 2:30 o'clock in pursuance to the following call:

Hendersonville, N. C.
February 20, 1950.

The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call Asheville Presbytery to meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., at 2:30 P. M. on March 2, 1950, to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To act upon the resignation of Rev. Walter H. Styles as pastor of the Black Mountain Church.
2. To grant Mr. Styles a letter of dismissal to Concord Presbytery.
3. To act upon the resignation of Rev. J. C. Neville as pastor of the Mills River and Etowah churches.
4. To approve a call from the Andrews church for the pastoral services of Mr. Neville, and to take such steps as may be necessary to arrange for his installation at the Andrews church.
5. To receive Rev. John R. Williams from the Mid-Texas Presbytery, to approve a call from the Montreat church for the pastoral services of Mr. Williams, and to take such steps as may be necessary to arrange for his installation at the Montreat church.
6. To act on any vacancies in committees, and to take any action growing out of any of the above matters of business.

J. H. FLANAGAN, *Moderator*.

The Moderator, J. H. Flanagan, called Presbytery to order and the Rev. T. A. Painter constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

Those present were: Ministers, R. E. McClure, C. Grier Davis, J. M. McChesney, J. C. Neville, R. F. Brown, Paul P. Thrower, E. K. Brown, W. G. Somerville, W. H. Styles, T. A. Painter, B. Hoyt Evans, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Lime, W. G. Thomas, Charles F. Stube, and Malcolm R. Williamson (16).

Elders: B. H. Evans, W. H. McMurray, J. H. Flanagan, F. A. Bailey, J. L. Gash, and J. O. Williams (6).

The Moderator read the call which was found in order and the Presbytery proceeded to business.

The Rev. W. H. Styles stated that he had resigned his pastorate of the Black Mountain Church and requested that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the Black Mountain Church and grant him a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Concord that he might accept a call to the Waldensian Presbyterian Church.

Ruling Elder J. O. Williams representing the Black Mountain Church stated that a regularly called Congregational meeting the Black Mountain Church had concurred with Mr. Styles in his request for the pastoral dissolution.

The requests were granted after several of the brethren had spoken of the fine service Mr. Styles had renderd the Presbytery during the time he had served as pastor of the Black Mountain Church. The pastoral dissolution was made effective as of March 5th, 1950.

The Rev. J. C. Neville stated that he had resigned his pastorate of the Mills River and Etowah Churches and requested that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relations in order that he might accept a call to the Church at Andrews.

Mr. Burgin, representing the Mills River Church stated that at a regular called congregational meeting of the Mills River Church the church had concurred with Mr. Neville in his request for the dissolution. A similar statement was made in behalf of the Etowah Church by Mr. J. L. Gash.

Presbytery granted the requests after which the call from the Andrews Church was read for the pastoral services of Mr. Neville. The call promised a salary in the amount of $1280, a manse and 7 and ½% participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund. The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery stated that the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery would supplement the salary to make the total salary basis $2700. Mr. Neville indicated his willingness to accept the call and the following Commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the Andrews Church: Ministers, E. K. Brown, J. C. Lime, J. R. Crook, and B. Hoyt Evans. Elders, S. W. Black and T. C. Gray. The date for installation to be set by the Commission.

The Stated Clerk stated to Presbytery that the Rev. John R. Williams was present to be received into Presbytery by letter which was issued by the Presbytery of Mid-Texas, February 7th, 1950. A motion prevailed that Presbytery proceed to examine the Rev. John R. Williams for his reception into Presbytery. The Moderator conducted the examination on experimental religion. Dr. T. A. Painter examined him on his views on Theology; Dr. J. M. McChesney conducted the examination on the Sacraments; and the Rev. Paul P. Thrower the examination on Church Government. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and a motion prevailed that he be received into Presbytery upon his signing the "ex animo" statement. A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Williams to the Montreat Church was read promising a salary of $3600 and 7 and ½% participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund with three months leave each year for the purpose of engaging in Evangelistic work.

Mr. Williams indicated his willingness to accept the call and the following Commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the Montreat Church on Sunday, March 5th, 1950 at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon: The Rev. J. R. McGregor to preside and to propound the constitutional questions, the Rev. C. Grier Davis to preach the sermon, the Rev. T. A. Painter to charge the pastor, Ruling Elder J. O. Williams to charge the congregation, and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray to complete the commission.

To fill vacancies created by the removal of the Rev. W. H. Styles from the Presbytery the Rev. W. G. Thomas was appointed as Chairman of the committee on Religious Education and the Rev. J. D. Smith was added to the committee.

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, made an announcement relative to the plans for the Visitation Evangelism program set for the week of March 12th and urged all churches to participate in the campaign.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. J. R. Williams.

J. H. FLANAGAN, *Moderator*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk*

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A report from the General Assembly's Training School was read and received as information.

2. A request from Dr. L. Nelson Bell asking that he be relieved as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions was referred to the nominating committee.

3. A request from Dr. L. T. Wilds that he be relieved as Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was also referred to the nominating committee.

Two overtures relating to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and Union with the Presbyterian Church USA presented by the Rev. H. B. Dendy were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

REPORT OF AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis presented the report of the ad-interim committee appointed by Presbytery to study the matter of reorganization of the committees of Presbytery. The report was adopted and is as follows:

1. That the name of the Committee on Foreign Missions be changed to the Committee on World Missions.
2. That the name of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief be changed to the Committee on Annuities and Relief.
3. That a new Committee on Christian Education be appointed.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS

The Stated Clerk read the reports of the Commissions appointed to install the Rev. J. C. Lime, pastor of the Canton Church; the Rev. J. R. Williams, pastor of the Montreat Church; and the Rev. J. C. Neville, pastor of the Andrews Church. These reports were received and ordered admitted to record. The reports follow:

COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. J. C. LIME

The commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Rev. J. C. Lime pastor of the Canton Presbyterian Church met in the Canton Church on Sunday night, February 12th, 1950, with the following members present: Ministers, C. Grier Davis, J. C. Neville, H. V. Lofquist, and Malcolm R. Williamson; Ruling Elders: Howell Adams and J. E. Henderson.

The Commission met and was constituted with prayer after which a service of public worship was conducted the sermon being preached by the Rev. Asa J. Ferry on the subject "The Lordship of Christ."

At the conclusion of the sermon the commission with the Rev. C. Grier Davis as Chairman proceeded with the service of installation. The Constitutional questions were propounded by the Rev. H. V. Lofquist, after which he offered the prayer of installation.

The charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. C. Grier Davis and the charge to the congregation was given by Ruling Elder Howell E. Adams.

During the worship service the Rev. J. C. Neville read the Scripture lesson and prayer was offered by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson. At the conclusion of the service, which was one of beauty, dignity, and solemnity, the benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor, the Rev. J. C. Lime, and the entire congregation came forward to extend greetings to their new pastor.

C. GRIER DAVIS, *Chairman*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL THE REV. JOHN R. WILLIAMS AS PASTOR OF THE MONTREAT CHURCH

March 5, 1950
Montreat, North Carolina

The Commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to install the Rev. John R. Williams as pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church met in Gaither Chapel on Sunday, March 5, 1940, and was opened with prayer by the one appointed to preside, the Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, Th.D. Members present were: Ruling Elders, W. H. McMurray of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church and J. O. Williams, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church; the Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D., and the Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D. Dr. W. A. Ross of Washburn Presbytery of the Synod of Arkansas was invited to sit with the commission and open the devotional with prayer in the Church service. Dr. C. Grier Davis preached the sermon by appointment using as his theme, "I Believe In Jesus Christ." The order of installation prescribed by the Book of Church Order was followed with the presiding minister asking the questions of the minister and the congregation and

offering the prayer. Dr. T. A. Painter charged the minister and Ruling Elder W. H. McMurray charged the congregation. Prayer was offered by the presiding minister for the Spirit's blessing upon the Church, the world around, that this Church might be a part of that great unity and program for building the Kingdom of God. After the singing of a hymn at which time the officers and congregation shook hands with their pastor the service was concluded with the Benediction by the pastor. The Commission adjourned with prayer by Dr. T. A. Painter.

J. O. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INSTALL THE REV. J. C. NEVILLE AS PASTOR OF THE ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The commission appointed by Asheville Presbytery to install the Rev. J. C. Neville as pastor of the Andrews Presbyterian Church met in Andrews at 7:30 P. M., April 2, 1950. Present were the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Lime, the Rev. Everett K. Brown, Clerk, and Ruling Elder S. W. Black. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The congregation having assembled, the Rev. J. C. Lime preached the sermon. The chairman recited the action of Asheville Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions and the pastor-elect answered the questions as set forth in the Book of Church Order. The congregation responded with a vote of acceptance of Mr. Neville as their pastor.

The Rev. Everett K. Brown charged the pastor, and the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans charged the congregation.

The chairman then declared that Mr. Neville had been duly elected and installed as pastor of the Andrews Presbyterian Church, and the meeting was adjourned with the apostolic benediction by Mr. Neville.

HOYT EVANS, *Chairman*
EVERETT K. BROWN, *Clerk*

The Rev. J. C. Lime requested that Presbytery grant him permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for a period of two weeks in order that he might attend a Naval Chaplain's Reserve Training School. The request was granted.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery his report as Treasurer of Presbytery. The report was received and or-

dred placed in the hands of the Stewardship Committee for audit. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER

April 1, 1949 — March 31, 1950

Receipts from Churches

Dillingham	$ 21.80
Brevard	25.20
Malvern Hills	11.60
Brittain Cove	8.80
Red Oak	2.60
Asheville First	425.00
Hazelwood	6.00
Franklin	23.20
Etowah	12.00
Bethel	14.25
Bryson City	19.00
Highlands	16.50
Swannanoa	44.00
Weaverville	55.75
Malvern Hills	26.50
Hazelwood	18.00
Kenilworth	121.50
West Asheville	138.50
Andrews	11.75
Robbinsville	3.25
Canton	61.00
Sylva	16.00
Montreat	37.25
Murphy	21.00
Hendersonville	161.00
Brevard	70.00
Friendship	24.00
Oak Forest	43.75
Black Mountain	76.50
Total Receipts from Churches	$1,622.45
Camp Hope	887.50
From R. E. McClure for Camp Hope	125.00
Total Receipts all Sources	$2,634.95
Total Disbursements	2,362.07
Balance	272.88
Balance Carried Forward	478.86
Balance March 31, 1950	751.74
Bank Balance April 1, 1950	751.74

Disbursements

E. C. Scott (Assembly Tax)	760.08
Champion YMCA (Camp Hope Expenses)	972.00
M. R. Williamson (Camp Hope Supplies)	14.15
Sou. Bell Tel. and Tel. (Camp Hope Expense)	4.31
D. R. Greenhoe (Synod's Tax)	130.84
Inland Press (Spring Minutes)	108.58
Inland Press (Summer Minutes)	47.65
Inland Press (Fall Minutes)	80.14
Inland Press (Winter Minutes)	66.59
Board of Education (Statistical blanks and supplies)	6.68
Von-Boeckmann Jones (Printing Statistical Reports)	13.55
M. R. Williamson (Salary)	150.00
Cash (for postage)	7.50
Total	2,362.07

The Stated Clerk called attention of Presbytery that due to the increased assessments of Synod and the General Assembly the Presbytery was unable to meet its obligations on the present per capita tax of 25 cents. Presbytery voted to increase the per capita tax for the current year 5½ cents making the tax 30½ cents.

Regarding the special assessment of the General Assembly in the amount of $260.00, the Stated Clerk was authorized to pay this amount when sufficient funds are available.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. John R. Williams.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report to Presbytery stating that a few churches had failed to submit their statistical reports in time to be entered prior to the meeting of Presbytery. The report was received and the Stated Clerk directed to complete the report and forward to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Rev. R. E. McClure made a verbal report of his work as Executive Secretary and submitted the following financial reports which were adopted:

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS

RECEIPTS — 1949 - 1950

			Estimate 1950-51
Presbytery's Home Missions:			
Churches, Regular	$12,254.28		$12,000.00
Churches, Special	1,566.00		2,000.00
Designated, Extra	616.69	$14,436.97	600.00
Religious Education			
Churches, Reg. and Spec.	782.46		700.00
Women of Presbytery	74.00		
Camp Hope Transportation	26.50		
Men's Convention	114.00		
Men's Rally	18.50	1,015.46	
Mt. Orphanage on Office Expenses		1,200.00	1,600.00
Assembly's Committee (Regular)		7,460.95	8,000.00
Student Work (Synod)		138.92	200.00
Malvern Hills			
Building Debt	1,413.01		1,308.00
Pastor's Salary	408.31	1,821.32	
Belk Stores		1,500.00	1,500.00
Our Mountain Work		4.00	50.00
Honoraria		42.00	50.00
Refunds: Moving Somerville (Ch)	156.97		300.00
Moving Crook (Ch)	172.50		
Transfer Company	20.00	349.47	
Ivy Park Salary		16.00	
Thanksgiving Offering		105.84	
Maxwell Fund		409.73	
Bank Loans		3,900.00	
Miscellaneous		8.32	
Johnson Legacy		1,217.08	
Total Receipts		$33,626.72	
Balances, April 1, 1949		3,153.72	(4-1-50) 474.26
		$36,780.48	$28,782.26

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS

1949-1950

Disbursements

Budget Item	1949-50 Budget	1949-50 Cost	1950-51 Budget
Executive Secretary:			
Salary and House	$ 4,200.00	$ 4,200.00	$ 4,200.00
Expenses	600.00	545.78	600.00

Office Expenses			
Secretary	1,820.00	1,854.47	2,100.00
Other Expenses	1,400.00	887.31	1,100.00
Salary Supplements	12,704.00	10.819.11	11,654.00
Ministers Annuity Fund	1,260.00	895.95	1,089.00
Religious Education	800.00	878.03	800.00
	($114.00)		
Our Mountain Work (3,200 copies monthly)	2,400.00	2,091.29	2,100.00
Summer Workers, Supplies	900.00	641.30	900.00
Moving men, miscl. items	1,000.00	1,285.25	1,000.00
	($329.47)		
Permanent equipment	200.00	273.15	250.00
Supplements	600.00	300.00	600.00
Building Debts:			
Kenilworth	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Malvern Hills	2,290.00	2,845.00	1,600.00
	($1,308.00)		
Franklin	500.00	500.00	500.00
	($500.00)		
TOTALS* Regular	31,674.00	29,015.64	28,493.00
Non Budget Items:			
Maxwell Fund Interest	.....	564.23	.....
	($409.73)		
Franklin Debt	.....	500.00	.....
Morrison Building	.....	150.00	.....
Dillingham Manse	.....	300.00	.....
Thanksgiving Postage	.....	105.84	.....
	($105.84)		
Bank Loans Paid	.....	2,630.12	.....
	($2,500.00)		
Johnson Legacy	.....	1,217.08	.....
	($1,217.08)		
North Asheville Loan	.....	600.00	.....
TOTALS	$31,674.00	$35,082.91	$28,493.00

Amounts in ( ) indicate refunds or special funds to cover disbursements.

NOTE: The Committee agreed to assume the debt of $1,080.00, as of April 1st, the amount of which is not included in the above Budget.

Total Anticipated Budget, 1950-51 $29,573.
Anticipated Income $28,782.26

PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS
1949-1950

Financial Summary

Total to be accounted for (See Receipts)....		$36,780.48
Total accounted for (Disbursements) $35,082.91		
(Balance 4-1-50).....	1,697.57	$36,780.48
Bank Balance .....$	1,697.57	
Due from North Asheville	600.00	$ 2,297.57
Due on Note at Bank 4-15	1,415.00	
Reserve balance credit Malvern Hills	408.31	1,823.31
Net Working balance for new year		$ 474.26
Available from Central Treasurer, April		1,000.00
Total available for April		$ 1,474.26
Needed during April:		
Executive Secretary .....$ 485.00		
Office Expenses 200.00		
Our Mountain Work 150.00		
Salary Supplements 625.00		
Supplies (Pulpit) 150.00		
Minister's Annuity Fund 75.00		
	$ 1,685.00	
Highlands Debt	1,080.00	2,765.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Purchase of North Asheville Property for Future Church

ASSETS: Prior to purchase of old Asheville Biltmore College property on North Merrimon Avenue:

Property on Lakeshore Drive, listed at cost price.....$	6,000.00
Balance due Merchant Construction Company on price	700.00
Net Assets.....$	5,300.00

RECEIPTS:

Gift, Individual, Asheville 1st .....$	1,000.00	
Loan, Imperial Life	25,000.00	
Loan, Board of Church Extension	12,500.00	
Loan, Maxwell Trust Funds	6,679.57	
Gift, Real Estate Commission (Discount)	2,375.00	
Loan, Home Mission Administration Funds	600.00	
Rent: Asheville Country Day School	2,111.04	
Dixie Home Stores (Parking Lot)	150.00	$50,415.61

DISBURSED:

Purchase of Property	47,500.00	
Title Examination, etc.	112.50	
Fire, Boiler, Liability Insurance	389.75	
Repairs, etc.	379.58	
Interest on temporary note	4.51	
Semi-annual interest and principal payment	1,625.00	$50,011.34
Bank Balance, April 1, 1950.....		$ 404.27
Anticipated Income to January 1, 1951:		
Sale of Lakeshore Lot (May 1, 1950) .....$	5,300.00	
Rent on School Building (This term)	263.88	
(1950-1951)	1,055.52	
Rent Parking Lot	200.00	
Refund Special Offering (Bd. of Ch. Extension)	1,300.00	8,119.40
Total available by January 1, 1951		$ 8,523.67

Fixed Obligations:

$1,000.00 and 5% interest to Imperial Life March/Sept.

Interest at 4% ($250.00) each March and September, with payments on principal in amounts of $1,000.00 or more on September 1950. (Amount above from Board of Church Extension to credit on principal payments.)

Interest only for time being, $100 each March and Sept. to Maxwell Fund, with payments on principal as soon as can be made.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. J. C. Lime reported for the committee on Sessional Records and stated that his committee had examined the minutes of the sessions of the following churches: Andrews, Asheville First, Arden, Brevard-Davidson River, Black Mountain, Bryson City, Canton, Dillingham, Franklin, Friendship, Hendersonville, Kenilworth, Murphy, Montreat, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Sylva, Waynesville, Weaverville and West Asheville. These minutes were approved with exceptions noted.

The committee called attention of Presbytery to minutes in the records of the Swannanoa Church with referenec

to the recent incorporation of the Church whereupon Presbytery adopted the following resolution introduced by the Rev. C. Grier Davis: "That a committee be appointed to make an examination of the recent incorporation of the action of both the Swannanoa and the Weaverville churches to determine if such action is in accordance with the Book of Church Order and report at the next meeting of Presbytery."

After considerable discussion of this motion the moderator was asked to lead the Presbytery in prayer for Divine guidance of the committee and for the Presbytery. Presbytery engaged in prayer.

The moderator appointed the following committee with reference to the above matter: Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman, Rev. D. W. Richardson, Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Rev. W. G. Thomas, and George Wright.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was made by the Rev. C. Grier Davis. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE:

1) That the Treasurer's Report, attached hereto, be adopted.

2) That the Budget shown on the Disbursement Page of the Treasurer's report be adopted for the church year 1950 - 1951

3) That the following be admitted to record as the minutes of the Commission appointed with reference to the Call of the Highlands Church for the services of Rev. R. B. DuPree:

Whereas the Home Mission Committee was named a commission to act on the call of the Highlands Church for the pastoral services of Rev. R. B. DuPree, and

Whereas Rev. R. B. DuPree stated to the Executive Secretary that it was his desire to postpone this installation until the Fall,

We recommend that Presbytery grant Mr. DuPree permission to serve the Highlands Church as stated supply until the fall meeting of the Presbytery, that matters pertaining to the call be referred back to the Presbytery for future consideration, and that the Commission be dissolved.

4) That Presbytery endorse the idea of having four group meetings during the month of May in the interest of Presbytery's Home Missions, with a view to reaching representatives of various groups in all of the churches of the Presbytery in the interest of observing the month of June for Presbytery's Home Missions as outlined by the General Assembly.

5) That Presbytery request the Women of Asheville Presbytery to present OUR MOUNTAIN WORK to all circles in local churches as a specific objective during the month of June, with emphasis on the investment of $2,100.00 annually to send 3,200 copies monthly to Presbyterian homes.

6) That Presbytery authorize the printing of 5,000 envelopes for distribution in local congregations on June 11th, or the Sunday most convenient thereto, inviting participation in the cost of subscriptions to this publicaton, the envelopes to bear the following statement:

The Presbytery has provided a subscription to Our Mountain Work for every family in the congregation.

In the event you are not receiving your copy regularly, please complete the information requested on the reverse side, in the name of ONE individual in each family to whom the paper should go, and check the proper square involved.

If you desire to aid in underwriting those subscriptions, you are invited to place a contribution in this envelope, and return it to the Church Treasurer. (One Dollar will pay for the paper for One Year.)

7) That the "salary supplements" to the various fields, totalling $11,654.00 in Budget be approved as follows: Murphy-Hayesville, $750.00: Andrews-Robbinsville, $1,300.00: Mills River, Etowah, $1,080.00; Franklin, $1,044.00; Arden, $1.080.00: Malvern Hills, $1,860.00; Dillingham-Ivy Park, $1,200.00: Sylva, $2,100.00: Friendship, $1,100.00; with participation in the Minister's Annuity Fund, where the minister is a member.

In connection with the report Dr. Davis called attention of Presbytery to the fact that the Rev. R. E. McClure had just completed seven years of faithful service as Executive Secretary of the Presbytery whereupon a motion prevailed that Presbyterv express its appreciation for the valuable service Mr. McClure has rendered.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report of the Committee on Religious Education was presented by the Rev. W. G. Thomas. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That Presbytery approve the organization of the Religious Education Committee as follows: Chairman, W. G. Thomas; Secretary, J. D. Smith; Treasurer, R. E. McClure.

Sub-Committees—(1) Children's division: R. E. McClure, Chairman, R. B. DuPree and the Presbyterial Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education.

(2) Youth division: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; The President of Presbytery's Youth Fellowship, and the Presbyterial adult adviser.

(3) Adult division: E. G. Roberts and the President of the Men of the Presbytery.

(4) Leadership Education: Paul N. Gresham and Walter Abernathy.

(5) Student Work: J. D. Smith and W. H. McMurray.

2. That daily vacation Bible schools be conducted in every church and out-post Sunday School this church year and that the money received by special offering for the support of Daily Vacation Bible School work be sent to Presbytery's Central Treasurer.

3. That every pastor and church be urged to support youth activities of our committee by sending as many young people as possible to Presbytery's Pioneer Camp at Camp Hope June 5th - 10th, Presbytery's Senior Conference at Montreat June 5th to 10th, and Synod's Conference to be conducted at Montreat, June 19th - 23rd.

4. That every church be urged to send a delegation of men to the Presbytery-wide men's meeting to be held at the Mountain Orphanage, April 27th at 6:30 in the evening.

5. That every church be urged to promote leadership training classes for the benefit of church officers and Sunday School teachers and to participate in the regional schools to be promoted by your committee.

6. That our churches be urged to take advantage of the Vacation Bible School Institute to be conducted at Montreat Friday night, April 21st, through Sunday afternoon, April 23rd.

7. That every church be urged to promote the observance of Christian Family Week May 7th - 13th according to the suggested plan of our Assembly's Board of Education.

8. That our churches be urged to send representatives to the various conferences to be held at Montreat during this Summer conference period.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was made by the Rev. L. T. Wilds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF OLD COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Your Committee sings its "swan song" with this report, since there is no longer "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief" under

the new organization of our church. The Ministerial Relief part of it has been assigned to the Board of Annuities and Relief. The Christian Education part has been assigned to the Board of Education in Richmond.

However, we make the following report as to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief as it functioned during the last church year.

"The Church can be encouraged by the number of candidates in preparation for the ministry, and by the scholastic rating and financial condition of most of our Church's institutions of higher learning. Much remains to be done in the matter of endowing our colleges and seminaries for the essential Christian service they alone can render. This may well be a major emphasis of our Church in the years immediately ahead."

"The Ministers' Annuity Fund has now completed ten years of service, and the actuaries report the Fund in excellent condition with assets adequate to meet all obligations guaranteed in the Official Plan. We are asked to assist the Board by urging all young ministers to become members of the Fund immediately after ordination."

Our Presbytery had eleven candidates for the ministry in the past year. Their names are as follows: James Eade Anderson, Robert Rives Collins, Robert Orr Freeman, James Bruce Frye, Kay Moser Misenheimer, John Coffee Neville, III, Stuart Arnold Plummer, Alfred Douglas Reed, Henry Samuel Schum, III, John Nottingham Somerville, Edward Brunson Whitson.

Two of these candidates, James Eade Anderson and Henry Samuel Schum, III, graduate from Columbia Seminary this year and enter upon their work in the ministry.

Our Presbytery had ten individuals on Ministerial Relief: two ministers, seven widows, and one orphan. These ten received $3,653 toward their support.

We recommend: First, that the Board of Annuities and Relief be requested to assist the beneficiaries of our Presbytery in the same amounts as last year, with as much of an increase as funds in hand will allow; Second, that our churches be urged to make as large a "Joy Gift" offering next Christmas as possible, since Relief depends very much upon this offering.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. WILDS, *Chairman.*

At his own request made through Dr. L. T. Wilds the name of Candidate Garland Price was removed from the list of Candidates for the Ministery now under the care of our Presbytery.

Dr. T. A. Painter reported for the committee on audit of the treasurer of Presbytery's report. His report was adopted and is as follows:

Bank Statements indicate that all receipts from churches were deposited. The treasurer's statement of balance in the bank March 31st, 1950 of $751.74 agrees with the bank statement. The treasurer failed to include four cancelled checks and it is recommended that all checks be presented to the next meeting of Presbytery for complete audit.

REPORT ON WOMANS WORK

Rev. J. D. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Womans Work introduced to Presbytery Miss Elsie Hayes, President of the Women of the Church of Asheville Presbytery who presented the report of the work of the Women in the Presbytery. The report was adopted by a rising vote and Presbytery instructed the Rev. J. D. Smith to convey the greeting of Presbytery at the Spring meeting of Asheville Presbyterial to be held at Franklin May 3rd. The report on Womans Work follows:

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Women of the Church, Asheville Presbytery, report a gain of 342 members and seven general circles and a loss of one Business Women's Circle. There are now 2943 members, 67 general and 17 Business Women's Circles.

One fourth of the women read the Bible daily, more study in Bible classes. One eighth have family worship and one eighth are tithers.

Home Mission books were read by 615; Foreign by 530. That is about 300 more than read the books last year. Ten organizations held schools for Home Missions, twelve for Foreign Missions. Some of these included men, young people, and children who took part.

The Five District Conferences, well prepared and interesting, were attended by 253. The new Synodical Training School, enthusiastically commended by full-time students, had 10 from our Presbytery; Montreat had twice that number.

In other activities, three women volunteers teach Bible in public schools; some help pay Bible teachers, one in a Negro school. Interest in Negro work grows. Overseas Relief, Red Cross, CARE, CROP, Pieces for Peace, Packs of Used Clothing, home sufferers, Orphanage, visitations, all had attention. We have several Grey Ladies.

Since money has meaning in Christian development, there is some interest in these figures:

Gifts to local projects—not in the budget—came to $8398 this year when the women were helping to pay for their new churches, educational buildings and furnishings, and to equip the kitchens and dining rooms; a gain of $1600. Benevolences, including Birthday Gift, were $18,628, an increase of $1,500. Total gifts, $27,026.

Our needs are: more spiritual exercise, deeper consecration, and many more members attending Women's Training Schools, Montreat Conventions, and District Conferences.

Respectfully submitted,
ELSIE HAYES, *President.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bills and Overtures—The committee on Bills and Overtures reported that two overtures had been placed in their hands:

1. Asheville Presbytery hereby overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to drop all negotiations leading to Union with the Presbyterian Church USA. We feel that this issue is one of the greatest sources of disunion within the bounds of our own Church.

2. Whereas the leaders controlling the policies and procedures of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America are, by their spoken and written words advocating theological views contrary to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and are instigating policies and procedures that involve a political, economic and social meddling that is out of harmony with our church's teaching as to the spiritual mission of the Christian Church—therefore be it resolved that the Presbytery of Asheville overture the General Assmbly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. to withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches.

Your committee recommends that each of these overtures be answered in the affirmative.

Presbytery voted to reject the report of the committee with reference to overture number one and to adopt the report with reference to overture number two.

2. Judiciary—The committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Nominations—The committee presented the following report which was adopted:

1. That the name of E. G. Roberts be placed on the Mountain Orphanage in the place of Chandler Gordon.

2. That Hoyt Evans take the place of W. H. Styles on the committee on Religious Education.

3. That the committee on Annuities and Relief be composed of J. M. McChesney, Chairman; J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerow and Harrill Wood.

4. That Hoyt Evans be named Chairman of the committee on World Missions and that John R. Williams take the place of W. H. Styles and J. H. Flanagan take the place of H. K. Caskey.

5. That the committee on Christian Education be composed of John R. Williams, Chairman; W. G. Somerville, J. O. Williams, and W. L. Patton.

6. That the committee on Stewardship, J. W. Roach take the place of N. B. McDeavitt, and that J. J. Stone take the place of Chandler Gordon.

4. Resolutions—The committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

Whereas the Presbytery of Asheville was cordially invited to meet in the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church of Asheville, North Carolina, for its April meeting, and

Whereas Presbytery eagerly accepted this cordial invitation and duly enjoyed the use of the splendid new facilities of said congregation, and

Whereas the intuitive women of the Kenilworth Congregation were scrutizingly mindful of the physical needs of the ravenous Presbyters and came bountifully to their relief.

Be it therefore highly resolved that the aforementioned Presbytery wishes through this medium to commend highly this Church for its exceptional diligence and to acknowledge the fact that in addition to its being obviously indebted to the proverbial "Greeks and Barbarians," it likewise readily admits its heavy indebtedness to the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church and its splendid pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SMITH, *Chairman.*

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Bryson City Church to hold its Stated Summer meeting with them, the date being Tuesday, July 11th.

The special committee appointed by Presbytery to study the matter of electing a permanent clerk recommended:

1. That the office of temporary clerk be discontinued and that the office of Permanent Clerk be created and that the term of office coincide with that of the Stated Clerk.

2. That the Permanent Clerk be given an annual honorarium of $25. The report was adopted and Presbytery elected the Rev. W. G. Thomas Permanent Clerk.

Presbytery requested the trustees of the Mountain Orphanage and the Home Mission Committee to make a study of the rules governing the R. P. Smith Memorial Fund and report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

PAUL P. THROWER, *Moderator.*

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1934	Spring	—Weaverville	Elder J. T. Bailey
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. Geo. B. Hammond
1935	Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower

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SUMMER

1950

BRYSON CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bryson City, North Carolina

July 11th, 1950

DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. W. G. Somerville, Barnardsville, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N .C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1953: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1953: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, E. K. Brown, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. G. Thomas, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Hoyt Evans, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smith, R. B. DuPree. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Terms expire Fall, 1950: Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman; R. E. McClure. Terms expire Fall 1951: M. N. Coleman, Rev. P. P. Thrower.
World Missions—Hoyt Evans, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, D. W. Richardson, John R. Williams. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, J. H. Flanagan.
Annuities and Relief—J. M. McChesney, Chairman; J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerow, and Harrill Wood.
Christian Education—John R. Williams, Chairman; G. C. Summerow, J. O. Williams, and W. L. Patton.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: H. L. Pack, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. D. Smith, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. W. Roach, J. J. Stone.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: Rupert McGregor, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson, J. D. Smith. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
Sacraments—Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. M. R. Williamson.
Church Government—Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
English Bible—Rev. J. M. McChesney, Rev. W. G. Somerville.
Thesis, Exegesis, Lecture, Sermon—Rev. L. T. Wilds, Rev. C. G. Davis
Academic Studies—Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. J. H. Gruver.
Seminary Studies—Rev. W. H. Armistead, Rev. J. M. McChesney.
Program—The Host Pastor, Chairman; the Moderator, the Stated Clerk.
Historical Committee—Ministers: R. E. McClure, Chairman; T. A. Painter. Elder: R. L. Gash.

TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Roy E. Burton, President; Chandler W. Gordon, Vice-President; B. J. McGlamery, Secretary-Treasurer.

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

STATED SUMMER MEETING

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Summer Meeting at the Bryson City Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 11th at ten o'clock in the morning.

Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. P. P. Thrower, and constituted with prayer.

The worship service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wakefield and the Rev. Hoyt Evans after which the moderator preached on the subject: "Unity in the Brotherhood," using as a text Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Following the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. E. K. Brown and the Rev. J. Q. Wallace, assisted by ruling elders: H. Lee Mastin, J. O. Williams, G. C. Summerow, and S. W. Black.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and elders and the following were present:

W. H. Armistead, E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime, J. C. Neville, W. G. Somerville, W. G. Thomas, W. H. Wakefield, L. T Wilds, J. Q. Wallace, and Malcolm R. Williamson (14).

Churches represented were as follows:

Asheville First, Allen T. Morrison; Bryson City, S. W. Black; Black Mountain, J. O. Williams; Franklin, J. S. Gray; Hazelwood, G. C. Summerow; Hendersonville, H. L. Pack; Ivy Park, T. G. Penland; Kenilworth, H. M. Hinkle; Malvern Hills, J. W. Dixon; Swannanoa, W. L. Patten; Sylva, O. T. Petit; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, Roy T. Reed; West Asheville, H. Lee Mastin (14).

VISITING BETHREN

The Rev. C. B. Yeargan of the Presbytery of Mid-Texas, the Rev. Leroy Burney of Harmony Presybtery, and the Rev. D. R. Dilworth of Riverside Presbytery, U. S. A. were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren. The Union Theological Seminary student evangelistic team com-

posed of Walter Johnson, Eugene Kirkman, James Womack and T. Lancaster were introduced to Presbytery. Edward Whitson, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary who is working in the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, was introduced. The following visiting ruling elders were also introduced: C. D. Richmond, Kelly Bennett, J. B. Light, and J. L. Walters.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. W. G. Somerville was elected moderator by acclamation.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Rev. E. K. Brown, host pastor, presented the report of the Program Committee which was that the docket be followed with the following exceptions:

(1) That Presbytery consider immediately the business relating to the White Oak Church property.

(2) That Presbytery hear the Rev. Leroy Burney, Executive Coordinator of the Presbyterian Program of Progress, at 12:00 o'clock.

(3) That Presbytery recess at 12:30 for lunch and reconvene at 2:00 P. M.

(4) That Presbytery examine Candidate W. M. Fountain immediately after lunch and license him to preach the gospel if the way be clear.

(5) That Presbytery receive Mr. Edward Somerville as a Candidate for the ministry under its care.

WHITE OAK CHURCH PROPERTY

The Rev. C. Grier Davis reported to Presbytery that the Home Mission Committee had approved the transfer of the White Oak Church property to the White Oak Community Development and asked the approval of Presbytery in order that the transfer might be consummated.

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson explained the use to which the building on the property would be used and requested that Presbytery approve the transfer of title with the following restrictions:

1. The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery reserves the right to hold religious services in the building situated on the property at such times when it will not conflict with the use of the building by the White Oak Community Development.

2. If and when the building ceases to be used by the White Oak Community Development as a Community house the trustees of said Community Development shall surrender their deed and convey title to the property to the Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery.

Prebsytery approved the request for the transfer of title and the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson was instructed by Presbytery to see that the deed was properly drawn—the necessary signatures obtained on the deed, and said deed placed in the hands of the trustees of the White Oak Community Development—George Boring, Rowe Ledford, and Brownlowe Messer.

Presbytery also requested that the trustees of the White Oak Community Development be advised that it was the wish of Presbytery that a suitable plaque be placed on the walls of the building indicating that the property had been given to them by the Presbytery of Asheville.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures—Paul P. Thrower, Roy T. Reed, and J. O. Williams.

Judiciary—L. T. Wilds, Hoyt Evans, and W. L. Patten.
Nominations—J. C. Neville, E. K. Brown, and J. S. Gray.
Resolutions—J. C. Lime, C. Grier Davis, and J. W. Dixon.
Minutes of Presbytery—W. H. Armistead and T. G. Penland.

The Stated Clerk requested that the following ministers be excused for non-attendance upon the meeting of Presbytery: H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, R. E. McClure, T. A. Painter, and J. D. Smith. Ruling elder R. L. Prevost requested to be excused after the morning session. The requests were granted.

A letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Mississippi to the Presbytery of Asheville for Candidate W. M. Fountain, Jr. was read and Mr. Fountain was received as a Candidate for the ministry.

A letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Mid-Texas to the Presbytery of Asheville for the Rev. C. B. Yeargan was read and placed in the hands of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

OVERTURE

The Rev. H. B. Dendy presented the following overture which was placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures: "I respectfully request Asheville Presbytery to overture the General Assembly to set up the Negro work of our Church into a separate and distinct Negro Assembly. We believe this work will better develop under Negro leadership.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Rev. J. R. McGregor sent word to Presbytery that no meeting of his committee had been held with reference to the incorporation of two churches within the bounds of Presbytery but that his committee would report on the matter at the Fall meeting.

SPECIAL ORDER

The Rev. Leroy Burney, Executive Coordinator of the Presbyterian Program of Progress, delivered an inspiring message on "Plans for Completion of the Presbyterian Program of Progress."

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by the Rev. C. Grier Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P. M. and proceeded with the examination of Candidate W. M. Fountain, Jr. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Dendy; that on English Bible by the Rev.

W. G. Somerville; that on Theology by the Rev. L. T. Wilds; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson; and that on Church Government by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Thesis and the Exegesis papers prepared by Mr. Fountain had been previously placed in the hands of the Committee on Christian Education. These papers, having been approved by them, were accepted as satisfactory. His college and Seminary diplomas were accepted in lieu of an examination on academic studies.

Mr. Fountain preached an acceptable sermon from the text I Peter 4:12-19. This part of the examination was sustained as satisfactory after favorable comments from the brethren of the Presbytery. The examination having been concluded and accepted as satisfactory Mr. Fountain was licensed to preach the gospel.

A commission was appointed to examine the call from the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church and if it be found in order to ordain and install Mr. Fountain as pastor of the Malvern Hills Church. The date for the service was set for August 6th at 5:00 P. M. The commission was constituted as follows: The Rev. R. E. McClure to preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Rev. C. Grier Davis to preach the sermon, the Rev. E. K. Brown to charge the pastor, and the Rev. W. G. Thomas to charge the congregation. Ruling Elders Walter Abernethy and E. G. Roberts were named on the commission and three ministers and one ruling elder to constitute a quorum.

Edward M. Somerville, son of the Rev. W. G. Somerville, was received after due examination as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Rev. C. B. Yeargan, having presented a letter of transfer from the Presbytery of Mid-Texas, was examined and received into the Presbytery of Asheville. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Somerville; that on Theology by the Rev. L. T. Wilds; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson; and that on Church Government by the Rev. H. B. Dendy.

The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. C. B. Yeargan was enrolled upon his signing the "ex animo" statement. Candidate J. Eade Anderson was granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Augusta-Macon.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The Rev. John C. Neville, the Rev. J. C. Lime, and ruling elders G. C. Summerow and J. S. Gray gave interesting reports of their attendance upon the last meeting of the General Assembly at Massanetta Springs. These reports were received with interest and the commissioners commended for their diligence.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

The Rev. C. Grier Davis and the Rev. L. T. Wilds both gave interesting reports in behalf of Davidson College, calling attention to the expansion program of the college, the campaign for funds, and the building program which is now under way.

Dr. Davis also gave an interesting report in behalf of King College, reading also a letter from Dr. R. T. L. Liston, the President of the College, concerning the need for the establishment of a living endowment. Brethren of the Presbytery were asked to make voluntary pledges toward this living endowment.

At this point the Rev. Howard Gebhart, pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. W. G. Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, made a verbal report and presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That Presbytery express its appreciation to the Rev. Leroy Burney for his inspiring message concerning the Program of Progress, and that Presbytery heartily pledge its loyal support and diligent effort in reaching the goals set before us in the Program of Progress.

2. That Presbytery express its appreciation by a rising vote to the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, director of the Youth Fellowship conference held at Montreat, and to his staff of helpers; and to the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, director of the Pioneer Camp held at Camp Hope, and his staff of helpers. The attendance at the conference totaled 108, with 88 young people from 18 churches and 20 leaders. The attendance at the Pioneer Camp totaled 107, with 94 campers from 19 churches and 13 leaders.

3. That Prebsytery endorse the plan adopted by the men of Asheville Presbytery to secure supplementary gifts from the men for the special needs of the Mountain Orphanage.

4. That the churches of our Presbytery be urged to send representatives to the Sunday School superintendents conference and the Men's conference to be held at Montreat July 14-16 as well as the Leadership School, July 18-27.

5. That the churches of Presbytery be urged to actively participate in the Religious Education Season to be observed during the month of September, and to observe in a special way, suitable to the local church, Religious Education Week, September 24-30.

6. That Presbytery express its appreciation to the Asheville First Church for the offer of Sally Campbell Camp at Montreat to be used by the ministers of our Presbytery when in attendance upon the conferences held there during the Summer season.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, chairman, reported that the Commission on the Minister and His Work had attended to all its duties since the last regular meeting of Presbytery; that it had approved the calling of W. M. Fountain, Jr. to the Malvern Hills Church; and that it had approved the calling of a minister to the Black Mountain Church.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, chairman, made a verbal report on World Missions after which a special prayer was offered by the Rev. P. P. Thrower for all of our missionaries.

RECEPTION OF MINISTER

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Richard T. Gillispie, Student Secretary of World Missions, commending to our Presbytery the Rev. Donald Dilworth, a member of Riverside Presbytery, U. S. A. The letter stated that

a letter of transfer was being sent from Mr. Dilworth's Presbytery to us and asking that we receive him into our Presbytery in order that he might be sent out by our Committee on World Missions as a Missionary to Equador.

The Rev. Donald Dilworth was then duly examined and received into our Presbytery. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Moderator; that on Theology by the Rev. L. T. Wilds; that on the Sacraments by the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson; and that on Church Government by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory and the Rev. Donald Dilworth was received upon his signing the "ex animo" statement.

EVANGELISM

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, chairman, reported that in March of this year the Presbytery engaged in a program of Visitation Evangelism. The Presbytery was divided into the Eastern and Western sections and practically all the churches participated in the program, resulting in a great ingathering of people into the churches and spiritual blessings which can not be counted.

HOME MISSIONS

The Rev. Grier Davis, speaking for the Home Mission Committee, requested that Presbytery adopt the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the Presbytery of Asheville that in consideration of $1800 by the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to the North Asheville Project within this Presbytery for the purpose of assisting in the purchase of the property for the North Asheville Project, the Presbytery of Asheville, pursuant to the requirements established by the General Assembly at its 1949 session, hereby assures the said Board of Church Extension that in case the church shall cease to be connected with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, or the property be alienated or abandoned as a place of worship or as a manse, except for the building of a better house of worship or manse, the amount of the grant will be repaid to the said Board of Church Extension within a period of one year.

This assurance on the part of Presbytery to have full force and effect for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of the grant or until the congregation of said church shall have contributed to the Board of Church Extension an amount equal to the grant."

The resolution was adopted by Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

The committee reported that with reference to the overture which had been placed in their hands that a special committee of five members be appointed to study the proposed overture concerning our Negro work and to report at the Fall meeting. The moderator appointed the following committee: Dr. L. Nelson Bell, chairman, the Rev. J. R. McGregor, the Rev. T. A. Painter, J. O. Williams, and Allen T. Morrison.

2. Judiciary.

This committee reported that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. W. H. Armistead, chairman, reported that the printed Minutes of Presbytery, Summer 1949, Fall 1949, Winter 1950 and Spring 1950 had been examined, found in good order and recommended that these copies be made the official copies of Presbytery. The report was adopted.

4. Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report which was adopted:

1. That C. Grier Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, and George H. Wright be reelected on the Home Mission Committee for a period of three years.

2. That H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, and Mrs. W. H. McMurray be reelected as member trustees of the Mountain Orphanage for a term of three years, and that E. K. Brown be elected for a term of three years.

3. That E. G. Roberts be elected to serve as chairman of the Presbyterian Program of Progress in the Presbytery.

4. That H. L. Pack be appointed to take the place of J. B. Gray deceased on the American Bible Society Committee.

5. Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following report which was adopted: Asheville Presbytery records its sincere gratitude to the Rev. E. K. Brown, the Session and the congregation of the Bryson City Church for the gracious hospitality which we have enjoyed here today. We thank Almighty God for the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ which has been mainfested in this Church through its long history, and especially under the leadership of Mr. Brown.

At this point the Stated Clerk of Presbytery was instructed to investigate the rule concerning terms of office of Presbytery's Committees and report to the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

PLACE OF MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Weaverville Church to hold its Stated Fall meeting with them, the date being Tuesday, October 10th, 1950, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

W. G. SOMERVILLE, *Moderator.*

MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date		*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1935	Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
	Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936	Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
	Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937	Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
	Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938	Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
	Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
	Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940	Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
	Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941	Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
	Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942	Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943	Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
	Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944	Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
	Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
	Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
	Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
	Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
	Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946	Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
	Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
	Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
	Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947	Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
	Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
	Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
	Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948	Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
	Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
	Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
	Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949	Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
	Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
	Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
	Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950	Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
	Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
	Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville

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DIRECTORY OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator—Rev. John R. Williams, Montreat, N. C.
Stated Clerk—Rev. M. R. Williamson, Waynesville, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. W. G. Thomas, Asheville, N. C.
Executive Secretary and Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. R. E. McClure, 26 Church St., Asheville, N .C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Home Mission Committee Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1953: C. G. Davis, H. B. Dendy, C. D. Richmond, George H. Wright.
Terms expire July 1952: J. M. McChesney, L. T. Wilds, R. R. Williams, R. L. Prevost.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, M. R. Williamson, R. P. Booth, O. E. Starnes.

The Mountain Orphanage Member Trustees

Terms expire July 1952: P. N. Gresham, George H. Wright, T. D. Hunter, Mrs. Ralph McLean.
Terms expire July 1953: E. K. Brown, H. B. Dendy, J. O. Williams, Mrs. W. H. McMurray.
Terms expire July 1951: J. R. McGregor, E. G. Roberts, R. L. Prevost, Mrs. George N. Moland.

Religious Education—Ministers: W. G. Thomas, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, Hoyt Evans, M. R. Williamson, R. E. McClure, J. D. Smith, R. B. DuPree. Elders: Walter Abernethy, W. H. McMurray, Edward G. Roberts. The Chairman of the Men of the Presbytery, The President and the Secretary of Religious Education of the Women of the Presbytery.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Term expires Fall 1953: C. G. Davis, Chairman; W. G. Thomas. Term expires Fall 1952: Rev. J. R. McGregor, C. D. Richmond. Term expires Fall 1951: M. N. Coleman, Rev. P. P. Thrower.
World Missions—Hoyt Evans, Chairman; Ministers: W. H. Armistead, W. W. Preston, John R. Williams. Elders: E. E. White, J. T. Fain, J. H. Flanagan.
Annuities and Relief—J. M. McChesney, Chairman; J. C. Neville, G. C. Summerow, and Harrill Wood.
Christian Education—John R. Williams, Chairman; W. G. Somerville, J. O. Williams, W. L. Patton, and Jones Earl Corwin.
American Bible Society—Ministers: P. N. Gresham, Chairman; Hoyt Evans, J. C. Lime. Elders: H. L. Pack, L. B. Nichols.
Women's Work—Ministers: J. D. Smith, Chairman; J. H. Gruver. Elders: C. D. Richmond, Frank Foster.
Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: E. K. Brown, Chairman; W. P. Chedester. Elder: R. T. Read.
Stewardship—Ministers: T. A. Painter, Chairman; P. N. Gresham, H. V. Lofquist, R. E. McClure, J. C. Neville. Elders: W. H. McMurray, J. W. Roach, J. J. Stone.
Evangelism—Ministers: M. R. Williamson, Chairman; W. G. Thomas, P. N. Gresham, J. R. Crook, P. P. Thrower. Elders: H. G. Love, C. M. Sawyer, J. O. Williams, B. H. Evans, L. B. Nichols.
Defense Service—Ministers: J. C. Neville, Chairman; W. H. Wakefield, R. F. Brown. Elder: L. B. Nichols.
North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. C. G. Davis, Rev. P. P. Thrower, Rev. R. F. Brown.
Christian Relations—Ministers: John D. Smith, Chairman; Malcolm R. Williamson. Elders: L. B. Ordway, R. L. Gash.
Radio Committee—Ministers: H. V. Lofquist, Chairman. Elders: James Howell, H. E. Lamb, Harold Flanagan.
Negro Work—H. V. Lofquist, R. F. Brown, J. O. Williams.
Examining—The Moderator, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—The Moderator.
Theology—Rev. T. A. Painter, Rev. L. T. Wilds.
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TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Presbytery—W. H. McMurray, J. J. Stone, G. H. Wright.
Davidson College—Term expires Spring 1952: Rev. C. G. Davis. Term expires Spring 1951: Rev. L. T. Wilds.

MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

B. L. McGlamery, President; J. Paul Teal, First Vice-President; J. O. Williams, Second Vice-President; James Light, Secretary-Treasurer

STATED FALL MEETING

ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

Asheville Presbytery met for its Stated Fall meeting in the Weaverville Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, October 10th, 1950, at ten o'clock in the morning. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. W. G. Somerville and constituted with prayer. The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator on the subject—"Peter's Charge to the Elders," using as a text I Peter 5:1-4. Following the sermon the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Dendy and the Rev. W. G. Somerville assisted by ruling elders J. H. Gilbreath, C. M. Blair, S. L. Woodward, and J .O. Williams.

ROLL CALL

The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the following were present—

E. K. Brown, W. P. Chedester, J. R. Crook, R. B. DuPree, H. B. Dendy, W. M. Fountain, P. N. Gresham, J. H. Gruver, J. C. Lime, H. V. Lofquist, J. M. McChesney, R. E. McClure, J. R. McGregor, J. C. Neville, T. A. Painter, Charles F. Stube, W. G. Somerville, J. D. Smith, W. G. Thomas, P. P. Thrower, L. T. Wilds, John R. Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, and C. B. Yeargan (24).

The following churches were represented—

Arden, C. G. Worley; Asheville First, C. M. Blair; Brittain Cove, W. W. Brigman; Black Mountain, Dr. S. M. Bittinger; Canton, J. E. Henderson; Dillingham, W. C. Dillingham; Hendersonville, J. T. Fain; Kenilworth, C. D. Richmond; Malvern Hills, J. W. Dixon; Montreat, L. J. Coppedge; Oak Forest, Hugh Lamb; Swannanoa, W. H. McMurray; Waynesville, R. L. Prevost; Weaverville, Roy Burton; West Asheville, J. H. Gilbreath (15).

VISITING BRETHREN

The following visiting brethren were introduced—

The Rev. Alexander M. Warren of Hudson Presbytery, USA; the Rev. R. T. L. Liston, Holston Presbytery; the Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge, New Orleans Presbytery; the Rev. W. W. Preston, Enoree Presbytery; and the Rev. Jones Earl Corwin, West Texas Presbytery. Visiting ruling elders Ben H. Evans, J. O. Williams, Harry Barkley, S. L. Woodward, Roy Reed, and J. C. Bowman were introduced.

SAFETY FILM

The following brethren were excused from attendance at Presbytery—

W. H. Wakefield, T. G. Tate, J. R. McGregor, and D. W. Richardson.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. John R. Williams was elected moderator by acclamation.

The Rev. H. B. Dendy presented the report of the program committee and recommended that the docket be followed with the following exceptions—

1. That Presbytery hear immediately the Rev. R. T. L. Liston, President of King College to be followed by brief talks by Harry E. Barkley, Superintendent of the Mountain Orphanage, Mr. Roy Burton, President of the Men of the Presbytery, Mr. E. G. Roberts, Chairman of the Program of Progress in the Presbytery, and J. Paul Teal, Jr., Chairman of the special Mountain Orphanage Project Committee.
2. That Presbytery recess for lunch at 12:30 and reconvene at 2:00 o'clock.

Presbytery adopted the report and heard the above mentioned men and expressed its gratitude for their splendid messages by a rising vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the following standing committees—

1. *Bills and Overtures*—W. G. Somerville, L. T. Wilds, and R. L. Prevost.
2. *Judiciary*—Paul P. Thrower, J. H. Gruver, and J. T. Fain.
3. *Minutes of the General Assembly*—J. C. Lime, J. M. McChesney, and C. M. Blair.
4. *Nominations*—C. G. Davis, E. K. Brown, and Hugh Lamb.
5. *Resolutions*—W. M. Fountain, J. C. Neville, and C. G. Worley.

Presbytery recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by the moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by the Rev. T. A. Painter.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. D. W. Richardson in which he requested a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of East Hanover. This request was granted and the Stated Clerk was requested to write a letter to Dr. Richardson conveying the greetings of Presbytery and expressing its regret over his leaving the Presbytery.

Letters of transfer were read for the Rev. Jones Earl Corwin from the Presbytery of West Texas, the Rev. J. V. N. Talmadge from New Orleans Presbytery, and the Rev. W. W. Preston from Enoree Presbytery. Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of the above brethren for their reception into Asheville Presbytery. The examinations on Experimental Religion were conducted by the moderator and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on Theology were conducted by the Rev. T. A. Painter and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on the Sacraments were conducted by the Rev. P. N. Gresham and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations on Church government were conducted by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower and sustained as satisfactory. The examinations having proved satisfactory the three brethren were received into the Presbytery and enrolled upon their signing the "ex animo" statement.

The call for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. W. Preston to the Black Mountain Church was read and found in order. The call stipulated an annual salary basis of $3,000 and a manse with a $200 per year car allowance, 7½ per cent participation in the Ministers Annuity Fund and a statement that the Lakey Gap Chapel would pay a sum of $300 per annum. Mr. Preston indicated has willingness to accept the call and the following commission was appointed to install him pastor of the Black Mountain Church on Sunday evening, October 22nd—The Rev. John R. Williams to preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Rev. C. G. Davis to preach the sermon, the Rev. T. A. Painter to charge the minister, and ruling elder W. H. McMurray to charge the congregation. Ruling elder J. O. Williams was named secretary of the commission.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Claude H. Pritchard of the Board of Church Extension requesting the Presbytery to authorize the commission on the minister and his work to function, if necessary, in dissolving the pastoral relation of any minister called to active duty in the armed forces of our country. This request was granted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Stated Clerk read a letter from the Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman of a Special Committee to report on the actions of the Swannanoa and Weaverville Churches relative to the actions of these congregations in the matter of their incorporation. The letter contained the request that Presbytery postpone this matter in view of the fact that the last General Assembly had appointed a committee to consider the whole matter of church property. The request was granted.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Dr. Nelson Bell, Chairman of a committee to report on our Negro work. He stated that his committee would report at the next meeting of Presbytery. The report was received as information.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. W. M. FOUNTAIN

TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

GREETING:

BE IT REMEMBERED that your Commission appointed to Ordain and Install Pastor Elect Rev. W. M. Fountain, Jr., as Pastor of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church convened Sunday, August 6, 1950, at 4:50 P. M., in the Malvern Hills Church: Present, Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman, Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., Rev. E. K. Brown, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Ruling Elders Walter I. Abernethy and Edward G. Roberts.

Mr. McClure called the Meeting to Order and Dr. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Davis moved that the Rev. Van M. Arnold, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Greenwood, Miss., who was the pastor of W. M. Fountain, Jr., and present for his Ordination, be invited to sit with the Commission. The Motion was carried.

Upon motion of Walter I. Abernethy, Edward G. Roberts was elected secretary to the Commission.

The Worship service was begun by singing "O Worship the King" and the Invocation was pronounced by Rev. E. K. Brown. Dr. Davis preached a powerful sermon on our Presbyterian Heritage.

The chairman explained the service of Ordination and Installation by setting forth the obligations of Pastor Elect and congregation as provided by the Book of Church Order.

The Rev. W. G. Thomas was recognized and stated that at the recent meeting of Presbytery the question arose as to whether the Call was in order; whereupon the chairman informed the Commission that he had Moderated the Congregational Meeting and that the Call was in accordance with the Book of Church Order. That it was recorded in the Sessional Records and a copy was in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Fountain. Rev. Thomas moved that the Commission find as a fact that the Call was in Order. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and same was sustained. Thereafter the service proceeded and Rev. W. M. Fountain, Jr., was Ordained and Installed as Pastor of the Malvern Hills Church in accordance with the Book of Church Order by laying on of the hands and the Rev. R. E. McClure delivered the Ordination prayer. Thereafter Mr. Fountain was given the Right hand of fellowship.

The Rev. W. G. Thomas charged the Congregation and the Rev. E. K. Brown charged the Minister.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Pastor of the Church, Mr. Fountain.

R. E. MCCLURE,
Chairman of the Commission

EDWARD G. ROBERTS, *Secretary*

WHITE OAK CHURCH PROPERTY

In keeping with the action of the Stated Summer meeting of the Presbytery with reference of the transfer of the White Oak Church property to the White Oak Community Development the trustees of Presbytery were authorized to sign a deed conveying title to the property.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Rev. C. G. Davis gave the report for the committee on Home Missions. The report was adopted and is as follows—

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, OCTOBER 19, 1950

In the beginning, the Committee would like to commend Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, for the excellent service he has rendered to the Home Mission churches of this Presbytery. Since he

came to this position we have maintained an exceedingly high rate of churches with full time pastors. In a period of the churches' history when there is a shortage of ministers, this in itself is a significant contribution. Moreover, he has been wise and effective in helping churches to work out many and varied problems.

The Committee rejoices that it can report the following evidence of progress in the churches receiving support from the Home Mission Committee:

We wish to commend the Highlands church for going to self-support on April 1, 1950. In recent years this church raised more than $10,000 for improvements on the manse and the church building. Rev. R. B. DuPree is the pastor.

The Franklin church, under the leadership of Rev. Hoyt Evans, has erected an educational building costing more than $19,000, of which less than $8,000 remains to be paid. The membership of the Franklin church now numbers 128 and the Sunday School enrollment is 141.

During last year the Murphy church, under the leadership of Rev. Jas. R. Crook, received 24 new members. This church has in recent years built an addition costing more than $8,000 which has been paid for in full. Mr. Crook now preaches in Murphy every Sunday morning and once a month in Hayesville. It is the hope of the Home Mission Committee that we may be able to supply the Hayesville church in some other way and leave Mr. Crook free to serve Murphy only.

The membership of the Andrews church has grown from 34 to 47 in 4 years. The amount paid on the pastor's salary has been increased from $481 to $1,056. Rev. J. C. Neville is pastor of this church, preaching in Andrews every Sunday and twice a month in the evening at Robbinsville.

The Arden church has called Rev. Robt. A. Potter of Winston Salem who will begin his ministry there on November 1. This church, organized by Rev. Paul Gresham in 1946, has grown to 115 members who contributed more than $8,000 to All Causes last year. This church erected a new manse on which there is a debt of about $4,000.

The Mills River church is now being supplied by Rev. Andrew I. Keener, D.D., retired minister of the USA Church who is making his home in Brevard, N. C. For many years Mills River has had services only twice a month. Since Rev. J. C. Neville left the church our Executive Secretary has seen to it that services were held each Sunday. It is the intention of the Home Mission Committee to make some arrangements by which this great old church may have preaching services every Sunday morning. The Etowah church which in the past has been served by the pastor of the Mills River church is now being supplied with regular preaching every Sunday by Rev. J. E. Corwin of Black Mountain. During the summer this church was supplied by Rev. Eade Anderson, a son of this congregation who was ordained in August.

The Friendship church, under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Armistead, now has a membership of 108. For several years it has reported the largest enrollment at Daily Vacation Bible School of any church in the Presbytery.

The Sylva church was organized three years ago. Under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Wakefield it has erected a building costing $32,000. The estimated cost of erecting this building under ordinary circumstances would be $50,000. The church has a debt of about $11,000 and a membership of 87.

Rev. Wm. M. Fountain was recently installed pastor of the Malvern Hills church. During the period this church was without a pastor services were held regularly on every Sabbath Day and payments were made each month on the church debt. Recently this church has purchased pews for their sanctuary and under the leadership of the new pastor is showing rapid growth.

The Dillingham-Ivy Park churches called Rev. W. G. Somerville who began his ministry there in Sept. 1949. Before April 1950 thirteen members had been received on profession of faith, the Women of the Church had been reorganized, and the Sunday School was showing substantial growth. The men of the church, under the leadership of the pastor, have built a room and porch on to the manse. The church building at Ivy Park has been repaired and interest in the work there has been revived.

Brittain's Cove church was served last summer by John Sommerville, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, and son of Rev. W. G. Sommerville. At the close of the summer there were 7 additions to the church and several family altars were established. Mr. Sommerville will preach at Brittain's Cove twice each month.

The Home Mission Committee wishes to express its gratitude to God for the evidences of His grace in the ministry of the men who serve these churches and of their wives who share with them in this ministry.

It is our hope and earnest prayer that many of these churches will follow the Highlands' church in going to self-support in the near future in order that new fields may be opened and new work begun.

We make the following recommendations:

Whereas the Presbytery of Asheville lacks about $4,500 of reaching its Program of Progress Goal for Home Missions in the past three years, and

Whereas the average total gifts to the Special Offering for Home Missions has averaged about $4,500 for these same years,

We recommend that Presbytery challenge the churches to give not less than $6,750 in the 1950 special offering for Home Missions on November 5, 1950, and

We recommend that the average gifts of each of the churches be increased proportionately so as to set a total Goal for each church, that with all the other churches, will equal $6,750 for the Presbytery.

(The above is proposed for action by Presbytery.)

(Below is for information, showing what amount would be set for each Church when the above plan is followed.)

Andrews	$ 100	Highlands	$ 50
Bethel	30	Malvern Hills	60
Brittains Cove	20	Murphy	115
Dillingham	35	Sylva	60
Friendship	10	West Asheville	220
Hendersonville	1,000	Asheville First	2,000
Kenilworth	160	Brevard	130
Montreat	600	Canton	160
Swannanoa	300	Franklin	160
Weaverville	215	Hazelwood	30
Arden	120	Ivy Park	25
Black Mountain	280	Mills River	100
Bryson City	90	Oak Forest	60
Etowah	15	Waynesville	140
Hayesville	20		

It is recognized that there is no perfect yardstick for determining GOALS.

As the above is based upon actual gifts to Special Offerings, some churches which have given BELOW their ability in these past years do not have a GOAL that is adequate represent their share of the whole responsibility of the Presbytery. Officers of such churches are challenged to set an even larger amount before their people at this Home Mission Season.

We recommend that the Home Mission Committee be instructed by Presbytery to seek ways and means to raise Home Mission salaries to a minimum of $3,000.00 and a manse, beginning April 1st, 1951.

In connection with the Home Mission report Presbytery ordered the Stated Clerk to write a letter to all self-supporting churches paying less than $3,000 per year for pastor's salary advising them of the action of Presbytery concerning the minimum salary of $3,000 per year and a manse for Home Mission workers and suggesting to the churches that the salary of each pastor in the Presbytery be at least $3,000 per year and a manse.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, reported that

the commission had attended to all matters entrusted to them. He called attention to a regional conference for the Chairmen of the Commissions on the Minister and His Work to be held at Union Seminary in Richmond on October 19th. Presbytery instructed the Chairman of the commission to attend this meeting at the expense of the Presbytery.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Rev. P. N. Gresham gave the report for this committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The major work of the American Bible Society is the distribution of the Scriptures. Last year the distribution was as follows:

In the United States	4,727,628	volumes
In foreign fields	3,733,428	volumes
Through the Emergency Fund	554,120	volumes
	9,015,120	volumes

To which must be added Scriptures produced abroad from materials furnished (estimated) 3,000,000 volumes.

This great work was financed as follows:

From churches	$ 782,109.00
From individual gifts	814,030.00
From investments	534,000.00
	$2,130,139.00

These facts show that the bulk of the Society's financial support comes from living sources.

We recommend:

1. That the Bible Reading Program, promoted by the Society from Thanksgiving through Christmas, be commended to the local churches.
2. That the Bible helps in Evangelism be commended in our churches.
3. That the first Sunday in December, Dec. 3, be observed as Universal Bible Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
P. N. GRESHAM
J. CLAYTON LIME

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Rev. T. A. Painter presented the report for the Stewardship Committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

TENTATIVE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY, FALL 1950

Suggested by the Executive Secretary to the Committee.

The Central Treasurer of Benevolences reports that gifts of the Churches to the "General" Budget, subject to division by percentages, amounted to approximately $39,000 for the year ending March 31, 1950.

For the first five months of the church year the contributions of the churches amounted to $13,304.02 for the "General" Budget, as against $18,988.16 for the preceding year.

It is sincerely hoped that the total giving this year will substantially exceed last year's total of $39,000, and go well toward the goal of $50,000.

The following churches have not made any contributions at all to this "General" Budget since April 1, 1950: Brittains Cove, Friendship, Franklin, Hayesville, Malvern Hills, Mills River, Oak Forest, Sylva and Waynesville.

The following Women of the Church groups have not made any contribution at all to this "General" Budget since April 1, 1950: Bethel, Black Mountain, Bryson City, Friendship, Hayesville, Hazelwood, Highlands, Murphy, Oak Forest and Swannanoa.

In view of the successful use of the present plan of adopting a Budget of Askings on the basis of actual dollars, and distributing the funds received on a percentage basis to be determined at the end of the church year, and in the light of "Special Offerings" to certain causes, we recommend that this plan as outlined on page 12 of the Minutes of the Presbytery for the Fall of 1949, be continued.

As a basis for adopting any budget for 1951-1952 it is wise to record certain basic facts concerning each group of causes.

Assembly Causes

The Synod recommends that in our Benevolent Budget we accept $40,927 in place of $37,620 asked of us for 1950-1951.

We accepted only $30,000 of the $37,620 for Assembly Causes for 1950-1951.

This total was to be raised through the Budget and through Special Offerings, and the final actual percentage of distribution was calculated on April 1, 1950, on the basis of Special Offerings.

I recommend that we accept the same total amount for Assembly Causes to be apportioned as last year among the causes.

Synod's Causes

The Synod recommends that in our Benevolent Budget we accept $10,425 for Synod's Causes in the place of $7,800 asked last year.

We accepted only $6,000 of this $7,800 for Synod's Causes.

This new budget varies from the old in these particulars:

The amount for King College is doubled.

The amount for the Stonewall Jackson Debt is dropped.

The amount for Religious Education is increased to INCLUDE Student Work, which is dropped as a special cause.

The amount of Theological Seminaries is NEW, leaving each Presbytery to decide which seminary or seminaries they will support. Heretofore the item of Theological Seminaries was left to the Presbytery.

Presbytery's Causes

The amounts for Presbytery's Home Missions, Religious Education and The Mountain Orphanage are considered on the basis of the minimum cash needs of the cause, and twice this amount is placed in the Budget, on the assumption that the churches have not been giving more than one half of the total Askings to be divided on a percentage basis.

Montreat College has always been given the same amount as King College.

The amount placed in the budget last year for "Home Mission Supplement" was $2,000, to be used in the spring for Home Missions where it seemed to be needed most.

1951-1952 *Askings*

In the light of the above I recommend that the Askings to be sent down to the Churches be a total of $90,000 for 1951-1952, compared with $80,000 for 1950-1951, and that the same principles involved in calculating final percentages be followed in April 1951, as was followed in April 1950.

The Causes and amounts, with corresponding amounts for the current year in parenthesis are:

Assembly's Causes	1950-51	1951-52
World Missions	($12,500.00)	$13,200.00
Church Extension	(7,725.00)	7,430.00
Education	(2,400.00)	2,750.00
Annuities and Relief	(2,325.00)	2,140.00
General Council	(4,650.00)	4,250.00
Inter Church Agencies	.....	230.00
Synod's Causes	1950-51	1951-52
King College	($ 3,000.00)	$ 7,000.00
Religious Education	(750.00)	1,500.00
Student Work	(675.00)	
Theological Seminaries		
Union $1,400		
Louisville $600	(2,000.00)	2,000.00
Presbytery's Causes		
Presbytery's Home Missions	(24,000.00)	26,000.00

The Mountain Orphanage	(12,000.00)	13,000.00
Religious Education (in Presbytery)	(1,000.00)	1,500.00
Montreat College	(3,000.00)	7,000.00
Emergency Supplement* in 1951-52 to go to Stonewall Jackson Debt	(2,000.00)	2,000.00

*The Synod removed the Stonewall Jackson Debt Fund from their Askings, and asked each Presbytery that had not met its part of this debt fund to continue the cause until such a share is raised, or the entire debt is liquidated.

The policy of continuing a small "Emergency Supplement" affords the Presbytery a means of meeting such items from year to year. In including this for 1951-1952 we would suggest that such a policy be followed annually and that the exact use of the amount be determined annually.

We recommend that a study of the actual giving of the churches for the past four years be made as follows.

1) To determine the percentage part that each church has paid on the Pastor's Salary, in relationship to the total for the Presbytery.

2) To determine the percentage part in a similar way for Current Expenses and for Benevolences.

3) To determine the average of these percentages for each Church, and to assign that percentage part of the total Askings ($84,000.00) to that church as their Benevolent Askings for 1951-1952, unless this amount should be less than their actual gifts to Benevolences for 1949-1950 plus ten percent and in that case the larger amount be used.

We further recommend that churches be reassured that ALL special offerings will go in full to the cause designated, and that ALL "general" funds will be disbursed on a percentage basis to be determined as outlined above and reported to the meeting of Presbytery in April 1951.

Presbytery instructed the Central Treasurer of Benevolences to send to all churches quarterly statements of their benevolent contributions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Rev. W. G. Thomas gave a verbal report for the Committee on Religious Education and presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. The Religious Education Committee respectfully recommends that Asheville Presbytery authorize the Rev. R. E. McClure, our Executive Secretary, to secure two workers from the Assembly's Training School for the purpose of conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools within the bounds of the Presbytery during the Summer of 1951.

2. That Asheville Presbytery authorize the Committee on Leadership Training to spend what money is necessary to conduct training schools within the Presbytery provided the amount does not exceed $100.

3. That the Presbytery authorize Mr. McClure to secure a chartered bus for the purpose of providing transportation for the young people of the Presbytery who will attend the Missionary conference at Auburn, Ala. on December 26th. This amount not to exceed $75 and to be refunded by those attending the conference.

4. That Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson as director of the Senior Young People's Conference for 1951, and the Rev. Hoyt Evans as director of the Pioneer Camp for 1951.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures.

The committee stated that no matters had been placed in their hands.

2. Judiciary.

The committee stated that no matters had been placed in their hands.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Rev. J. M. McChesney reported for this committee and requested that the committee be allowed to report at the January meeting of Presbytery and that a place be given on the docket for consideration of the proposed changes to the Book of Church order. The report was adopted.

4. Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report which was adopted:

1. That the Rev. E. K. Brown replace the Rev. C. G. Davis as a trustee of the Mountain Orphanage.

2. That C. G. Davis and W. G. Thomas take the places of Malcolm R. Williamson and R. E. McClure whose

terms expire on the Commission of the Minister and His Work.

3. That W. W. Preston take the place of D. W. Richardson on the Committee on World Missions.

4. That Jones Earl Corwin be added to the Committee on Christian Education.

5. That J. D. Smith be named chairman of the Committee on Christian Relations and that the name of J. R. McGregor be dropped.

5. Resolutions.

The Rev. W. M. Fountain reported for the Committee on Resolutions. The report was adopted and is as follows: Asheville Presbytery desires to record its sincere gratitude to the Rev. H. B. Dendy and the congregation of the Weaverville Church for their gracious hospitality including the delicious meal which we have enjoyed today. We are grateful to God for the endeavors and ministry of this church and for our meeting here today.

BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH

The Rev. John D. Smith, pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Church reported that the congregation had recently sold its church property and had purchased a new piece of property for the purpose of building a new church and manse. The report was received as information and Presbytery commended the pastor and the congregation for their vision.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the West Asheville Church to hold its Stated Winter meeting with them, the date being, Tuesday, January 16th, 1951, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The minutes of Presbytery were read and approved after which Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic benediction by the moderator.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*
MALCOLM R. WILLIAMSON, *Stated Clerk.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Date	*Place of Meeting*	*Moderator*
1935 Spring	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. W. Caldwell
Fall	—Dillingham	Rev. R. D. Bedinger
1936 Spring	—Murphy	Rev. O. C. Landrum
Fall	—Waynesville	Rev. P. N. Gresham
1937 Spring	—Swannanoa	Elder R. E. Magill
Fall	—West Asheville	Rev. S. H. Long
1938 Spring	—Bethel	Rev. C. B. Ratchford
Fall	—Oak Forest	Rev. R. F. Campbell
1939 Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. C. Grier Davis
Fall	—Robbinsville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
1940 Spring	—Canton	Rev. Chas. B. Chapin
Fall	—Hazelwood	Rev. J. Clyde Plexico
1941 Spring	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. L. Paisley
Fall	—Bryson City	Rev. Ewell L. Nelson
1942 Spring	—Weaverville	Rev. M. R. Williamson
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
1943 Winter	—Waynesville	Rev. H. T. Bridgman
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Summer	—Mills River	Rev. W. H. Wakefield
Fall	—Asheville First	Rev. J. M. McChesney
1944 Winter	—Hendersonville	Rev. J. M. McChesney
Spring	—Brevard-Davidson River	Elder George H. Wright
Summer	—Montreat	Elder George H. Wright
Fall	—Swannanoa	Rev. R. E. McClure
1945 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. R. E. McClure
Spring	—West Asheville	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Summer	—Brittain Cove	Rev. D. R. Freeman
Fall	—Montreat	Rev. E. A. Johnson
1946 Winter	—Canton	Rev. R. F. Brown
Spring	—Highlands	Rev. W. H. Armistead
Summer	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. H. V. Lofquist
Fall	—Kenilworth	Rev. W. H. Styles
1947 Winter	—West Asheville	O. L. Merchant
Spring	—Waynesville	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Summer	—Weaverville	Rev. K. J. Foreman
Fall	—Black Mountain	Rev. J. C. Neville
1948 Winter	—Asheville First	Rev. J. R. McGregor
Spring	—Canton	Rev. T. A. Painter
Summer	—Asheville First	Rev. Paul F. Warren
Fall	—Franklin	Rev. J. C. Lime
1949 Winter	—Mountain Orphanage	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
Spring	—Swannanoa	Rev. W. P. Baldwin
Summer	—Bethel	Elder H. E. Adams
Fall	—Mills River	Rev. W. G. Thomas
1950 Winter	—Sylva	Elder J. H. Flanagan
Spring	—Kenilworth	Rev. P. P. Thrower
Summer	—Bryson City	Rev. W. G. Somerville
Fall	—Weaverville	Rev. J. R. Williams

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